

Brentwood Neighborhood Association

January 14, 2019 Meeting

Schweitzer Brentwood Library, 6:30 PM

23 Neighbors in attendance including all board members.

Guest Speaker - PAR Officer Jacob Boomgaarden

- Officer Boomgaarden explained that his role is kind of a catch all position. He has been around long enough to know the area. He advised we may see some new officers in the area as they recently bid for new areas. Officer Boomgaarden advised that they see a large uptick in stolen vehicles this time of year. He advised to always lock your vehicle. He also advised not to leave your car running with the keys inside. He stated they also see most home invasions happen when people leave their garage doors open. Officer Boomgaarden has asked that we create a specific goal for him for the year. He would like to see it be something measurable that he can work on for the neighborhood.
- Questions from Neighbors:
  - Is there a way to report when a car is blocking a street and causing a potential hazard? Example on Greenwood. Officer Boomgaarden stated to report traffic and parking issues to the resource desk at 417-864-1010. If something is called into the resource desk, they will get in touch with the right city department and make them respond.
  - Is there anything that can be done about the stray cats around the neighborhood? Officer Boomgaarden stated that he thought you can call animal control for assistance.
  - Some neighbors have reported package thefts in the area. What is the best way to avoid having your package stolen? Officer Boomgaarden advised to stay vigilant. He said cameras are best, even the doorbell type. They will capture the actual theft. He couldn't recommend one but stated many big box stores have them and reviews are posted. He stated that if you know your neighbors and one is always home, see if you can have packages delivered there. He also suggested to call 911 if you see something suspicious. For example, if a grown man is riding a kids' bike down the road and has boxes balanced on the handlebars, that is suspicious. If you see something, say something.

Approval of the November Minutes

- November minutes were reviewed. No questions were asked. Dave Berg made a motion to approve. Mary Bell provided the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carries with no dissents.

Treasurer's Report

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| 11/26/2018 | Previous Balance        | \$ 109.32 |
| 12/03/2019 | Income (Dues Collected) | 106.00    |
| 01/14/2019 | Expenses (none)         | _____ -   |
| 01/14/2019 | Ending Balance          | \$ 269.32 |

## NOVA Banquet

- Jane, Erin and Lisa attended the NOVA Banquet, a semi-formal event which allowed each neighborhood in Springfield to share what they have done in the last year. There were representatives from all the current neighborhoods. Also, they discussed grants and awarded them to neighborhoods based on their work for the last year. This was beneficial as it allows our board members to network with other board members and to gain information about the grant cycles.

## Volunteer Opportunities

- Erin reached out to Field Elementary, but there are currently no opportunities. Dr. Bagwell will let us know if one becomes available.
- Rare Breed is in need of a group to make dinner March 22 or March 29 at 3:30 PM. They have an oven but prefer ready to serve meals.
- Ronald McDonald House had a opening on February 11 for a group to come at 5:30.
- Other possible areas of volunteering discussed could be Pershing and Harmony House. Additionally, as Spring comes, possible yard cleanup/TLC/beautification for neighbor(s) who need help.

## NAC Volunteers Needed

- The NAC hosts candidate forums for local offices so that constituents can meet their candidates. There are about 20 people running for City Council. There is an opportunity for us to help with the forum for South Springfield, hosted by Immaculate Conception, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 PM. Hosts, water, refreshments and other items are needed. More information to come as we move closer to the date.

## Committees

- Reviewed the three committees that have been formed: Business Membership, Housewarming and Social. Adjourned to committees to discuss plans and goals.