



Meredith Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2006
Meredith Drive Reformed Church
5128 Meredith Drive, Room 244

Present: Bob Wells, Ken Craig, Chris Craig, Cheryl Musser, Al Minear, Peggy Grim.

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm.

Bob called for any additions or changes to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda was moved and seconded. Minutes were approved by committee.

Treasurer's Report: Report was not available at meeting time. **National Night Out Discussion:** NNO Expenses were still being turned in. General Casualty check \$1,000.00 will be used for NNO expenses plus our \$500.00 NNO grant. Some expenses incurred were the band \$500.00 plus a gratuity of \$100.00. Clowns were given additional money for extending their time spent at NNO. Rental table and chairs were \$60.00. Merchandise from NNO web site amounted to \$100.00. Ken mentioned creating signs by next year to use in case of location change due to weather. Size and wording was discussed. It was discussed purchasing a sign to use at Hoover in the future for location change. We need to be able to let everyone know that location has changed due to weather/heat. We have always used bodies but these people can be better utilized helping with NNO activities. We can have a sign made at Kinko's for \$75.00, it is one sided. The consensus of the committee was that we need a sign of some sort to inform people attending NNO of location/change. Wording will be important in order to convey message. Discussion was tabled until March 2007. We lost two of our street signs. They will be replaced. It was discussed whether a temperature guideline needs to be established for future years.

Social Committee: Discussion was that the night was a HUGE success (even with the move to Hoover). A count of approximately 450 people was in attendance. There was discussion whether having the NNO has better attendance when held at the park versus Hoover School. The amount of food used is less when held indoors. Thank you to Hy-Vee for taking back pop, chips, buns and condiments and giving us credit for \$70.00. Total bill was \$640.00. Don and Cheryl both agreed that Hy-Vee on Euclid was just fantastic to work with. Don and Cheryl will write a thank you letter to their contacts at Hy-Vee. Bob suggested highlighting the Hy-Vee in next newsletter. Our next newsletter is due out in October 2006. Discussion about the serving line seemed to be a little more work this year. Baked beans didn't seem to be a favorite, but the fruit went exceptionally well. Bob said next year he will bring his portable speaker and microphone. Hoover cheerleaders were a great asset and they have volunteered to help next year. Chris will send pictures of the evening along with letter of thanks to both General Casualty and Target. It was discussed the procedure for giving out prizes. Chris shared her idea for a prize walk. The number of prizes were discussed all of which were donated. Discussion on the procedure for giving away prizes was tabled until March of 2007.

Committee Development: Don expressed his desire to Ken to have Charles Gabus Ford advertise in our newsletter.

West Chester Park: Copper top is being installed on the pavilion roof.

Membership: Mark was absent. One new membership and 3 paid memberships resulted from NNO.

Business: Cheryl has brought forth a new advertiser Bonapatreat. Ad payments are coming in and checks will be deposited. Ken spoke with Travis TV, they will probably advertise in the next newsletter.

Communications: MNA Donations & Dues. Chris has made revisions. Chris will ask Keri to send a check for \$50.00 for Hoover Golf Outing. Des Moines Neighbors donation was paid. Hoover Booster Club 2007 due is \$100.00. Brian Millard sent Chris notice of dues. We do this as a show of good faith. We are given a season pass for Hoover events. We did not receive one last year. It was discussed taking this years and last years and donating it to a Hoover family that otherwise couldn't afford one. No need to motion already voted to pay as these items come due for payment.

Beaverdale Parade is September 23 at 10:00am. Meet at First Federation at 9:00am. Bob will see if he could have the use of a Hummer for the parade.

Des Moines Register will be doing an article on our association. Chris is hoping to push back the date until Westchester Park is completed. Chris will have statistic pertaining to our association. Discussion about what type of picture we want for the paper. The general census was to have children on playground along with board.

Old and New Business: Don and Wayne went to Des Moines Neighbors Meeting which is held every 4th Thursday at 7:00am. Don said it was very information and interesting gathering. The board would like to have some of our advertisers present at the next quarterly meeting board. We would like to get the neighborhood churches involved in our association. Pastor Solberg of the Zion Lutheran has voiced an interest in becoming involved with the neighborhood association. An invitation will be extended to area churches.

Thank you and goodies were delivered by Wayne Thomas to the city crews who helped with our scrub day. Don received an acknowledgement of thanks for recommending the idea. Merle Hay Association will take lead for Scrub Day. They (Merle Hay) have already contacted Wayne for input for next year.

Bob talked with Andrea Eustice about the Booster Club, the city and Polk County putting a monument sign at 50th and Aurora to identify the Hoover – Meredith campus and neighborhood association. Bob drew a design for Mrs. Eutice and she said she would present it to the board. Need to make it informative and attractive. Will have to be combined effort due to cost. Mid American may be of help with this project. Meredith Neighborhood street signs are still in the process mode. We will need to have permission from city.

We discussed a property that is in need of help. Members were asked to give this some thought on how we can handle and help with this situation. Received a complaint about the Target red sidewalk chalk leaving stains. Chris will forward this complaint to Target.

Quarterly meeting is scheduled for November 7th election night. Shall we reschedule? Motion to keep the meeting on scheduled night was made by Bob, all agreed to leave the way it is. Ken was contacted by Jeff Lamberti campaign manager. Jeff would like to attend a board meeting or quarterly meeting. He is welcome to attend and speak for a 5 minutes. Ken will pass this on to Mr. Lamberti.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



Peggy Grim
Secretary 2006-2008
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