

BPW Meeting

3/21/19 7:10

Introduction of board: Scott McIntosh, Stephanie McKinney, Linda Henneigh, Tim Thomas (doing 50/50), Chris Schmidt, acting secretary.

February meeting minutes

Changes: Will and Jennifer *Alberts* and Mercedes *Savala*

Motion to approve: Tim Thomas

Second: Becky Martinez

Board Meeting minutes acknowledged

Monthly Treasurer's Report

Motion to Accepted as presented: Eddie Schmid

Second: Jenny Alberts

Proposed Yearly Budget

Motion to accept as presented: Pam Welch

Second: Tim Thomas

New Members: Jackie Schmid

Visitors: Gloria Graves from the 3300 block of Michigan

George Jones from SLACO

Michael Jonagan from the 3100 block of Nebraska

Speaker: Rosie from Last Days Apostolic Church (Rosetta Jackson) about Back to School Resource Fair on August 3. Last year, over 400 children. Good turnout, peaceful, families enjoyed it. This year, hopefully 550 children! Looking for help-it can't be done without help! Motto: Bringing Peace to the Street. Dan Guenther is a huge supporter! This year they're doing fundraising: a Go Fund Me Page. 501c organization: Arthur Roy Johnson Community Outreach Inc LLC Pam Welch suggested that they consider having kids "adopted" for supplies. Barb Potts suggested inviting Nike to come and fit kids with shoes.

They can use crayons, markers, glue, folders, book bags, school uniform shirts and bottoms, any school supplies, laundry soap, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap. Haircuts are offered, so hairstylists would be welcome!

To be on the planning committee or help out contact Rosie at 314-583-7461. Dan also encouraged people to help out because we get a lot of information about the kids and we KNOW they are from our neighborhood. This is important service to our neighbors!

General Announcements: Please help with BPWNA committees such as membership, fundraising, Easter Eggstravaganza sign up (volunteer that day, give donations of eggs or candy), Dog Egg Hunt at the Dog Park, Witnessing Whiteness sign up, Neighborhood Cameras sign up.

Barb Potts talked about a recent crime on Cherokee Street and the importance of the cameras to solving it.

Dan Guenther: Quick report. BoA is on recess. Resolution 12 passed last year regarding the reduction of number of members on the board of aldermen. Dann brought applications to sign up for an advisory committee. The applications will be reviewed to be sure there are representatives from all areas of the city. Applications are due by March 29, but may be extended because there aren't enough applications from all of the areas (including ours). They hope to meet bi-weekly through April to help things go smoothly when the transition comes. Anyone with an interest in city government and how to make our city work better when we have the reduction.

The leaning homes are finally gone in the 2700 block of Utah and there is interest in new construction for those lots!

\$200,000 permit taken out for 3330 Iowa (back wall is collapsing). In general construction is going well in the neighborhood.

General election on April 2 for School Board candidates. Choose 2 of the 7 folks running.

Dan is looking into putting Pickleball courts in Benton Park and wants input on where exactly to put them. The suggested location is the "west hard surface play area". If you have an opinion please contact him! Dan and Barb described Picklball when asked.

Concert series starts April 28. Food Trucks will be there from 11-3.

Tree planting. Contact Dan or Barb if you have a block that needs trees. He expects to put in 250 trees in the ward. Enterprise Cars Company will help plant and Erin Godwin will help educate neighbors on how to keep the trees alive. They must have property owners' permission to plant a tree!

Gloria suggested speed bumps and a Satellite Office for the police and generally getting more people involved with their neighbors. Dan agreed that the more eyes we have involved the better regarding crime as well as community. He talked about the Cherokee beat cops who know the kids and families in the area. Dan's been requesting speed bumps. The street commissioner says that there aren't enough speeders: the speed limit is 25 and the *average* speed is 28. He talked about the Louisiana Calm Street project which includes smaller temporary speed humps. They're being tested at this point. These don't need to be approved by the street commissioner.

3337 Michigan is an active house. It was quiet and there are cars and prostitution in there again. It has changed ownership. 911 calls for service is important to get it moved to a nuisance hearing. They can no longer evict occupied buildings that are condemned just for occupancy because of crime.

Police Report: Officer Erica Anderson (eranderson@slmpd.org): Not Pat Clancy's replacement. That would be Officer Khoudian. She is one of the Cherokee Street Beat officers here to talk about current crime. Crime is down 34% in February from last year. Officer Clancy's old phone number is the same as Officer Khoudian: 314-444-2564. Central Patrol Business Association is having a baseball game event

honoring officers of the month and of the year. Seats are normally \$47 but they are selling tickets for \$25. For more information talk to Carrie.

Barb Potts: Talk to her at the side bar if you have questions.

The Luminary: James MacAnally talked about Counter Public opening on April 13. It's a street wide festival that will run all summer. They are redoing the street banners on Cherokee as part of it. Performances, programs, opening night party with free food! Lots of artists coming to the area over the summer.

Attendance Prizes: Army t-shirt: Becky Martinez. BPW tote bags: won by Michael Jonagan and Dan Guenther each won one of them.

50/50 Total: \$42 total and \$21 winnings won by Joe Rich.

Motion to adjourn:

Second: