

Westwood Neighborhood Association Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2008
Hanawalt School

1. Call to Order: President Brad Sammon called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. In attendance were Brad Sammon, President, Amy Zuck, Vice President, Ed Truslow, Treasurer, Amy MacKrell, Newsletter Editor, and Thomas Kisch, Secretary.
2. Approve January 20, 2009 Minutes: Amy Zuck moved the minutes be approved as written. Amy MacKrell seconded the motion. All approved.
3. Membership / Treasurer Report:
 - A. Membership: The association has 90 members for the current membership year of July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009.

An updated Membership List will be sent to Amy MacKrell when she prepares each newsletter to ensure all current neighborhood association members are noted. Discussion was held about the feasibility of purchasing Westwood Neighborhood signs that members could post in their yards denoting membership. The proposed size would be comparable to signs used by security firms showing that a house is protected. The cost for purchasing such signs is unknown pending contact with Kness Signs.
 - B. Treasurer's Report: Ed Truslow shared a report with the board showing the following:

January 2009--Beginning Balance:	\$4,338.30
Deposits:	\$ 155.00 (Memberships)
	\$ 12.00 (Neighborhood Card Sales)
Expenses:	\$ 400.00 (Des Moines Art Center)
	\$ 160.00 (Roosevelt HS Orchestra)
	\$ 50.00 (Star Bar—Door Prize)
Ending Balance	\$3,895.30
February 2009--Beginning Balance:	\$3,895.30
Deposits:	\$ 115.00 (Memberships)
Expenses:	\$ 0.00
Current Balance:	\$4,010.30 (as of 2-17-09)
4. Neighborhood Liaison Report: In Sharon Murphy's absence, Brad Sammon informed the board that Sharon has a new e-mail address. It is smurph@mchsi.com. The Board of Directors' list needs to be updated to reflect Sharon's new address.
5. Beautification Committee Report: Brad Sammon has confirmed that Bob Cook from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be available to speak at our April 21 board meeting. Mr. Cook will present a program about our city's aging oak trees and about garlic mustard. Brad

is in the process of reserving a meeting location that will accommodate guests from surrounding neighborhood associations.

6. Jane Hein—Guest Speaker, March 24: Brad Sammon has confirmed that Jane Hein, President of Friends of the Des Moines Parks Foundation, will speak at our March 24 board meeting. She will offer information regarding the state of Des Moines parks, what is needed, and what is planned. The program will include a power point presentation. Discussion was held about having the meeting at Merrill Middle School to accommodate Ms. Hein's presentation.

7. Social Committee:

A. Jazz in July: In Rob Denhartog's absence, Thomas Kisch reported that he has been in contact with Scott Davis about being the featured musician at this year's concert. Mr. Davis is not available on July 10, but is available on July 11 or July 17. It was consensus of the board that July 11 would be the preferred date.

B. Westwood Great Perennial Divide: Discussion was held about whether an event will be held this year; and if so, having it later than the last two years because of unseasonably cool weather. In the report of last year's event (which was held on May 2 and 3, 2008), Barbara Bell recommended future events be held no sooner than May 15.

8. Newsletter Timeline: Amy MacKrell plans to have the next neighborhood newsletter ready for delivery on or about April 18. To do this, articles need to be submitted to Amy by March 28. Suggested topics include "save the date" for the Jazz in July concert, information about our guest speakers' presentations, an update regarding Hanawalt School, reference to our neighborhood web page, information about current displays at the Des Moines Art Center, and an updated membership list.

9. Other Business: Discussion was held about recommendations made by Des Moines Neighbors regarding our association's bylaws. It was consensus of the board for the subcommittee that reviewed / revised the bylaws in 2007 to reconvene, review the recommendations, and propose changes for the board's approval.

10. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.