

FAIRFIELDS-SYLVAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of FSNA Meeting John Strange School, 7:00 PM September 19, 2012

Present:

Joe Goeller, President

Tom Sturmer, Vice-President

Kathie Church, Recording Secretary

Barbara Hazel, Director

Bill Hazel, Director

Ted Hudnut, Director

Absent

Sherry Seiwert, Treasurer

Ken Ingle, Member Secretary

Call to Order

President Joe Goeller called the meeting to order at 7:05PM. There was a large crowd present – approx 35 people. Our program for the evening was on neighborhood crime prevention. Joe reminded everyone about the gift drawing.

Treasurer's Report: Due to Sherry's absence there was no report.

Guest Speaker- Burglary Prevention

At 7:10 PM, Daphne Whitmore from the Marion County Prosecutor's office began a Powerpoint presentation on the ways to prevent your property from being a target for burglars. She passed out folders to all present with information on MOST (Multi-Jurisdictional Offender Strategy Team). This program allows the prosecutors to go beyond jurisdictional lines so that all the surrounding counties can exchange knowledge of property crimes.

She also presented ways to proactively protect your own home. Common sense ideas: maintain landscape, provide adequate light, always lock doors (dead bolts, steel doors are best), alarm systems, and KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS. A network of watchful neighbors is the best deterrent to crime.

During her presentation, many neighbors interjected their experiences with crime. Many asked specific questions concerning right to confront intruders while armed. Also many voiced frustration with the police and their response to burglaries. Ms Whitmore answered as best as she could, but her real purpose was to present her program. The program concluded at 8:30. All present thanked her for her time and effort.

Terry Dobson then made a plea for new crime watch Block Captains. We are short of volunteers which hinders our ability to inform our neighbors of crime trends.

Marsh Drawing:

The winner was Kevin Countryman

General Meeting Adjournment:

Adjournment was moved by Kathie , seconded by Barb and passed. Joe adjourned the general meeting at 8: 40

Executive Session:

Due to the late hour , we decided to postpone discussions on the Neighbors Priorities Survey & the Multi-Use Trail until October.

We did discuss a Resolution of Support for John Strange School's Landscape Improvements Initiative . Tom Sturmer had formulated a resolution for the Board's approval which he presented. After a short discussion , the Board passed the resolution unanimously.

Joe then brought up the GACC's project of painting the hydrants on Allisonville. FSNA will join with GACC to paint the hydrants on 62nd street from Glendale to Allisonville. This project will be on September 22nd. Volunteers welcome!

**FAIRFIELDS-SYLVAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION'S
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
JOHN STRANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S
LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS INITIATIVE**

AT A MEETING OF THE FAIRFIELDS-SYLVAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, HELD AT John Strange School ON THE 19th DAY OF September, 2012,

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR JOHN STRANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S LANDSCAPING IMPROVEMENTS INITIATIVE:

THE FAIRFIELDS-SYLVAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF MARION COUNTY, INDIANA, DOES HEREBY FIND AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and administrators of John Strange Elementary School, located at 3660 East 62nd Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, are attempting to improve the look of their school through new and updated landscaping;

WHEREAS, it is the hope and intention of the PTO that landscaping improvements will be accomplished in part with the assistance of grant funding, including a proposed Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant;

WHEREAS, proposed landscaping improvements will also require assistance from other supporters and volunteers, including students, parents, businesses and community groups;

WHEREAS, the Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association members will benefit from improvements to the landscaping of the neighborhood school;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND RESOLVED by the members of the Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association, that:

The Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood supports the efforts of the representatives of John Strange Elementary School to improve the school's landscaping;

to seek outside funding sources, including the Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant, in order to improve the landscaping;

to offer and encourage parents, neighbors, businesses and other potential supporters to assist with fundraising efforts on behalf of the landscaping improvement initiatives; and

to offer and encourage parents, neighbors, businesses and other potential supporters to volunteer their time and talents on behalf of the landscaping improvement initiatives.

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Dated: September 19, 2012
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