

BPWNA Meeting
January 20, 2005 @ 7:10, 41 residents in attendance

Introductions and welcomes were made.
Minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed.

Aldermen Craig Schmid and Ken Ortmann conducted the **oath of office** for the incoming board members.

Presentation of 911 Calls & Nuisance Issues

Aldermen Schmid and Ortmann utilized both creative and instructive methods of informing residents about the proper way to place a 911 call. Tips included:

- Be able to provide: Who, What, Where, When, How information
- Give as many specifics as possible
- Use yourself as a guide for height & weight when describing people involved
- Call back if the situation changes
- Document your calls, especially in terms of nuisance properties
- For non-English speakers, translators are available. If one cannot be reached in time, the call will be regarded as an emergency dispatch
- If using a cell phone, be sure to check if you have reached the county of the city dispatchers
- If a call is made and no one speaks on the line, an emergency dispatch will be made, but do not abuse this response

Committee Reports:

1. **Block Link** - Tasha Weitzl, a neighborhood intern, explained that 70 individuals have expressed interest in serving as Block Links and have been contacted via postcard.
2. **Community Garden** – Contact Eric Winters to help organize the garden, including constructing a fence, soliciting plants and determining plots.
3. **Communication** – Contact Donna Dorsey to help with the newsletter.
4. **Beautification** – On hold until warmer weather arrives.

Support Organizations' Reports

1. **Sustainable Neighborhoods** – Scholarships are still available for early childhood classes and college courses.
2. **Weed & Seed** – The February BPWNA meeting will feature a speaker from Weed & Seed.
3. **Incarnate Word** – Jean Durel presented on the availability of BPW youth to get involved in ArtWorks job training program for this summer. Applications will be out soon.

Old Business

1. **Meeting Venue** – Chad Johnson explained that the board has decided to remain having meetings at the Salvation Army, in cooperation with the Salvation Army working to have the building open on a regular basis.
2. **Holiday Party** – The holiday party was a huge success with more than 200 in attendance.

New Business

1. **Quarterly Themes** – Chad discussed the upcoming themes for 2005 meetings.
2. **Membership** – Eric Winters reminded the association that it is time to pay your annual membership dues. \$12 for residents, \$6 for seniors, \$15 for businesses/non-residents.

Announcements

- Bruce Levine presented the association with its renewed charter as a Missouri Non-Profit Organization.
- Eric Winters encouraged everyone to sign up for the SLACO Neighborhood Conference on March 12 at Forest Park Community College. The registration fee of \$15 will be paid for by

the BPWNA.

- A new email listserv has been created for the neighborhood association.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.