

Pendleton Heights March General Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2010 (7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

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Will Royster kicked off our meeting this evening. Will is the Vice-President of the Scarritt-Renaissance Neighborhood Association and Will is on the 2010 Census “Count Committee”. He wanted to inform the membership that the population count for the Northeast, for years, has been “under-counted” by at least 1/3. This prevents the Northeast from receiving appropriate funding for schools, various organizations, residential funding, etc. which is NOT RIGHT. We need to get the word out to everyone possible in our area, that when they receive the form to fill out for the Census; complete it immediately and accurately and get it sent back in. The information on this form has nothing to with “Law Enforcement” or “Immigration” and it does not matter whether the residents are “legal or illegal”. The information does not get reported to those types of agencies. The information is used for population count ONLY. Please spread the word through your churches, newsletters or any form of communication to ensure all residents are aware of this fact. A TRUE count is required.

Each attending member introduced themselves.

Officer & Committee Reports:

- **Housing and Development – Billie Robleado, President:** New & exciting information to come. No current update other than we are currently working on updating the By-Laws for PHNA.
- **Communication – Newsletter – Su Collura** - The quarterly newsletter will be completed by March 16th. It will be emailed to the City for printing to be done by them. Hard Copy distribution of the newsletter and update on our website will be completed by April 1.
- **Website – No update – Brian Srch; absent.**
- **Crime & Security – No update – Marcellus Sinclair; absent.**
- **Fundraising – No update – Larry Dailey; absent.**
- **2010 Annual Holiday Homes Tour – Kent Dicus** – The first monthly meeting for this year will take place next month; April 7th at 308 Garfield Avenue (Kent and Michael’s home). This meeting will take place the 2nd Wednesday of every month at a designated home. All volunteers and interested residents are welcome to attend. To date; two homes on Olive Street. have confirmed to show their homes for the tour this year.
- **Paranormal Research-Su Collura-** Feb. 26 the Paranormal Group performed the research at the Collura residence. The report has not yet been completed and presented. This should happen within the next couple of weeks. If we do not receive enough interest this year from resident’s in our neighborhood for the research to be done by the Paranormal Group; the fundraiser may have to be postponed until fall of 2011.
- **Pendleton Heights History Book – Kent Dicus** – PHNA is looking to “piggy-back” off of what Harold Dellinger’s book that he wrote regarding the History of the Lykins Neighborhood Association. This will be a fundraiser for PHNA and is work in progress.
- **Membership – No update – Linda Fleischman; absent.**
- **New Historian – Marian Wegener** – Our photographer will be assisting Marian with the pictures with this new position. There is no update because this PHNA position was just implemented.

Program and Presentation for this evening:

New Decade of Don Bosco; Speakers: President, Nick Scielzo and Bilingual Youth Activities Coordinator & Seniors Specialist; Val Lund

Summary of Presentation: Nick has been President for the past 6 years. They are a 501(c) 3 organization and work with a 5 million dollar budget. They are non-denominational and receive their funding from MARC, Federal, and Local, State, United Way and various other organizations.

- Don Bosco has 6 (Six) different Centers in the Northeast:
 - o **Senior Center** located at Campbell Street & Independence Avenue. This Center has been active for 20 years. They service 100-130 people for various activities. They serve about 700 meals per day; 270 Don Bosco “Meals on Wheels”, 130 for Holy Rosary Church “Meals on Wheels” and 300 other meals for other Senior Centers and the Don Bosco Charter School.
 - o **Don Bosco Charter High School** at 548 Brooklyn. This was originally an Elementary school. It is now considered an “Alternative” school for “At Risk” kids. Most of the kids are from outside of the Northeast area. The average attendance is 200 and the Student/Teacher ratio is 12:1. This school will be changing Principals this year.
 - o **Family Support Center for Emergency Assistance** located at 520 Garfield Avenue or services also can be obtained at 531 Garfield Avenue which is the Administrative Building. They assist needy families and residents with rent, utilities and repairs in addition to having a clothing pantry, food pantry and job training services on site. They have also joined services with “Re-Start” to help people stay in their homes or will assist people find new homes if they have lost their home.
 - o **Counseling Center** – Don Bosco partners with Truman Behavioral Center to offer mental health counseling for those in need.
 - o **ESL (English Second Language) Center** located at 526 Campbell Street. They partner with Penn Valley College and are funded by the State of MO to offer classes to anyone who wishes to learn English as their 2nd language.
 - o **Youth Development** – headed up by Val Lund. She has worked in this position for 1 ½ yrs. They offer many programs for youths in the Northeast.
 - They have a Summer program called “CHAMPS” (Choosing Healthy Activities & Methods Promoting Safety). 50 Youths are enrolled with 35-40 being active. (Ages 5-14 years old)
 - They also have an after school program they are piloting. This is a soccer academy which is based in the Northeast Middle School. They are partnering with the NE Soccer League which has over 700 kids. This program seems to be very successful and provides the kids with mentoring and a structured environment for them to be active in.

The presentation was interactive with PHNA member comments, questions and suggestions. It provided the PHNA membership with history and information which had not been communicated in previous years. Hopefully, working collaboratively with Don Bosco; a renewed relationship can be restored for the betterment of our community.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.