



## MEREDITH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Board Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2005 at 6:30 pm

Meredith Reformed Church/ 5128 Meredith Drive / 276-4901

**Attendees** - Those in attendance were Justin Gross, Mikki Kinning and Lisa Shaw. Emily Chafa did RSVP but did not attend. Don Shaw had a tennis match and Chris Craig was in the hospital for emergency gall bladder surgery with Ken Craig.

**Call To Order** - The Board Meeting was called to order by Justin Gross at 7:05 pm.

**Treasurer Report** – Mikki Kinning reported. Beginning balance \$6,603.71; revenue of \$1,485.00 which included 11 received memberships (165.00), advertising revenue (\$1,300.00) and donations (\$20.00); expenses were \$617.05; and the ending balance as of January 8, 2005 is \$7,471.66. Expenses are grouped and reported by project. We will be setting up an account with Wells Fargo in the next couple of weeks (moving the current MNA account from FirstStar Bank).

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Social Committee** – Rod Musser's wife may be interested in this position. Since there still is no social chair the board may have to pitch in to provide refreshments. Michael Kiernan, City Councilman, will be speaking at the quarterly meeting on February 8. Ideas to increase attendance at the quarterly meetings would be to advertise the speakers in the newsletter as well as important agenda items. Coincide the quarterly meetings with Night Out, Holiday Appreciation, May election (which already occurs), and a Culture Potluck. Other ideas are welcome.

2005 Calendar firming up the dates. We discussed possible changes in the social calendar to maintain a level of interest among members as well as effectiveness in the association. We agreed that we should focus on a few activities and make them very successful. The two focal points for this year would be the National Night Out in August and to expand the Holiday Appreciation Night that would include the holiday lights contest, volunteer appreciation dinner and awards. The Holiday Dinner could be moved to a bigger location and catered. Some possible activities to eliminate would be the Golf outing, Street Island Planting (already decided on), Garden Tour, and the Beavertdale Fall Parade. These can be discussed further at the next board meeting

**Westchester Park Committee** – Lisa Shaw reported the city is currently looking at their budget.

**Membership Committee** - Jennifer Hushagen is continuing to update our database.

**Business Committee** – Member Appreciation Night is April 11 @ Famous Dave's.

**Communications Committee** – Winter Newsletter is being worked on and should be out by February 2. We can include in the newsletter the speaker in order to interest people to come to our meeting.

**Community Development** – New Coordinator for the Free Flowers Program in May, Ruth VanRoeken.

The meeting was adjourned. Justin Gross, President reported the above minutes.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** TUESDAY, February 15 at 6:30 pm due to Valentines Day on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Justin or Chris will contact the Meredith Reformed Church to see if we can move the reservation of the room.

Chris Craig, MNA Secretary 2004-2006