

FAIRFIELDS-SYLVAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of FSNA Meeting John Strange School, 7:00 PM February 18, 2015

Directors Present:

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

Directors Absent:

Tom Sturmer, Director
Bill Hazel, Director

Call to Order:

President Joe Goeller called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. There were 17 people present. He reminded all present to register for the Marsh gift drawing. Before the meeting began, he introduced Tim Kraft, who will be running for Dist. 3 City Councilor in the May primary as a Republican. He also recognized Ginny Hacker, President of the Washington Township School Foundation. Ms Hacker spoke to us in November about the Foundation and its activities.

Treasurer's Report:

Sherry's report:	Balance, November 1	\$6,592.37
	Income	0
	Expense	\$180.00
	Balance February 1	\$6,412.37

Secretary's Report:

November's Minutes are on the website.

Guest Speakers: Andy Hazel and Kim Douglas - Marion County's Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

Andy and Kim gave a power point presentation on all aspects of this program. CERT is an agency under Homeland Security and the Dept of Public Safety. This program trains volunteers to respond to emergency situations in their communities. They are trained to give support to first responders, provide immediate assistance to victims and organize spontaneous volunteers. They also provide education to communities about disaster preparedness.

Anyone can sign-up for this training. The requirement is 21 hours of classes. There are many different activities which all ages could engage in. There are 4 or 5 classes a year and approximately 250 people are trained annually. In Marion County at this time, there are about 2,000 CERT certified volunteers. The expertise learned would benefit every neighborhood. If you are interested in learning more, go to www.indy.gov/dhs on-line or call 317-327-3900.

Old Business:

Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison Gary Loveless reported that: (1) The Meijer's at 56th and Keystone is going forward; (2) There will be 115 new police recruits this year; (3) There are Charter schools looking at this area as a possible expansion site; and (4) There is free tax preparation available in Broad Ripple Park Community Center.

Neighborhood Clean-up will be April 18th. As usual, we will have a dumpster at John Strange School. KIBI will provide trash bags, gloves, bottled water, and 2 Kroger cards.

New Business:

Crime Watch – At our May 20th meeting, we will have a Block Captains meeting.

Motion to Oppose Proposition 250 (Electronic Billboards) was voted on and passed unanimously. This will be communicated to Marion County Alliance of Neighborhood Associations (MCANA), President Cathy Burton, with some 45 NA's in opposition.

Home Gun Sales – There was a discussion on the concerns of neighbors on Dearborn Street, who have learned that there is a man who is planning to sell guns from his home. Many at the meeting were surprised to find that there are many people doing this already in the area with Federal licenses to do so. There is even a man who manufactures guns near Bishop Chatard HS. It is apparently rather common. However, Christine Scales, our City Council Representative and the Dept of Code Enforcement are looking into this particular case. (Their later report confirmed such sales are legal in Indiana.)

Kroger Drawing \$10.00 Gift Card – won by Dave Tomeo.

Joe adjourned the meeting at 8:15 PM. Next Meeting is Wednesday, May 20, 2015, with annual FSNA member's election of the Board of Directors. Public Meeting will follow.