

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, November 20, 2014

Attendance: 23

Board

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

1. Call to order - 7:23 pm
2. Salvation Army – Bell Ringing
 - a. Seeking volunteers to ring bells and collect donations at Schnucks
 - b. \$100 donation will cover the cost to pay for a bell ringer if you'd rather donate
 - c. Paid bell ringers are community members who need a job
 - d. You may request a location
 - e. Flyers available
 - f. Online option to sign up or call
3. Visitors and New Members
 - a. Steve Greer, Parole Officer
 - b. Jeff Christian, S. Jefferson (Benton Park)
 - c. James McKee, Marine Villa President
 - d. John Eckles and Jay, 3211 Cherokee – looking to open a bar
 - e. Dan Geary and Libby Martin
4. Review and approve October meeting minutes – Libby Martin moves, Frank Becker seconds, passes
5. Review and approve October Treasurer's Report – Dan Gary moves, Pam Welsh seconds, passes
6. 9th Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
 - a. 50/50 side walk plan – had contractor issues which is why they didn't get finished. May still get on the list through December.
 - b. Guns & Hoses is postponed, not cancelled
7. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Barb Potts
 - a. Ferguson Indictment Verdict
 - i. Announcement will be out soon; no set date yet
 - ii. Peaceful protests will get your message across, not violence
 - iii. Stay away from riot areas (if it happens); keep yourself safe
 - iv. Police will be 12 on 12 off after the verdict comes out
 - v. Police will not be able to take any vacation at least through the end of 2014
 - b. In the past 48 hours, there has been a string of car thefts
 - i. All thefts were cars running to warm up for the owner
 - ii. Do not leave your car running if you're not in it!
8. Upcoming Events
 - a. Salvation Army giving cards – adopt a child or family for Christmas; items to be dropped off by Dec 12.

- b. 3rd District Police Christmas Party, Thurs, December 11 – will likely be cancelled
 - c. Suggestions for 2015 activities
 - i. Please email or call Linda with any suggestions
 - ii. The Board will hold planning meetings soon
9. Prizes
- a. Attendance Prizes: Roz Ball won a Salvation Army Christmas ornament, John Eckles won a fall décor , dish towels, and bottle coozie, Pam Welsh won a fall décor
 - b. 50/50: \$20.50 won by Suzy Hennigh
10. Silent Auction winners
- a. Night at the Movies – Roz Ball
 - b. Martini Time – Beckers
 - c. Baby Basket – Monties
 - d. BPW Windbreaker – Monties
 - e. Rams clock – Monties
 - f. Knife set – Paula Cooper
 - g. Wedding Bells – Monties
 - h. Cutsy – Bill Byrd
 - i. \$25 gift card to Purple Martin – Paula Cooper
 - j. Pamper Yourself – Monties
 - k. Christmas basket – Jeff Christianson
 - l. Romance in the Kitchen – Becky Martinez
 - m. Wine – Paula Cooper
 - n. House Cleaning – Randy
11. Adjournment – Pam Welsh moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes at 8:33 pm