SOUTHWESTERN HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting

 SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

The Board meeting, held at Wakonda Christian Church, was called to order at 6:00 PM by President, George Davis. Board members present were Nick Van Patten, Ginny Renda, Jon Shelness, Joe Harrison and Steve Utterson. Minister Robyn Bless of Wakonda Church was present as a presenter.

The minutes of the August 20 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

The Treasurer’s report, submitted by Treasurer, Heather Carman was discussed and approved as presented.

Minister, Robyn Bles, of Wakonda Christian Church was presented a $200 check for use of Church facilities. Board Meetings and the “Neighbors Night Out Picnic” are hosted at the Church. Wakonda Church does not require a charge for any usage.

Pastor Bles shared with the Board that the church’s playground will be available to all neighborhood families, when their preschool is not in session. The preschool is held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday until 2:30 pm.

Minister Bles also presented a Halloween event for children to be held in the church parking lot. This event is called “Trunk and Treats” and will be held on Sunday, October 28 from 3:00-5:00PM. This event promises to be a fun activity for children in the neighborhood. Those who want to have their car or truck part of this event will need to RSVP to the pastor by October 15. It was suggested participates should give out treats and have games if they want. President Davis may volunteer to do a dunk tank if he can find a large raincoat.

SCRUB Day was held on September 15. George Davis, Jon Shelness, Steve Utterson, Steve Sarcone, and Ginny Renda helped with this event. There was a mix up on the times for this event. The city website had the time from 7:00AM-2:00PM. City employees said that the event ended at 1:00 pm. The Board will address the City’s website at a future tme. It was also suggested that we have soft drinks for the workers. The event was a neighborhood success.

Board members were encouraged to attend the “Planning and Zoning” meeting on September 20. It seems this meeting has something to do with the 30 Year Plan and items on the “Consent Agenda” are not clear. The board was confused as to the purpose of this City meeting with little notice. George Davis, Nick Van Patten, Steve Utterson, and Steve Sarcone are planning to attend.

The Board approved a letter in support of the Des Moines Police Department. Their thankless job is very much appreciated.

The fall General Meeting is held at Brody Middle School on November 8, 2018. The election of officers will be part of that meeting. Heather, Joe, Jon and Penny are up for re-election. The board will finalize plans for the Fall Meeting at the October Board meeting.

The Board discussed the proposed narrowing of driving lanes on Fleur Drive which will accommodate new 5 foot sidewalks. The Board is in favor of sidewalks on Fleur Drive but not in favor of narrowing driving lanes. This would create a dangerous situation, especially when fire trucks are on the street. The Board plans discussion with city officials and at the General Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15PM. The next meeting Board meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Renda, Secretary SWHNA