**Southwestern Hills Neighborhood Association**

**Board Meeting-January 21, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 by SWHNA President George Davis. Board Members in attendance were; George Davis, Nick VanPatten, Penny Harrison, Jon Shelness, Steve Utterson, Steve Sarcone, Joe Harrison. Heather Carman submitted a written treasures report. Speaking guests present were Chris Hensley and Ryan Rohlf.

The minutes of the November 19, 2018 board meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

The Treasures report, submitted by Heather Carman dated January 21, 2019 was examined and approved as submitted.

Chris Hensley spoke as co-chairman of Public Measure A (1-cent sales tax) vote on March 5, 2019. Her points included how the tax monies would be distributed and reviewed by a “citizen over site committee” each year. The assessed tax rate in Des Moines is $17.24, the highest in Polk County, per $1000. The City Manager has stated this will go over $18.00 in the future if current services are provided. If the tax vote passes, the rate will drop to $16.64 per $1000, with no increase proposed in the future. She stated other areas would receive needed monies including street repair, public safety updates, continued funding for thirteen fire fighters, flooding safety projects and increased library hours. Blighted home demolition would increase from 30 homes to 150 homes. The Board was provided statements from SWHNA neighbor responses, posted on our website, Facebook and emails sent out regarding the tax vote. Both pro and con support was discussed. The SWHNA Board voted 8-0 to support the sales tax vote.

Neighborhood member, Ryan Rohlf, received Board support to head-up a neighborhood food pantry drive. Ryan will work out details regarding, location, dates and area pantries to be served. He will bring his report back to the Board. Ryan ran a very good neighborhood garage sale promotion last fall.

The Board approved meeting dates for 2019. Board meetings will continue the third Monday of each month, except December, starting at 6:00PM. SWHNA General Meetings will be April 4th, August 6th which is Neighbors Night Out, and November 7th. The Mega-Scrub Day will be September 21st from 7:00AM-1:00PM

A Southwestern Hills Newsletter is scheduled to go out this week. It will be delivered to all 1700+ residents.

The meeting was concluded at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted by George Davis for,

Ginny Renda, Secretary SWHNA