

**NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
EAST SIDE LIBRARY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, September 9, 2013, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

The first speaker was Rob Barron who is running for the School Board. He was born and raised in Des Moines. He is running for a four year term.

Next was Connie Boesen who is also running for the School Board. Connie has been on the board for several terms.

Remember to vote in the school board election tomorrow.

Chris Diebel was our next speaker. He is running for the At Large position on the City Council. The election is in November.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. We have \$2,591.95 in the bank. Of that, \$2,000.00 is from our grant and \$591.95 is our operating expense.

The minutes from last month's meeting were reviewed. Jim Bush made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and the minutes as written. Carole Westbrook second the motion. Motion was approved.

Linda Westergaard passed around the various articles in the paper regarding Northeast Neighbors and Friends and also passed around the thank you letters we received from Fran Koontz regarding the memorial we sent for Ray, the letter from Willard School for the school supplies that NEN&F with the help of Habitat for Humanity and Merit Resources and Cheryl Peterson help collect for them. Marge reported that the money we collected for Joe Gonzalez was taken to the Des Moines Police Credit Union.

Linda had a Press Release dated August 29th wherein Pat Kozitza was named Director of Public Works Department.

The item of collecting for food basket was discussed. Jim Bush, who is on the Board for the Friends of the East Side Library, talked to Carolyn and reported that they were contributing \$650 toward food for 12 food baskets. These 12 families will be chosen from the east side. The baskets will be made up on the 23rd of November for Thanksgiving. The library would be thrilled for any assistance we could give.

Marge reported on the conference that Rebuilding Together is having on Thursday, September 12th, at the Plymouth Church/Waveland Hall, 4126 Ingersoll Ave.

It was decided to reduce the number of service projects we have. It was decided that we would continue with collecting school supplies for Willard School and collecting for the food baskets through East Side Library.

September 23rd is the final vote on the closing of Hull Avenue at the City Council meeting. We need people to turn out to support the effort of not closing it. The vote has always been 5 to 2; the two being Skip Moore and Brian Meyer.

The bike lanes on Hubbell were the next item of discussion. The main complaint was that there was not a turning lane into the library.

Linda will get the 2014 calendar made up and ready to be approved at our October meeting. She will also get some postcards made.

Our next board meeting will be Saturday, October 5th, at 9:00 am at Dahl's.

Our next regular meeting will be Monday, October 7th.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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Secretary/Treasurer