

Clifton Heights Neighborhood Association Minutes March 24, 2008

President Josh Wiese called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Minutes from the February meeting were distributed and read. A motion to accept as presented was made, seconded, and approved.

The Treasurer's Report was tabled as Tim Redmond has resigned. Apologies to everyone who has a check that has not cleared yet; we will be depositing them as soon as possible.

President's Report. At this point the candidates for the 2008-2009 CHNA Board are: Becky Hughes for President, Josh Wiese for Vice President, and Julie Grant for Secretary. We still need a Treasurer. Anyone interested in any position on the Board should talk with Woody Lange or a current Board member.

Public Officials:

2nd District Police Officer Don Veile was unable to attend. He will send crime stats later this week. If anyone has issues, contact him at 444-0168 or dlveile@slmpd.org.

Chris Howard, NSO was unable to attend. If anyone has issues, contact him at 613-7023 or howardc@stlouiscity.com.

Bill Waterhouse, 24th Ward Alderman was unable to attend. If anyone has issues, contact him at 645-7595.

Michele Kratky 65th District State Representative was officially sworn in in February. She brought in a Capitol Report, information for real estate credits, and information on consumer rights. She has been assigned to a special committee on tourism and a special committee on health care insurance. There is a controversial bill regarding the term "mental retardation", which is currently part of mental health. Some would like to change the name to "mental disability", but others fear that money now earmarked for "mental retardation" will become part of the general "disability" funds and not be divided appropriately. Two bills passed...one barring illegal aliens from attending public colleges and universities, and one to battle the methamphetamine "epidemic". She opposed the methamphetamine bill because it involves putting names and addresses in a list, and flags some prescription drugs too; she was concerned about ID theft. The bill to return for control of the St. Louis Police Department to the city is progressing; she has mixed feeling because it does not have provisions for who within the city would control the Police Department. You can reach her at: 314-481-0444 or 573-751-4220.

New Business:

Vote on spending of the Party in the Park proceeds. A quorum was present. Members present were allowed to endorse any/all of three possibilities: 1) a \$150 scholarship toward tuition or books for a neighborhood student attending post-secondary education in the upcoming academic year; 2) \$150 each (\$600 total) to four non-profit organizations within Clifton Heights: Peregrine Society,

ADAPT, Women's Support, the High Pointe Center; 3) mutt mitts for the park (to encourage people to clean up after their dogs), with a total cost about \$350. All passed: the scholarship and donations each had 27 votes in favor and 2 opposed; the mutt mitts had 25 in favor, 3 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Vote on Bowling Event. All 29 members present voted in favor of spending \$100 to rent the Epiphany Bowling Lanes for a CHNA bowling event.

For the Good of the Neighborhood:

New Neighbors. Jonathan Keiser in the 6000 block of Odell. Shawn O'Connor and Joanne Joseph in the 6100 block of Wilson.

Drury Inn concerns. Lighting is very bright; one pole light shines directly into the living room of people in the 6100 block of Wilson and into the back rooms of those in the 6000 block of Eitman. There are also beer cans and cigarette butts being tossed along the back of the Drury Inn. Parking is also an issue for residents near the Drury; apparently the Bartolino's staff says they were told to park on the street; the Bartolino's end of the parking lot is full, but the other end of the Drury Inn lot has plenty of space available. Suggestions: talk to the Saracino's, Mr. Drury, and Alderman Waterhouse about parking; leave a paper trail. At the signage meeting for the Drury Inn, Alderman Waterhouse indicated his support; Kathy Herbig lobbied against the signs. There was no clear resolution that day, but the signs are going up.

AMVETS breakfast. Every second Sunday (the 13th this month), the AMVETS Auxilliary hosts a breakfast...the best deal in town: for \$5 you get 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, French toast biscuits and gravy, or pancakes, and coffee, milk, or OJ. 8am to 11 or 11:30. On Saturday April 5th, another host will be borrowing their space and hosting a BBQ: ribs, pork steaks and hamburgers for \$7.

The St. Louis Zoo will open a new dinosaur exhibit on April 18th; it will run until about the end of September. Up by the cheetahs in the River's Edge, there will be about 20 animated life-sized dinosaurs. Kids will be able to dig for fossils.

CHNA Bowling at Epiphany is on April 26th 3-5pm. Everyone is welcome!

Blind Bowling fundraiser/tournament at the Shrewsbury lanes on April 26th, 1pm to 4 or 5pm.

The St. Louis Track Club, is looking for maps of the neighborhood, trails, etc. We are trying to put the information on the CHNA website, too.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

The next meeting will be at 7:00pm on Monday March 24th.