

May General Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2010 / 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Scuola Vita Nuova
544 Wabash
Kansas City, MO 64124

Billie Robleado, President opened the meeting with a welcome to all attendees.

All attendees introduced themselves.

Billie Robleado:

- She stated that Harold Dellinger and Scott Burnett will be the speakers at our next Pendleton Heights Neighborhood Meeting.
- She also mentioned that she attended a meeting with the Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department. The subject matter was regarding possible changes to be made to the intersection of Independence Avenue and Benton Boulevard in the future. Anyone with any thoughts or ideas of what may be done to enhance the intersection (i.e. adding a round-a-bout, etc.); needs to contact the Parks and Recreation Dept. Will Royster, Vice-President of Scarritt Neighborhood Association is also involved with this project and said that any thoughts would be welcomed.
- Billie said that thanks to Deb Hermann, our Association has been given the \$5500.00 necessary to begin the process of down-zoning. This project is currently "work in progress".
- The modifications to the current Pendleton Heights Bylaws are also work in progress and should be completed in the near future.
- A child on a bicycle was hit at the intersection of Lexington and Wabash. Children need to be educated. Due to the speeding issues that happen on Lexington; it was discussed that a possible flashing light or stop sign be placed at this intersection. Billie will pursue this by requesting that a traffic study be performed by law enforcement at this intersection.

Committee Reports

Kent Dicus, Vice-President:

- **Homes Tour Update** – The second meeting will be Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at 405 Olive Street. We now have four homes committed to participating in the Holiday Homes Tour. Three of the homes are on Olive Street and one home is on Park Avenue. The outcome of the first Homes Tour meeting; the day of the tour will be Saturday, November 20, 2010 and the hours will be 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. Stay tuned for more information!
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- **History Book (Now and Then) Fundraiser** – We need about 70 residents/businesses to participate in this very worthwhile fundraiser. It costs \$40 to participate and each participant will receive a free book. We need a picture of the home/property as it was "back then" and some verbiage for the picture. We have a photographer, David Remley, who will be taking the "now" picture for the book. Currently all pictures and verbiage should be given to Kent Dicus or someone on the board by the end of July, so the book

can be published in time for the Homes Tour. It was suggested that the deadline be postponed to a later date so people could have time to work on their yards, etc. so the "Now" pictures could depict a more inviting nature. This suggestion will be taken into consideration.

Treasurer Report:

- **Michael Ohlson** - Beginning balance = \$8,188.74. Two checks were written; One for replacing torn street banners and the second for our P.O. Box renewal. Ending Balance = \$7,802.74

Crime Report:

- **Marcellus Sinclair** - Marcellus is working with Office James Schriever for a Personal Safety Course (geared toward women/girls) to take place in the near future in the Northeast. This course may take place in the July timeframe. They will continue to work together to try to get the Training Course on the calendar. We may work the other Neighborhood Associations to get this accomplished.

Community Engagement:

- **Virginia Collura** - Virginia stated that there will be an "Action Meeting" to discuss Summer Schools and what activities will be available for the youths this year. The meeting will be at Holy Cross Church at 7 p.m. on June 22, 2010. Major El and other Law Enforcement Officers will be present. Everyone is invited to attend.

Website - Brian Srch was absent. - No update

Membership - Linda Fleischman was absent. - No update

Fundraising - Larry Dailey was absent – Updates were given by Kent Dicus as seen in the minutes stated above.

Newsletter Report:

- **Su Collura** – The next newsletter will be published by July 1, 2010. All articles need to be completed and given to Su by June 22nd or so; for the City to be able to print the copies of the newsletter for us. The newsletters will then be distributed.
- The Cliff Drive Corridor event is taking place on Sunday, May 16, 2010 and everyone is invited. PHNA will participate by having a booth to sell Homes Tour posters, water and will be giving kites away. Will Royster also stated that we need to get the news out of this event so everyone is aware of all of the "fixed assets" that we have in the Northeast community.

Featured Presentation/Speakers: Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience (KCUMB)

- Michael Seward with H.E.L.P.S (NEKC Health, Education and Public Safety Consortium) , Dr. Seft G. Hunter and Ms. Charlotte Williams, RN

Charlotte Williams – Manages the Clinical Research Studies at KCUMB. Before any new drug is released to the marketplace; testing and research is required. KCUMB work with various pharmaceutical companies to get this accomplished. They participate in many studies, some being; Advair, HIV, Blood Pressure, Diabetes, etc. To participate in a clinical study, a person must meet specific qualifications. Depending upon the clinical study being tested; a dollar incentive will be dispersed to the qualified participant. KCUMB recruits and markets these studies through various means; doctors, newspapers, radio stations, medical facilities and different media choices. They also have a program called "Refer a Friend". If someone is referred to them by a person and the referred person qualifies for a study; \$50.00 will be given to the person who referred the qualified applicant. KCUMB will also pay for the qualified applicant's transportation to their facility and any babysitting fees if necessary. All current Clinical studies can be found on their website:

www.novartisclinicaltrials.com

Dr. Seft G. Hunter – Director of Sponsor Research – Dr. Hunter administers research through a community based program utilizing KCUMB. They obtain data through intervention or interaction with individuals and all information is kept confidential. The "Score 1 for Health" program that they have instituted constitutes the largest health-screening program and assessment of BMI for Missouri children and focuses on reaching children in areas of greatest need, including urban-core, underprivileged and low-income families. They work with about 15,000 kids per year; Kindergarten through 5th grade. Not only do they use BMI data, but also oral and vision data. Childhood Obesity is a trend in today's world and KCUMB compiles data from their research to try to impact the health of Kansas City's most vulnerable citizens through free in-school screening, preventive health education and identifying resources for treatment. Dr. Hunter mentioned that he would recommend that for a future PHNA meeting; Dr. Richard Suminski attend to speak with us about how the environment affects health, personal motivation and public safety.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.