

Benton Park West Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting

Five Star Senior Center, 2832 Arsenal

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Attendance: 38

Board

- President – Linda Hennigh, Present
 - Vice President – Scott McIntosh, Present
 - Secretary – Libby Martin, Present
 - Treasurer – Frank Becker, Present
 - Member At-Large – Dan Geary, Present
 - Member At-Large – Marlow Dugger, Absent
1. Call to order at 7:05 pm
 2. Shelle Veres will be in charge of the 50/50 tickets since Bill Byrd is absent
 3. Review and approve November meeting minutes
 4. Review of December/January Board meeting minutes
 5. Review and accept December Treasurer's Report – Chris Schmidt(sp?) moves, Shelle Veres seconds, passes
 6. Visitors and New Members
 - a. Mallory and Allyssa - St. Louis University students
 - b. Amber – lives on Arsenal
 - c. Jamal Meyers – lives on Wyoming. He is new Housing Manager at St. Paul
 - d. New Members: None
 7. Guest Speaker: Amber Kraus - Community Relations Director - Eagle College Prep
 - a. There are three free Eagle College Prep charter schools now –
 - i. one at Morganford and Chippewa
 - ii. one in the Fox Park neighborhood (forgot where)
 - iii. one in the Tower Grove South neighborhood
 - b. There will be a lottery held in February for the openings.
 8. Guest Speaker: Tenaya Drapkin - Certified Application Counselor with Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region
 - a. Open Enrollment period for enrolling or re-enrolling in Marketplace health insurance plans is November 1, 2015 – January 31, 2016. She would like to offer our free assistance in applying for and enrolling in Marketplace plans to the Benton Park West community.
 - 9: Guest Speakers: Joddi Pate - Silver Spurs Director, Jennifer Gates and Charles Jahnke from Gates Design Firm
 - a. Architects working on Silver Spurs addition of three bedrooms and a bath.
 - b. Presented plans and drawings for new additions
 - c. Linda asked for a vote for a Letter of Support for the Silver Spurs project. By show of hands (27) the motion passed. Joddi can pick up the letter at the February 8th Neighborhood Board meeting.
 10. Guest Speaker: Dee Brown - Safety Officer for (?).
 - a. There will be a Neighborhood Safety meeting at Carpenter Branch Library, February 22, 2016, 7 pm.
 9. District 3 Community Outreach Officer: Pat Clancy, 314-444-2564, pmclancy@slmpd.org, absent

10. Neighborhood Stabilization Officer – Dena Hibbard, 314-657-1359, hibbardd@stlouis-mo.gov
 - a. Both Absent
11. 9th Ward Alderman – Ken Ortmann
12. St. Louis Library: Tonya Joy, Barr Branch – absent
13. Cherokee Station Business Association Liaison, Anne McCullough, present, Jason Deem, absent
 - a. There is a new Community message board at Nebraska and Cherokee.
 - i. Anne is asking all four neighborhood associations for donation of \$185/year for access to post announcements on message board
 - b. Anne applied for new playground equipment for Gravois Park.
 - i. Will be built in conjunction with KaBoom.
 - ii. St. Louis City Parks Department will tear down old playground
 - iii. Anne needs volunteers to build new playground
 - c. Cinco de Mayo planning has started. Will be held May 7th
 - d. Anne asking BPWN Association for volunteers.
14. Upcoming Events
 - a. Cherokee Neighborhoods' Happy Hour
 - i. Thursday, January 28 @ 6-8 pm
 - ii. Frazer's , 1811 Pestalozzi
 - iii. Wear BPWN t-shirts
 - b. Trivia Night at Five Star – Saturday, February 20, 2016. BPWNA will donate \$12 toward the cost of the \$25 ticket... Contact Shelle if want to purchase tickets.
 - c. Check your calendars for Fair St. Louis Beer Booth volunteer opportunity – three days in July and Oktoberfest Beer Booth volunteer opportunity – three days in October. BPWNA shares beer booth with the other three neighborhoods and divides proceeds according to number of volunteers from each neighborhood. The more volunteers BPWNA has the more money BPWNA will make.
 - d. Anyone that volunteers will get a free neighborhood association tee shirt. Anyone wearing their BPWNA tee shirt to a meeting will get an extra attendance prize ticket.
 - e. Dan Geary spoke about Impact Letters to be sent to Judge only in gun and drug crimes that have occurred in BPW Neighborhood. He is working on a letter to send to a judge for a trial on Monday, January 25, 2016.
 - f. Linda asked members to review new building permits on pages 19-27.
 - g. There is a Nuisance Property/Drug Transaction form on page 23 outlining the steps to take to make a nuisance or drug transaction on your street.
15. Prizes
 - a. Attendance Prize drawing
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
 - b. 50/50 drawing - won by Shelley Veres (?)
16. Adjournment –Dianne (last name?) moves, Scott McIntosh seconds, passes at 8:25 pm.
- 17.

SOCIAL TIME