

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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Minutes of FSNA Meeting John Strange School, 7:00 pm May 16, 2012

Board Member	Position	Term Expires	Present	Absent	
Joe Goeller	President	2014	X		
Tom Sturmer	Vice President	2013	X		
Sherry Seiwert	Treasurer	2014	X		
Ken Ingle	Member Secretary	2014	X		
Kathie Church	Record Secretary	2014	X		
Barbara Hazel	Director	2013	X		
Bill Hazel	Director	2013	X		
Ted Hudnut	Director	2013		X	

Annual Membership Meeting - Call to Order

President Joe Goeller called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm, allowing more members to arrive. Some fifteen people were present at the meeting, including seven board members noted above.

Treasurer's Report - Sherry Seiwert - April 2012

- Beginning Balance for April \$4623.81
- Income \$ 460.00
- Expenses \$ 66.75
- Ending Balance \$5017.06

Income from dues year-to-date has been around \$2000. Sherry reported that we currently have 81 paid members for fiscal year ending March 15, 2013, compared to 84 members in 2012. FSNA has added 24 new members within the old boundaries and 10 in our new boundaries, for a total increase of 34. At the same time, 37 prior members did not renew their dues.

NOTE: Additional members have continued to join FSNA since May.

Secretary Minutes – Ken Ingle – April 2012

Minutes for our April meeting, as posted on the FSNA website, were approved

Crime Watch – Terry Dobson

Terry reported an uptick of break-ins, mostly in the area of Binford Boulevard and in Ivy Hills, where they are trying to monitor suspicious vehicles. Also, petty crime among the 62nd and Keystone businesses has been reported. Our “Crime Watch” and “No Soliciting” signs are mostly still in place on FSNA streets.

Bill Hazel updated an earlier email report by him about a suspicious person who parked a car along Olney and appeared to be looking for a break-in opportunity. Bill had reported the car to

the police, using 911. The police came, found a cell phone in the car, looked around for the suspect, and then towed the car away.

Website Update – Joe Goeller

During a recent five day period, we had 76, 80, 89, 80 and 83 website visits, with about 2220 website visits May year-to-date. For month-to-date, there were 48 “How to Start a Crime Watch Block Club” and 23 “Neighborhood Survey” visits.

Annual Clean-up Flower Distribution

On Saturday, June 2, flats and large pots of annual and perennial flowers from KIBI will be available to members and families who helped with our neighborhood clean-up on Saturday, April 7. Flowers will be located in Joe Goeller’s driveway. “First come, First served” on a ‘mix or match flowers, one flat per family’ basis.

Election of Five or More Directors

Five Directors with expiring terms all submitted their names for new terms. No other nominations were offered.

With a quorum of Association paid members deemed present, members voted to elect Joe Goeller, Sherry Seiwert, Kathie Church, and Ken Ingle for two-year Director Terms to end in 2014, in accordance with the FSNA Bylaws. For continuity in balancing term expirations, Tom Sturmer was elected for one additional year. As such, Director Terms ending in 2013 are Barb Hazel, Bill Hazel, Ted Hudnut, and Tom Sturmer. Bylaws allow for 11 Director Positions.

Susan Dobson agreed to continue her FSNA support with ad hoc assignments, and Terry Dobson said he would continue as Crime Watch Coordinator.

Adjournment

Adjournment was moved by Ken, seconded by Tom, and passed. Annual Membership Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm, with a public meeting immediately convened.

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Board of Directors Meeting

Public Meeting - Call to Order

President Joe Goeller opened meeting at 7:20 pm.

Election of Association Officers

Joe, Tom, and Sherry were nominated for President, Vice-President, and Treasurer respectively; and all agreed to serve for the 2012-2013 term. Kathie was nominated as Recording Secretary, while Ken was nominated as Membership Secretary.

Nominations were closed, and the Board voted by acclamation to accept all candidates. Terms are for one year, with President limited to two terms.

