



## **Meredith Neighborhood Association**

### **QUARTERLY Meeting**

#### **Minutes of November 9, 2004**

Hoover High School Cafeteria

4800 Aurora Avenue / Des Moines, IA 50310

Neighbors present are listed on the Sign-In Sheet

Meredith neighbors enjoyed a delicious Pie Social with refreshments beginning at 6:30 pm. Thank you to Nancy and Harold Rathert for serving the pies and to President Justin Gross for coordinating the purchase of the pies with a discount from Dahl's Foods. Remaining pies were given to attendees as door prizes.

MNA President Justin Gross presented the Meeting Agenda for the evening which was approved. There were no previous meeting minutes to approve as the last quarterly meeting was held as a Family Picnic at Hoover High Scholl on August 3.

**Treasurer Report** – Mikki Kinning had reports showing a beginning balance \$7,546.49; revenue of \$340.00 which included 21 received memberships (315.00) and apparel revenue (\$25.00); expenses of \$1,163.17 for the Fall Newsletter and Night Out \$119.6; with an ending balance as of November 9 of \$6,603.71.

Mikki provided copies of the Fiscal 2005 Projected Budget listing revenue and expense projections; the attendees agreed it looked very good and thanked Mikki for her efforts. Mikki distributed copies of the General Ledger (detailed by items) sheet which breaks out the events and projects.

**Speaker Larry Rogers, Senior Police Officer, Vice and Narcotics Control Section** discussed neighborhood thefts and deterrents and passed out crime maps of our area. Neighbors asked lots of questions and received great feedback.

**Speaker John Gaps III, Community Publications Director, Des Moines Register** spoke on how he and his staff at the West Register section (published on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday) report and promote neighborhood and community events and photos covering the latest news.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Westchester Park Committee** – The new area grading has been completed and the older play equipment installation has been assembled and in place. Families and kids are enjoying the park.

**Membership Committee** – Chris Craig reported new membership data volunteer Jennifer Hushagen has updated the Excel membership and mailing lists doing a great job. Membership continues to increase each quarterly mailing and the renewal process of mailing in \$15 dues using the remit envelopes enclosed with each newsletter works very smooth.

**Social Committee** – The neighborhood **Holiday Lights Contest** is coming up this December with a deadline for MNA neighbors to enter their display of December 10. Judging takes places on December 13 and winners will receive cash, a yard sign, framed plaque and have their photos and stories in the Winter newsletter issue.

**Business Committee** – Ken Craig reported on the success of the Member Appreciation night at Carlos O'Kelly's and thanked General Manager Paul Dullard for the 20% dinner discount they offered to the MNA members.

**Communications Committee** – Ken Craig asked if neighbors received their Fall / October newsletter issue in the mail and asked neighbors to thank our sponsors and use advertiser coupons. The Business Committee rounds up all the ads which pay for the printing and mailing of each quarterly issue mailed direct to over 1,000 residents.

**Community Development Committee** – Don Shaw reported on a variety of topics and Wayne Thomas reported that the city is looking at cutting back on Scrub Days for the neighborhoods and the Des Moines Neighbors will be the central point to voice concerns.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. These minutes are in abbreviated form as the laptop file did not save properly.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chris Craig". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Chris Craig, MNA Secretary 2004-2006