

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, June 17, 2016

Attendance: 35

Board Members

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
- Vice President – Scott McIntosh, Present
- Secretary – Libby Martin, Present
- Communications - Bill Byrd, Absent
- Treasurer – Frank Becker, Present
- Membership - Karen Becker, Present
- Member At-Large – Dan Geary, Present
- Member At-Large –Eddie Schmid, Present

1. Call to order – 7:06 pm
2. Review of May 19, 2016 BPWNA meeting minutes – Dan Geary moves to accept, Jerry Monti seconds, passes
3. Review of June 13, 2016 BPWN Board meeting minutes
4. Reviewed and approved June 2016 Treasurer's Report – Libby Martin moves to accept, Rev. Paula Cooper seconds, passes
5. Reviewed 2016 Budget
6. Linda distributed Benton Park Concert Series schedule door hangers
7. Visitors and New Members
 - Allison Harriman - Pics in the Park - BPWN Dog Park
 - Jason and Jessica White bought house in 3100 block of Nebraska
 - Justine Collum - Director of Energy Care program at Wyoming and California
 - Natasha Edwards and Demond Johnson - Team Thunder Basketball program
8. Tonya Joy - Library Lady - Barr Branch Library Manager
 - Library is sponsoring a "Food for Fines" program in July
Non-perishable items can be redeemed for up to \$25 in fines
 - New Fantasy Map exhibit at Central Library through October 25 2016
9. Guest Speaker: Justine Collum -Energy Care Development Director
 - 2758 Wyoming - corner of California and Wyoming
 - Program started in `982
 - Services are provided via home visits
 - Currently working on getting air conditioners to residents
 - Ms. Collum asked for volunteers to assemble the air conditioners
 - Rev. Paula Cooper has had inquiries from senior citizens and disabled asking for fans or air conditioners
 - Ms. Collum offered the number for Energy Care or United Way
10. Guest Speakers: Natasha Edwards and DeMond Johnson - Team Thunder Basketball
 - Mr. Johnson is the coach, Ms Edwards handles the administrative details
 - The money from "Indi Hop" was donated to the Team Thunder Basketball program

- Basketball games are held at Cherokee Recreation Center and Marquette Park Recreation Center
 - Team Thunder runs a concession stand at all games to raise money for team expenses
 - Mr. Johnson asked for volunteers to work concession stand at games or practices
 - Mr. Johnson - Team Thunder would appreciate any concession item donations from BPWNA
 - Team Thunder also offers free tutoring services, transportation services
 - June 27 2016 Team Thunder will be in a basketball tournament at Salvation Army on Arsenal
11. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
 - Discussed crime statistics for neighborhood - all crimes are down 7% for year
 - Burglaries and assaults are up, auto thefts are down
 12. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, pottsb@stlouis-mo.gov
 - a. Absent - recovering from hip surgery - will be out six weeks
 13. 9th Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
 - Probation and Parole cleaned the BPWN alleys
 - He has Benton Park Concert schedule door hangers also
 - June 25 2016 Benton Park 150 year celebration
 - June 26 2016 - Gay Pride parade downtown
 - July 13 2016 - 13th annual 5 Star Senior Center "Summer Cool Down" event
 - Discussed number of BPWN traffic tickets for several intersections
 - Reminded Association of date for revocation hearing for Colt Motors - July 6 2016
 - Paving of Arsenal will begin last week of June or first week of July
 14. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough, absent, Jason Deem, absent
 15. Upcoming Events / Announcements - Scott McIntosh - Vice President
 - Vista Ramen - new restaurant on Cherokee has opened
 - Pics in Park - VIP ResQ - Sunday, June 26, 2016 starts at 10 am
 - Need volunteers for Flower Garden clean-up
 - BPWNA is sponsoring booth at Fair St. Louis, Saturday, July 2, 2016 - still need volunteers
 - Praise in the Park - concert sponsored by Curby Memorial Church - Rev. Paula Cooper will be August 13 2016. More details at next meeting

Attendance Prizes and 50/50:

16. Adjournment –Scott McIntosh moves to adjourn, Pam Welsh seconds, passes- meeting adjourns at 8:35 pm

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