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COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES



The meeting, held in the basement of The Gathering UMC, was called to order by President Francine Case at 7:35 p.m. The assembly was asked to rise and recite the pledge of allegiance. President Case then introduced the members of the Executive Committee: VP of Membership Maureen Yowell; Recording Secretary Mary Hizer, and Treasurer Virgil Yowell. Corresponding Secretary Dallas Dufer was unable to attend.

The minutes of the April 24, 2008 meeting were read and approved. There are no written minutes of the May meeting, but there is a recording.

President Case asked Nancy Williams, resident of Franz Park, to introduce Dr. Roslyn Mason, the new principal of Wilkinson at Roe School. Nancy is the Associate Dean of the School of Education at Maryville University. Maryville and Wilkinson have had a long standing working relationship.

Dr. Mason talked about their Early Childhood program and the transition of the program from the Wilkinson school site to Roe. There have been a number of partnerships established to make this program at Roe a reality. Dr. Mason told the attendees that they had received a grant to fix up the interior of the building before moving in. Roe School had been empty while work to the HVAC system was to be done. Dr. Mason invited the members of Franz Park to visit the school. She was very positive and eager to have community members' interest in the Project Construct they offer.

Treasurer Virgil Yowell presented the Treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$519.03 in the checking account and \$15.19 in petty cash. Since January 1, 2008 there has been \$1,231.00 in income from membership dues, the Movie in the Park, and petty cash. Expenses for the same period were \$1,346.64 were primarily for office supplies, postage, refreshments, and the Movie in the Park event.

Officer Bovell reported on the crime statistics for our neighborhood. There had been no murders, or rapes, but 2 robberies, and 5 incidents of assault were reported. In regard to property crimes: 22 burglaries, 31 larceny, 19 vehicle thefts and 0 arsons were reported. Overall, crimes against persons were up 75% and crimes against property had decreased 6.5%. Officer Bovell answered quite a few questions from the members.

NSO Officer, Maria Cuciureanu introduced herself. She reported that the city will be cracking down more on littering. Car clubs are available through the city at a cost of \$11.00. She will bring more information to our next meeting.

Alderman Bill Waterhouse reported that the city has purchased the NE corner lots at Manchester and McCausland for improvements through MODOT. A right turn lane will be created there to help traffic flow. The Animal House project at Ellendale Park is waiting for funding. The project was designed by HOK and needs \$3 million dollars to complete. The Franz Park streetlamp banners are at the Zane-Williams and will be installed soon.

VP of Membership, Maureen Yowell reported that we currently have 79 paid memberships. She has been canvassing the neighborhoods to invite residents to our meetings. Maureen uses our newsletter to let people know about FPCA.

President Case asked for help in producing the newsletter. Greg XXX agreed to try to learn the program and he will secure paper stock for it. Fundraising was discussed. There was a motion to look into producing a Franz Park calendar to sell.

State Representative Rachel Storch was our guest speaker. Rep. Storch reported that she is worried about the people of Missouri.

- 720,000 people do not have health insurance
- 6.4% of adults are unemployed
- There has been a 73% increase in foreclosures

She will be working to help those citizens who are being affected by the economy.

There is a problem with the debit cards that are being issued for unemployment benefits from the state. Only one bank issues them and that bank charges fees for every transaction including transferring funds from one account to another within the bank. This is being investigated.

Rep. Storch is also looking into the licensing of childcare facilities and insurance companies operating in Missouri.

We are reminded that September is Food Awareness month. There are 37 million people in the United States living in poverty who cannot afford enough food to feed themselves and their families.

Rep. Storch took questions from the audience and told us to contact her office whenever we have questions or need help. Jill is the representative's office assistant.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 23 when nominations will be sought for the Executive Committee positions.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Hizer
Secretary

