

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
SALISBURY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SONA)  
Des Moines, Iowa

February, 2010

Board Members Present: Melinda Ritter Brown, Carol Culmer, Mark Schmidt, Holly Craiger were present. Absent were Charlotte Kelley and Ashley Bernstein and Sandy Githens

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Melinda Ritter Brown at Greenwood Elementary School.
- II. MINUTES: The minutes for the January meeting were read and revised to reflect a few spelling corrections.
- III. TREASURERS REPORT: Carol presented the treasurers report. There is a current balance of \$1842.20. Carol received 24 total membership renewals to have a total of 62 paid members for 2010. Carol and Bill helped send out 384 postcards which cost \$26 and postage of \$107
- IV. OLD BUSINESS;

NEIGHBORHOOD STREET SCAPE GRANT; Melinda reported that she had applied for the neighborhood grant of \$500 to be put towards a street sign to be located in the garden. The sign cost was quoted by Artistic Ironworks and another company in Ankeny. It is to be a laser cut on metal with our Logo and the words Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood on it. There was a short discussion on whether we need to have the word association on the sign, or if NA would suffice (Neighborhood Association). The board agreed to check out the other neighborhood signage and make a decision if we get the grant.

DES MOINES NEIGHBORS – The board voted to renew the membership to this organization for a cost of \$20.

DSM RESOURCE ASSOCIATION- Shalee Keenan is the contact here and we are able to use this system for free. The board discussed how we would use this system to alert the neighborhood or if there were any pertinent information. The system is able to retain the phone no. lists used so we can have automated calls. Melinda has the information in the presidents binder.

- V. NEW BUSINESS:

WINTER ROADS SURVEY: Bruce Broan from the public works department wants to improve the snow clearance and a participant to take a survey

approximately 1 -2 days after a snowfall of over 1 inch. Holly Craiger agreed to do the survey for our association.

**STOP SIGN AT GREENWOOD:**

The city is reviewing the placement of the stop sign at the corner of Greenwood Dr and 42<sup>nd</sup>. The current sign is posted on a light post and is not in clear view of the intersection.

NBSD - We have a new police officer, Joe Gonzolez who is the supervisor of the NBSA (Neighborhood Bureau of Safety) Mr. Gonzolez wants to attend as many neighborhood meetings as possible to introduce him. The board decided to invite him to the next meeting.

RECYCLING: Mary Neiderbach from the city wants to have a neighborhood meeting to review scrub day to reduce the amount of waste going to the metro waste landfill. She is suggesting having different types of hazardous waste available for DSM residents to discard. We will need volunteers for the scrub day. Melinda will follow up with Mary.

WEBSITE: The website will be the responsibility of the next board. Someone needs to contact Charlotte to discuss what has been done to date. Then the board can proceed to try and find someone to bring the website up to date with the current board and uploading minutes etc.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The meeting on Sunday was discussed. We are ordering pizzas from Big Tomato. Melinda will bring paper products, and name tags. The board will all bring wine. Ashley has offered to bring lemonade.

**VI. MISCELLANEOUS:**

The officer binders will be given to the next chairs so they have past information and histories.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Craiger  
Secretary