

## **Minutes for Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association Tuesday, August 16, 2011**

The Prairie Hills Neighborhood Association (PHNA) board meeting was called to order at 2:45 p. m. at 2028 Westbrook Lane by Tania Banak, president of the association.

Present were: Tania Banak, president; Gloria Meyer, secretary; and Sharon Whitney, treasurer.

The minutes were approved as submitted. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$429.70.

### **President's Report**

Tania reported that the Quality of Life committee of Leadership Greater Madison (LGM) had chosen PHNA as its focus for the year. Gloria and Tania attended a day-long meeting of the committee on August 16. The LGM group conducted a survey of the Prairie Hills neighborhood which should be helpful in guiding the association.

She also reported that work was being done on a new logo by Cathy Desjardins and that a youth organizer has been hired by the Southwest Community Organizing Committee (SWCOC), which included representatives from Meadowood, Prairie Hills and Orchard Ridge neighborhood associations.

Tania also reported that nine block captains have been enlisted and she and Gloria will train them individually. She also has received 22 names of people who were interested in getting involved from the survey and is contacting them.

### **Actions**

The board voted to reimburse Tania for printed materials to be used in membership recruitment.

The board set the annual meeting for September 22 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church from 7:00 to 8:30. Election of two officers, president and treasurer, would be part of the meeting. The theme of the meeting will be on solutions to ensure a bright future for Prairie Hills. The goal of the meeting will be to inform residents about actions now underway to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood and enlist their help in future activities, including becoming block captains and volunteering for committees. The mayor, representatives from SWCOC, and the police department would be invited to participate. Alders would be invited to attend.

Committees were tentatively set as:

1. A safety committee that would work to help residents feel safer. This might include a form of neighborhood watch.
2. Increasing activities for children and youth, especially during summer and utilizing neighborhood parks.
3. Issues concerning older residents in the neighborhood which might include ways to help with upkeep, yardwork and snow shoveling so that older residents may stay in their homes. This might involve the youth of the neighborhood.
4. Promoting attractive homes and yards.

The board decided to ask LGM for promotion assistance for the meeting.

The next meeting was set for September 1 at 10:30 at the home of Sharon Whitney. The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p. m.