

FAIRFIELDS_SYLVAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the FSNA Meeting John Strange School, 7:00 PM October 16, 2013

Directors Present:

Joe Goeller, President
Tom Sturmer, Vice-President
Sherry Seiwert, Treasurer
Kathie Church, Recording Secretary
Ken Ingle, Member Secretary
Bill Hazel, Director
Ted Hudnut, Director
Jim Aelick, Director

Call To Order:

President Joe Goeller called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. The attendance was approximately 25 residents. He recognized our City/County Rep. Christine Scales, who was in attendance. He reminded all present to enter their names in the Marsh gift card drawing.

Joe also announced that on Saturday October 12, FSNA was recognized as one of 5 finalists for INRC's "Collaborative Spirit" award for our efforts which resulted in the building the 62nd St. Trail.

Guest Speakers:

IMPD Crime Watch Coordinator, Geraldo Becerra.

Unfortunately, Officer Becerra did not attend.

9-1-1 Advisor Diana Vanarsdall:

Ms Vanarsdall led a discussion on the proper times/circumstances to call 911. She distributed materials to all present from the Sheriff's Dept. Her main message was do not feel embarrassed to call; everyone needs to watch out for each other.

Bullet Points:

These are actions which should trigger a 911 call:

- Soliciting, especially after dark.
- Strange car/truck seen cruising neighborhood.
- Suspicious activity, going into yards/hanging around area

TIPS:

- Keep storm/screen closed/locked when answering the door if person unknown.
- Answer door so that person knows house is occupied.
- Keep garage doors closed to prevent someone from noting possessions.

Treasurer's Report:

Sherry reported our starting balance was \$ 5, 344.65

Income	0
Expense	\$ 305.80
New Balance	\$ 5, 018.85

Minutes:

Ken Ingle submitted the minutes for the September meeting for website posting , where they may be viewed.

Website:

Joe Goeller reported that the website continues to maintain a consistent traffic.

Old Business:

Fire Hydrants Painting:

On Saturday, October 26 FSNA in conjunction with GACC will sponsor another day of fire hydrant painting. Volunteers are asked to gather by the Tuchman cleaners at 9AM. Paint & brushes will be supplied.

New Business:

Christine Scales:

Our City/County council representative, Christine Scales was in attendance and wished to share some recent activities in our area. The biggest news was the opening of the new apartments at Allisonville & Binford Blvd. These are a welcome development. She also discussed on-going efforts to end the easy gold buying that is fueling some of the break-ins in our neighborhood. The law that state Rep.Christina Hale sponsored does not fully take effect until next July. The Community – Relations Officer sends her monthly updated crime statistics on home burglaries in our area. She will forward to Joe.

Crime Watch:

Terry Dobson led a discussion centering on his efforts to recruit & communicate with Crime Watch Block Captains. The Block Captains present were introduced. Terry reported that there were fewer problems reported in FSNA over the past summer. The area around 79th & Dean seems to have a large increase in break-ins: Royal Pines/Ivy Hills/ Sycamore Springs.

After Terry's presentation, the group shared their own experiences with crime in our neighborhood. Suggestions were made on actions & products that might deter future problems.

A meeting dealing with crime issues sponsored by the Marion County Prosecutor's office will be held at the Northside K of C on November 7, from 6:30 – 8 PM . The K of C is located on 71st St. just west of Keystone Ave.

Marsh Card Drawing:

Jim Church was the winner.

Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 20th.