NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

Minutes of the Northeast Neighbors and Friends meeting held on Monday, January 9, 2012, at the East Side Library. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Westergaard, Chair.

Officer Doua Lor was our speaker for the evening. He thanked us for working with the police this past year. Linda left the room and we had a discussion on all of the stores that are being approved to carry liquor. After our discussion, Linda returned to the room.

The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Correction to the minutes showing Officer Doua Lor as the correct name. Motion to approve the minutes with this correction made by Norm Kamm; second by Carole Westbrook. Motion carried.

Marge gave the Treasurer's report. We have a balance of \$632.55 from the grant money and \$301.95 in our operating fund.

Linda introduced Dennis Dyer who is working on our website. Our website can be accessed using .org or .com. Website is <u>northeastneighborsandfriends.org</u> and shows as "under construction". He has a lot of information out there but not linked yet. He said he has asked about a logo and discussion followed. It was agreed that we would use an umbrella with Northeast Neighbors and Friends around it. Dennis will handle that. He has set up two e-mail addresses. They are webmaster@northeastneighborsandfriends.org – either one can be used to contact us. This is an ongoing process of working on this website.

Linda passed around cards for everyone to sign for Jim Nelson, Carolyn (at the library), Nadine Hogate, and the Deputy Director who has retired.

Linda asked if we wanted speakers at each meeting and if we wanted to limit the speakers. It was decided that we should limit the speaker to a certain amount of time and to have speakers every other month in order to give us time to concentrate on neighborhood issues.

Postcards for new people and businesses in the area was discussed. They will be the size of 5x7 and have our calendar on it along with the board members and their phone numbers and on the other side will be a picture. Linda has had a few being made up but asked for pictures that we could have instead.

We talked about going to other neighborhoods and speaking about Northeast Neighbors and Friends.

DANA is having a lasagna supper at Staves Methodist Church tomorrow evening at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Goals for this year were then discussed. We talked about working at Four Mile Community Center, donating time for Ellefson Free Clinic, having a hat and mitten drive, or collecting school supplies when school starts.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Ramsey

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