

CHNA Membership Meeting Minutes

Church of the Beatitudes-September 14, 2015

Attendees: Among those present were board members Kristen Noakes-Fry, Thomas Paterek, Sean Suits, Sarah Suits, Louise Barrett, Karri Morrison, Greg Fallon (see attendance sheet for complete list)

Minutes – Greg Fallon

- Summary of May 4 minutes provided verbally by Greg Fallon
- No corrections or objections - minutes had previous board approval

Treasurer's Report – Louise Barrett

- Provided verbally by Louise and written copy submitted
- Current balance \$5,133

Projects – Sarah Suits

- Solicited volunteers for newsletter routes
- Provided update on Halloween block party planning. The group has obtained a variety of gift cards and baskets from local businesses. Contact John Sullivan for volunteering or questions.

Guest - Brandy Stark from Patty and Friends Antique Village announced they will be hosting Spirits of the Season Oct 24th 7-9pm, a paranormal ghost tour for Halloween.

Second VP – Thomas Paterek

- Provided details on upcoming CareFest

Crescent Heights Outreach – Dr. Peter Armacost from Church of the Beatitudes

- Crescent Heights Outreach currently undertaking two projects. The first is an online survey of the entire neighborhood asking residents about interests, knowledge, skills, and abilities and willingness to donate time and talents. The Church is also requesting a table at the Halloween block party with paper surveys available.
- The second project is an Arts and Culture Fair, featuring artists from the neighborhood.
- Peter suggested educational programs could also be offered on evenings when no membership meeting was held.

Traffic Committee – Karri Morrison

- First meeting will be held September 21st at the Church to begin review of the neighborhood plan and discuss any issues. All are welcome to attend and participate.

Community Officer Report – Officer Ray Merritt

- 4 auto thefts in last month – 1 motorcycle, 2 cars with keys left inside the vehicle, 1 key left in garage
- 3 auto burglaries
- 2 residential burglaries – 1 garage, 1 house window – both arrested
- Crescent Lake BBQ cancelled
- Yard Sale to be held in November
- New solicitation ordinance – soliciting where No Soliciting sign is posted will be a violation against solicitor's permit
- Time change approaching meaning darker earlier. Street and external lights should be checked as well as trees obstructing the lights
- Encouraged participation at MLK Business monthly meeting. Sean Suits took the action.
- Overall neighborhood is getting younger and younger
- Contact American Red Cross for CPR training at neighborhood event

Guest Speaker - Lyndon Smith

- Lyndon is retired president of American Fire Advisory Co. and owns a business selling fire detection devices
- Provided tips on fire safety, gave contact information, and awarded door prize

St Petersburg Community Affairs – Therese Hilliard

- Grants available from the city, applications under \$20k aren't complicated – murals, landscaping, lighting, signs, etc.
- Volunteer opportunities with SPPD Citizens Police Academy – Sep 29 through Nov 17, Tuesdays 6-9pm. Call 727-893-7128 for information
- All encouraged to take part in CareFest, Sep 26th – 670 projects (www.carefestusa.com)

Other Business

- Bylaws in progress – Louise Barrett
- Nominating committee is compiling a list of prospective board member nominees – Sarah Suits

Motion to adjourn was made by Thomas Paterek and seconded by Greg Fallon.

Respectfully Submitted by Greg Fallon