

CHNA Neighborhood Meeting

September 12, 2016

6:30 refreshments-Church of the Beatitudes

Members and Visitors Present:

Officers: Thomas Paterek, Louise Barrett, Amy Kelso, Greg Fallon, Karri Morrison, (24 members signed in).

Visitors:

- Rev. Phil Miller-Evans, Church of the Beatitudes
- Officer Ray Merritt, St Petersburg Police Department
- Martha Boden, SPCA CEO
- Crescent Lake Neighborhood Association President Lisset Hanewicz

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President, Thomas Paterek.

Membership Chair Amy Kelso filling in for Susan O’Gara summarized the approved minutes of July 11, 2016 Neighborhood Meeting. Minutes had been approved prior to the meeting by Thomas Paterek, Sarah Suits, and Gregory Fallon.

Treasurer’s report was summarized by Treasurer Louise Barrett.

Balance as of August 1, 2016	\$ 6,326.94
Balance as of August 31, 2016	\$ 5,292.41
Total expenses	\$ 1,139.53

Amy Kelso moved to accept and Greg Fallon seconded. Treasurer’s report was accepted unanimously as presented.

Officer Merritt’s report:

Only two incidents in a 2 month period were reported in Crescent Heights:

- Attempted burglary through pedestrian door of garage, unsuccessful
- Attempted burglary of a hammock (without an occupant 😊) and the owner caught the thief in the process and it was dropped and the person took off

Officer Merritt that we make sure to suspicious activity to 727-893-7780 the non-emergency number. There was also a brief discussion of large trucks in the neighborhood again plus a golf cart. Officer Merritt will be on the lookup

for these if they pass through again. The golf cart is legal on the street only with proper tags, insurance as would be required for a car.

Martha Boden, SPCA:

Martha reported that a new facility is about to open at 3250 5th Ave N. This facility will expand SPCA's reach beyond Largo but in a new and different way. This facility will be set up partially for standard veterinary care, and partially for spay and neutering. The goal of this facility is to provide care for both those that can afford it at customary rates, and for reduced or free rates or payment plans for those that cannot. Martha spoke of the challenges of those even with elderly pets, where the cost of care can go up and sometimes pets have to be put up for adoption if their fees are not affordable. This facility hopes to keep pets with the families as much as possible.

Board Member & Committee Chair Announcements

First VP – Business Relations- Sarah Suits

Thomas reported for Sarah in her absence:

- Newsletters for Sept/Oct have been distributed
- 2017 membership cards have been ordered
- Email was sent regarding Crescent Lake Festival
- Also Carefest and Block party coming up – volunteers needed
- Please everyone get your pumpkins out this year and be “obnoxious” about it! Also it was mentioned to punch holes to drain the water to prevent mosquitos

Second VP – Programs- Greg Fallon

Greg summarized the dates for upcoming events:

- Crescent Lake Festival 9/17
- Care fest 9/24
- Book Club 9/27
- Porch party – Allums – 10/7
- Block Party 10/29
- Next CHNA general meeting 11/7
- Thanksgiving Parade
- Day after Thanksgiving pot luck at Elizabeth Nevin's

- Local Business socials, first one will be at Treehouse gallery, date is still TBD
- Martha Boden from SPCA mentioned they might want to host a Business social!
- Lights in the Heights is either 12/9 or 12/16 or 12/17 TBD

Membership-Amy Kelso

161 households are members as of tonight.

Newsletter Editor- Karri Morrison

Newsletters a bit delayed this time but they are out. Need more articles and they are due by the 10th of the month before.

General Announcements

Thomas gave out sign-up sheets for CareFest and for the Crescent Lake Festival volunteers. There will be shifts for the Crescent Lake festival. 2-3,000 people are expected to attend.

Angie Connor is heading up the Carefest – she reminded us that this is our portion of a city-wide event. She will be meeting with Pastor Phil after the CHNA meeting to finalize plans. In the works are power washing, landscape work and possibly painting. Need volunteers. There will be shifts and many volunteers needed still. Angie also mentioned about the teenagers involved to earn hours for Bright Futures Scholarships & Florida Academic Scholar. Since we are a 501(c)(3), students can earn points toward their scholarships working with us and she has them involved in Carefest as well as the Block Party so far.

John Sullivan reported on the Block party 5-7pm, 10/29, on 7th street between 25th and 26th as in past years. There will not be a home decorating contest in terms of prizes but the committee encourages folks to decorate, including those pumpkins. At the event there will be the usual costume contests, games, raffles and such. The membership table will be there and a raffle ticket will also be given when dues is paid/renewed.

Community mural project-Thomas Paterek reported that the Mural committee work has resulted in \$24,000 in funding planned for October 1st, and the two murals will be on 4th Street between 23rd and 24th, and on MLK between 25th and 26th. Additional volunteers and time spent to earn hours will ramp up further after October 1st. Murals are planned to be completed by the end of the year.

Rev Phil Miller-Evans mentioned the upcoming Feb 25th, 2017, **Art & Cultural Fair**. Committee membership should be from both CHNA and the Church of the Beatitudes as this is a Crescent Heights Outreach project.

Emma Robertson talked about possibly constructing a Hidden Library in our neighborhood. This is a place that is covered from the elements and holds books that are donated, and borrowed. Possibly the book club can take this on as project. It was mentioned there are a few around St Pete already.

The Crescent Lake Neighborhood Association president Lisset Hanewicz attended our meeting and is trying to build up their association again. There was a brief discussion of past activities in their neighborhood that may be taken up again. They hope to build their membership at the Crescent Lake Festival this weekend.

Greg Fallon moved to adjourn the meeting and Karri Morrison seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm by Thomas Paterek.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Kelso, standing in for Susan O’Gara

Crescent Heights Neighborhood Association
Treasurer's Report
(August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016)

Balance as of August 1, 2016	\$ 6,326.94
Balance as of August 31, 2016	\$ 5,292.41

Revenue

Ads:	\$45
Membership dues 2016 (1)	\$20
Membership dues 2016 Paypal (2)	\$40

Total Revenue	\$105
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Expenditures

3.7% Pay Pal Fees 4@.74	\$1.48
Custom Flag, Partial Payment	\$1000.00
Go Daddy Web Cost	\$138.05

total expenses	\$1,139.53
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net change (\$1034.53)