

Minutes for Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association Monday, October 18, 2010

The Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association meeting was called to order at 7:00 p. m. at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church by Tania Banak, president of the association.

Present were: Barbara McKean, Duane Hinz, Audrey Hinz, Dale and Gwen Mueller, Rich Gray, Our Redeemer; Bruce Beth, Our Redeemer; Judy Peterson; Sek Cheong; Diana Peterson, vice president and treasurer; and Gloria Meyer, secretary.

Tania reported on the following neighborhood activities: Trash clean-up, the 4th of July Parade, the Westbrook Lane block party. She also reported that instead of a newsletter, the Association printed a number of individual pieces including an association brochure, a resources guide, and a block party guide.

Diane Peterson, treasurer, reported that the current fund balance is \$489.47. So far there have been 20 renewals and 12 new members. Fifty dollars was spend on a burn permit for a bonfire to be held before Halloween.

Judy Peterson reported on an organization called Dane Faith which is working with drug and alcohol problems.

The rest of the meeting was taken up with suggestions for improving the Association. These included: going door to door to interest some of the 100 households in membership, enlisting block captains, have a welcome wagon for new residents, having a neighborhood picnic, having a membership drive, having an event, and increasing the Neighborhood Watch program.

The group also discussed the quarterly police reports and agreed they should be continued. They also wanted to reinstitute the neighborhood walks.

The following decisions were made:

To have a resource meeting the second week in January. Invitees would include: the alders, social workers, the neighborhood police officer, the president of the Meadowood Association, someone from Wisconsin Youth and Family Center, someone from the Meadowridge Center and anyone else working to improve the neighborhood or provide services.

To have a membership and fund drive in early spring. The goals would be to acquaint households in the neighborhood with the Association, increase membership and increase funding.

The by-laws were referred to Duane Hintz for revision and submission at the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.