

## **Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting**

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, September 18, 2014

Attendance: 40

### Board Members

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
- Vice President – Carrie Sleep, Present
- Secretary – Scott McIntosh, Present
- Treasurer – Suzanne (Suzy) Hennigh, Absent
- Member At-Large – Becky Martinez, Present
- Member At-Large – Vacant

1. Call to Order – 7:03 pm
  - a. Review and approval of August meeting minutes – Frank Becker move, Pam Welsh seconds, passes
  - b. Review of September Board meeting minutes
  - c. Review and approval of August Treasurer’s Report and 2014 Budget
2. Visitors and New Members
  - a. Lisa Otke, Commercial Business Officer
  - b. Liz Kinsella, 3100 block of Nebraska
  - c. Eli and Gwendolyn Staples, opening childcare facility on Wyoming, Hampton Kiddie Corner Center
  - d. Harlan Smith
  - e. Jennifer Florida
  - f. Libby Martin
  - g. Dan Guenther
  - h. Adam Pearson
  - i. Gambino Martinez
3. Guest Speaker: Adam Pearson, Peter & Paul Community Services
  - a. Have moved into former Garfield School
  - b. Open House: November 19 from 2-7 pm, ribbon cutting at 2 pm
  - c. Safe Haven Program – permanent housing for chronically homeless
  - d. Clinical Services – occupational services, clinical services
  - e. Tenants haven’t moved in yet; next week first tenants will move in (25 capacity)
  - f. Goal to have all tenants in by end of September; close to finalizing their applicant list
  - g. Hygiene products are not covered under EBT, so donations will be appreciated
  - h. Books and board games (leisure activities) are also welcome; will put out a list of needs
4. Guest Speaker: Jennifer Florida, appointed Recorder of Deeds
  - a. 13 years as 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman (Tower Grove South)
  - b. Direct land search added to website which was merged with the City’s website
  - c. Hoping to digitize microfilm for easier accessibility
  - d. Working
  - e. Friday is “Parking Day” downtown and will have 2 spots in front of City Hall
5. Events
  - a. Cherokee Neighborhoods Happy Hour
    - i. Thursday, September 25 at 6-8 pm at Fortune Teller Bar

- b. Oktoberfest Fundraiser
    - i. October 10-12
    - ii. Dan Gunther working to get BPW involved
  - c. Movie in Gravois Park
    - i. Sunday, October 18 at sunset (approx. 8:30 pm)
    - ii. Oz the Great
    - iii. Southside of the pavilion
  - d. Trunk or Treat
    - i. Sunday, October 26 from 4-6 pm
    - ii. Sign up to bring your car; 3-3:45 pm setup your car
  - e. Voter registration
    - i. Rev. Paula Cooper, Curby Church
    - ii. Having conversations on race (in light of Ferguson )
    - iii. This Saturday they will have a session on how to get people to register to vote
    - iv. Meet Saturday at 9:30 am at Curby Church to get oriented, then knock on doors to get individuals to register to vote
  - f. BPWNA Board Nominations
    - i. President – Linda Hennigh
    - ii. Vice President – Becky Martinez
    - iii. Secretary – S
    - iv. Treasurer – None; please consider or ask your neighbor
    - v. Member At-Large – Roz Ball, Gwen Staples
6. District 3 Community Outreach Officer
- a. Sargent W substituting this evening since there isn't a replacement for Joe yet
  - b. Shooting at Cherokee at Texas; shot in the arm
7. 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman, Ken Ortmann
- a. Guns and Hoses – Wed, Nov 26
  - b. Police Substation (comfort station in Benton Park) coming along
    - i. Computer cost donated by Benton Park NA
    - ii. Need \$1500 for phone line
  - c. October 4<sup>th</sup> is Taste of Benton Park and Chalk Art day starting at 10am
  - d. Hot Spot for BPW was placed on hold once Ferguson happened, but did come back for a couple of days instead of 7-10 days
8. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer, Barb Potts
- a. Present, but out of time
9. Cherokee Street Liaison, Anne McCullough
- a. 2 new businesses
    - i. Photo – photo booth business that makes
    - ii. Bike shop; Spoked Bikes – resale and repair (between Melt and 2720)
      - 1. Will also sell beer and coffee; partnered with Mud House
  - b. Halloween trick or treating
    - i. 5-7 pm on Halloween (Oct 31)
  - c. Regional Business Council grant to build an outdoor message board
10. Prizes
- a. Attendance Prizes: Notecards by BPW ; winners Carrie Sleep and Craig Schmidt, Hot Chocolate winner Connie Petty, and plastic ice Chris Schmidt
  - b. 50/50: \$25.50 for the winners
11. Adjournment: Pam Welsh moves, Diane Hurwitz seconds, passes at 8:39 pm