

# **Sedgefield General Meeting**

## **February 9, 2016**

### **Welcome by President, Will Johns**

#### **Treasurer Report~ (2014-2015 = 125 members)**

Current Balance: \$ 6,800.00

(6 neighborhood association members to date) If dues have not been paid for the 2015-2016 year, they are \$20. Online payment option is available at <http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/Sedgefield>.

Checks, made payable to Sedgefield Neighborhood Association, can also be submitted to Beth Johns, Treasurer.

### **Taste of Sedgefield~**

\*Local restaurants shared samples for the attendees to enjoy during our meeting.

\*Restaurants included: 300 East, Suarez Bakery, and Lebowski's.

### **Newsletter Update~**

\*Online version has been estimated to arrive this week.

\* Printed copies remain available for those who request it.

Please contact Beth Johns.

\*Updated layout

\*Facebook, Nextdoor, and our Newsletter remain communication mediums for our neighborhood.

### **Social~**

\*Schools Update: Neighbors were encouraged to complete the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Survey, available on the CMS website, Nextdoor/Facebook Pages (link has been included within conversations), and within our online newsletter (look for the hotlink). This is an opportunity to share your input about upcoming redistricting and our neighborhood schools.

Eleanor Rodway (Elementary School Contact)~ Families of elementary school-age children or rising school-age children can contact her for further information.

Eric Turner: Principal of Sedgefield Middle School (since July, 2015)

\*Principal Turner continues to seek neighborhood input and shares a desire to continue building a relationship with our neighborhood and maintaining open communication.

\*Accountability measures for truancy have been implemented and met with a rise in student attendance. Attendance percentages have risen to 95%, up from 89% last year.

\*The Montessori Program has been approved to expand to the high school level, resulting with the attendance of high school students at Sedgefield Middle School beginning next year. This will be 1 of 2 schools in NC to have such an extended Montessori Program.

\*Volunteer Club Opportunities: Every Friday from (3-5 p.m.), students have the opportunity to participate with various clubs: Coding, Chess, Garden, Zumba, etc.) To participate, students must meet academic achievements during the week.

Interested to volunteer? Please contact Sedgefield Middle School.

\*Area Development: Part of the Sedgefield Middle School campus is on the market for development. Our neighborhood remains involved to ensure input about neighborhood impact.

\*Streets and Sidewalks Update: An upcoming study (Charlotte WALKS) will be taking place soon to focus on the improvement of our streets and sidewalks to support our pedestrian/cyclist neighbors.

\*Garden Club: Adult garden club Contact: Samantha Pendergrass

\*Jazzy Gardeners: Kids garden club Contact: Karen Willis

\* S.N.A.P. : Parent Group (Mothers and/or Fathers)

\*Pedaling with the Police: Opportunity for neighbors to bring their bikes and/or strollers, get to know our neighborhood officers, and ride/walk the neighborhood. This event has been planned for Spring.

### **Sedgefest~**

\*Looking ahead to this yearly neighborhood festival at Sedgefield Park, an opportunity was made available for neighbors to sign up and support this event. If you would like to help with one of the listed committees, please share your committee of interest with Michael Seaton @ michael.m.seaton@gmail.com

**Set-up:** *Charlie Kirchnier, Christine & Tim Nicodemus*

### **Musical Entertainment**

**Break-down**

**Sponsors:** *Doug Morris*

**Kids Activities:** *Jacy Shaffer*

**Food & Drinks:** *Kimberly Spatola*

**"New Artists": Neighbors who may have art or crafts to advertise and desire exposure:** *Candle Bravo*

### **Police Update~ Officer Matthew Montgomery, CMPD~**

\*Crime Stats were shared on mini-cards for attendees.

\*Holiday timeframe reported very low activity.

\*Trend includes auto larceny (within the last month). Most instances involved unlocked cars with visible technology.

\*Neighbors were encouraged to call 911 with any observed suspicious activity.

### **Special Speaker~ Mayor Jennifer Roberts~**

\*Mayor Roberts shared a vision for Charlotte as an up-and-coming southern city that is working to embrace current development while working to balance the benefits and challenges that accompany it.

\*Embraces education and supportive of after-school time for kids to stay connected and constructive (United Way, Big Brothers/Sisters).

### **Flip Tops~ (from soda and soup cans)**

Donations support free accommodations for families at the Ronald McDonald House. Contact: Clara Hedberg

### **Book Nook at Sedgefield United Methodist Church~**

\*Books and puzzles available for purchase:

Hard Back/\$1.00, Soft Back/ \$0.50, Puzzles/ \$1.00.

\*Located on the lower floor where the neighborhood meetings occur.

**Sedgefield United Methodist Church- 7:00-8:15**