



Minutes of the Board of
Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood Association (SONA)
Des Moines, IA
January 4, 2010

Board Members present: Melinda Ritter Brown, Carol Culmer, Mark Schmidt, Ashley Bernstein, Holly Craiger and Sandra Githens were present. Charlotte Kelley was absent.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Melinda Ritter Brown at Caribou Coffee, 3220 Ingersoll Avenue. The doors to Greenwood Elementary School were locked and the Board chose to meet at the last minute at Caribou Coffee.
- II. **Minutes.** The minutes for the November 9, 2009, Board meeting were revised to make grammatical and spelling corrections and were unanimously approved.
- III. **Treasurer's Report.** Carol presented the Treasurer's Report; there is a balance of \$1,910.12 including \$947.20 which is designated for the garden at 42nd St and Tonawanda Dr. The Report is attached to these minutes. The report was unanimously adopted. In addition, Carol reported that 2 new members have joined SONA. When a new member joins, Carol responds with an introductory email message. The Board discussed packets to be delivered to new members.

IV. Old Business:

Newsletter. The Board discussed the delivery of newsletters to residents in apartment and condominium buildings and the costs of printing the newsletter. It was a consensus that SONA members should receive a newsletter but that it is not necessary to leave sufficient copies for each resident in an apartment or condominium building; this will reduce the number to be printed.

Website. Melinda reported on the lack of progress on the website. The Board again agreed that it is important to have a current website and that we need to seek help to accomplish this.

V. New Business:

Social Chair. Ashley volunteered to handle social activities for SONA. She will investigate new activities to encourage neighborhood relationships.

Reminders to Renew Memberships. The Board agreed to send postcards to reminder members to pay their 2010 dues. Melinda will obtain a listing of the residences in SONA to be used for mailing labels for the post cards.

Annual Membership Meeting. The annual membership meeting is scheduled for February 7, 2010, at Salisbury House. The Board agreed to provide pizza from Big Tomato and lemonade. Melinda and Sandee will bring wine. Holly will bring water bottles. Melinda will bring paper products and name tags. Carol will bring membership forms.

Proposal for former Christian Science building. Mark and Melinda reported that they received an invitation to a meeting relating to the development of the former Christian Science building.

VI. Miscellaneous:

Garden at 42nd and Tonawanda. Snow removal had caused damage to the garden. It is difficult to determine the severity until snow melts.

City Staff. Melinda reported that Teva Dawson has been reassigned to a new position; no replacement has been made.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Githens, Secretary

Salisbury Oaks Neighborhood Association
 1/13/09 through 2/16/09

Date	Num	Payee	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
Balance	1/12/09					1,190.91
1/16/09	DEP Dues	Ryan/Schmidt		Membership Fees	R	40.00
1/25/09	1170 Claire Haws	Newsletter		Printing		-192.39
2/8/09	1171 Big Tomato Pizza	Annual Meeting		Food		-173.37
2/8/09	1172 Carol Culmer	Annual Meeting/wine		Food		-14.00
2/9/09	DEP Dues	38 members		Membership Fees		380.00
2/9/09	EFT Yahoo	Note Card Project		Website Hosting		-12.95
2/11/09	1173 Walgreens			Fund Raiser		-37.10
Total	1/13/09 - 2/16/09					-9.81
Balance	2/16/09					1,181.10
Total Inflows						420.00
Total Outflows						-429.81
Net Total						-9.81