

Fairfields-Sylvan Neighborhood Association

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Minutes of the Directors Meeting

John Strange School, 7:00pm

April 18, 2012

Board Member	Position	Term Expires	Present	Absent	
Joe Goeller	President	2012	X		
Tom Sturmer	Vice President	2012		X	
Sherry Seiwert	Treasurer	2012	X		
Ken Ingle	Secretary	2012	X		
Barbara Hazel	Director	2013	X		
Kathie Church	Director	2012	X		
Bill Hazel	Director	2013	X		
Ted Hudnut	Director	2013	X		

Call to Order

President Joe Goeller called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Seventeen people were present at the meeting, including the seven board members noted above.

Guest Speaker

Joe introduced the board members to those present, and then introduced Christine Scales, our City Councilor, who spoke briefly on three topics of neighborhood interest:

- A series of car break-ins which occurred one night recently in the Ivy Hills subdivision north of 71st St near Allisonville. Items were taken from several cars parked outdoors, both locked and unlocked ones.
- IPL is offering free home energy audits, which include window caulking, water saving shower heads and faucet bubblers, and cfl light bulbs among other things.
- IPL can assist neighborhoods with obtaining approved light poles for improving security on dark streets. The cost of lighting would be borne by the property owners involved.

Treasurer's report- Sherry Seiwert- February 2012

- Beginning Balance for March \$4073.81
- Income \$ 650.00
- Expenses none
- Ending Balance \$4623.81

Sherry reported that we currently have 61 paid members for the year ending 3/15/2013.

Minutes

Minutes for the March meeting as posted on the FSNA website were approved

Crime Watch - Terry Dobson, Coordinator was absent

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 breakin opportunity. Bill had reported the car to the police, using 911. The police came, found a cellphone in the car, looked around for the suspect, then towed the car away.

Website Update – Joe Goeller -

During a recent five day period, there were 88, 77, 75, 81 and 81 visits, showing that the website is getting a steady flow of traffic.

On April 30, per motion by the board, the Crime Watch Update section of the FSNA website will become a benefit for FSNA members only. Joe will oversee the task of getting passwords to our current members.

Old Business

FSNA's Annual Clean-Up

Joe Goeller coordinated the clean-up, which was very successful. Twenty people showed up on Saturday, April 7, and accepted assignments to pick up litter and trash on nearly every block of the FSNA area. Gayle Stahl will explore the question as to our neighborhood responsibility for eliminating extensive weeds in the gutters on Dearborn Street and Oakland Avenue, which can damage the infrastructure.

Spring Egg Hunt - Kathie Church

Kathie's granddaughter organized the Hunt, "hiding" 200-odd plastic eggs in the grass of the school playground. The weather was fine, and 12 to 14 kids participated, many of them new faces.

John Strange PTO/Dad's Club –Tom Sturmer – In Tom's absence, Ted Hudnut reported there will be a school event on Thursday, April 26. Expect traffic congestion and parking problems on Olney.

Preferences Survey - Ted distributed Tom Sturmer's collation of the Neighborhood Preference Survey, which had a response rate of somewhat over 10 per cent of FSNA households. Joe talked about Tom's findings with attending neighbors. The final results will be posted on the Website.

New Business

Trail Memorial

One of the most ardent and hardworking backers of the East 62nd Street Trail, John David Smith (J.D.), who was stricken with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), passed away this past Saturday. Ted asked Christine about the notion of naming a portion of the Trail for J.D., or erecting a memorial stone with a plaque. Christine said she would take the idea to DPW. It was also suggested that, if there is a dedication of some kind, J.D.'s wife, Connie, might be asked to take the first bike jaunt down the trail.

Vacant Houses

There are at least five, probably more, houses in the neighborhood which are foreclosed, vacant

and abandoned. As nature takes its course, these residences become overgrown and damaged, detracting from the well-being of the neighborhood. Folks living nearby are calling banks, realtors and the DPW trying at least to get the grass mowed, or perhaps get permission to mow it themselves. The results have been mixed and the problem is expected to continue

Guest Speaker

Joe introduced our scheduled guest speaker, Noelle Maletestinic, who is Mayor Greg Ballard's Neighborhood Liaison. Her service boundary has recently been extended westward from Allisonville Road to Keystone Avenue, which takes in our area. Noelle said she can be our direct contact for most civic problems, in particular those having to do with the vacant houses mentioned above. These problems and many others she deals with are often passed to the Health Department or the Division of Code Enforcement. Email Noelle at nmalates@indy.gov or call her at 317-327-5880. She also noted that the Police have also appointed a new Crime Watch contact since the unfortunate passing away of Shirley Purvitus. She will get the contact info to us quickly.

Annual Meeting

The third Wednesday of May, the 16th, is the date for FSNA's Annual Meeting, when our members will nominate and elect members of the Board of Directors for next 12 months. Sherry Seiwert said we will need new board members, since we have expanded our boundaries, and several of us have been around a long time.

The Annual Meeting is also our final regular meeting until School reopens in September.

Please come to the Annual Meeting, and urge your neighbors to come as well. New members may join on the spot.

Attendance Drawing

Winner of the drawing for a \$10 certificate was Bill Howard.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. The board then met in a special session to consider amending the bylaws to allow email voting. The motion was tabled, pending redrafting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Ingle, Secretary