New Business

Get Well Card

Because of Blake Schlabach's recent illness, and in appreciation for Lori Schlabach's years of service to FSNA, it was moved by Tom, seconded by Joe, that the association make a gift of a \$25 Trader Joe's certificate, accompanied by a card. Motion passed.

Fire Hydrant Painting

Joe suggested that we might like to sponsor painting of 10 fire hydrants on East 62nd Street after completion of the Multi-Use Trail. GACC performed a similar project by painting 26 hydrants on Dean Road in May from 62nd to 82nd streets; more hydrants in September. FSNA may wish to encourage volunteers using 6-member teams to repaint all Fairfield-Sylvan hydrants in 2013.

Multi-Modal Trail

Tom reported that initial progress was slow but, according to Dewey Witte, Indy DPW Project Manager, the Keystone Avenue to Rural Street portion is underway.

Tom will contact Ted Hudnut about progress on the idea of a memorial somewhere on the Trail.

Poorly-Maintained Properties

Gary and Suellen Hart noted two properties on North Sherman Drive with houses and lawns in deteriorating condition, which affects our property values within Fairfield-Sylvan. It was moved by Joe, seconded by Tom, that FSNA maintain a list of such properties, as identified by reports from neighbors, and report them to Marion County Health Department. Motion passed.

Reports can be made either through Neighborhood Liaison Noelle Malatestinic, phone 327-5580; or high grass/weeds to Mayor's Action Center, phone 327-4622.

Street Weeds along Dearborn and Oakland

Gayle Stahl's email to Joe stated the City had advised that such weeds were the property owner's responsibility. A motion was tabled to spend \$100 on Ortho to eliminate weed growth harming infrastructure on Dearborn Street and Oakland Avenue. A volunteer spraying effort will be considered for 2013.

20th Independence Parade & Pitch-In, Saturday, June 30, 11:00 am at John Strange School

Volunteers for our annual neighborhood parade and assorted food pitch-in by families are:

- Sherry Seiwert will order Costco sandwiches as well as drinks and juice (PB&Js).
- Sherry will contact the Indianapolis Fire Department for an Engine to lead the parade.
- Kathie Church will obtain the helium and balloons for bicycles, tricycles, or other vehicles.
- Jim Church, Barb and Bill Hazel will assist with setup and take down of the Parade decorations, such as banners, rolls of crepe paper, flags, and so on. Jim will initially handle traffic control.
- Joe Goeller will design the FSNA flier, have it printed, being distributed by volunteers to all neighborhood homes. He will postal mail an application to Washington Twp Schools for use of John Strange grounds; contact Councilor Christine Scales to be Parade Grand Marshal; plus purchase paper plates, napkins, plastic ware, and cups for our pitch-in.

It was noted continuing of annual Parade and Pitch-Ins will require efforts by more volunteers.

As moved by Joe, seconded by Kathie, the Board approved a motion to establish a budget of \$250.00 for this event.

Neighborhood Survey

Tom will provide items for discussion in September.

Attendance Drawing

Winner of the drawing for a \$10 certificate was Susan Dobson.

For our coming 8 meetings, September 2012 through May 2013, Joe proposed spending \$80.00 for \$10 Marsh certificates. Motion seconded by Barb. This was approved by the Board.

Adjournment

Public meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. After FSNA summer break, due to John Strange School not being in session, our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 19th.

Board of Directors - Executive Session

Voting by e-mail using formal motions

Proposed motion – ARTICLE VII, Section 7 – Actions without Meeting – by Joe Goeller

I move that the existing Section 7 be amended to read, “Action by Board of Directors may be taken, without a personal meeting, by use of e-mail except when filling vacancies on the FSNA Board. Formal motions shall require a “Second” via e-mail, with the maximum time limit of 5* days for voting. E-mail motion approval requires affirmative vote by a majority of elected Directors. ** Secretary shall maintain a record of all consents, documenting results in the next published minutes.”

After discussion, the following additions/changes were made to the Amendment –

*5 days was changed to 7 days

** Directors may request a phone discussion before the vote is taken.

With these changes, the motion was passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathie Church, Recording Secretary

Ken Ingle, Membership Secretary