

## Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, November 16, 2017

Attendance: 32

### Board

- President – Scott McIntosh, Present
  - Vice President – Alison Hillman, Present
  - Secretary – Liz Gerard, Present
  - Treasurer – John Simons, Present
  - Member At-Large – Eddie Schmid, Absent
  - Member At-Large – Jason Hillman, Present
1. Call to order – 7:00 pm
  2. Review and approve October meeting minutes – Bill Byrd moves, John Simons seconds, passes
  3. Review of November Board meeting minutes
  4. Review and approve November Treasurer’s Report – Linda Hennigh moves, Pam Welsh seconds, passes
  5. Review 2017 Budget
  6. Guest Speaker: Jim Merkel, Author of *The Colorful Characters of St. Louis*
    - a. PowerPoint presentation on his book *The Colorful Characters of St. Louis*
    - b. Book purchases and signing after the presentation
  7. Visitors and New Members
    - a. New Members:
      - i. No new members
  8. Upcoming Events
  9. Dog Park Christmas Party
    - a. Saturday, December 9 from 1-3 pm is the Dog Park Christmas Party
    - b. Open to non-members
    - c. You and your dog can have your photo taken with Santa
  10. Neighborhood Cameras
    - a. Chris Schmidt asked for residents to share their contact info if they have cameras facing the street and/or alleys to help solve crimes.
  11. Recap of 2017 and Plans for 2018
    - a. Shared survey results and compilation of monthly discussions
    - b. Will use this to drive planning for 2018
    - c. Will continue discussions in 2018 as well
  12. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org
    - a. Crime Report was submitted and in the packet; Officer Clancy didn’t attend.
  13. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts, 314-397-1091
    - a. Reminder to not keep anything in your car
    - b. Be careful bringing in Christmas gifts; be aware of your surroundings
    - c. Break down and recycle TV boxes or other big purchases to ensure would-be thieves don’t see what might in your home
  14. 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman – Dan Guenther
    - a. Absent
  15. Prizes

- a. Attendance Prizes: No prizes, Hodak's chicken provided instead
  - b. 50/50: \$30 won
16. Adjournment – Bill Byrd moves, Alison Hillman seconds, passes at 8:00 pm