FHNA Membership Meeting

Thursday, Nov 12, 2015

\*Pizza was provided by Papa Murphy’s, Dominoes, Mr. Pizza, Gus Original, BrickRoad

**Welcome: Suzanne**

- Intro’ed the Board, Jess of the Welcome Committee, Emily Harris for Newsletter delivery, Mike

 and Sue of the sign committee

- still need Dumpster Day Coordinator

- thank-you to Steve R for re-vamping BC program

- thank-you to Rob and Mayfair Church

**Review/Approval of Minutes: Lauri**

- Lauri read last minutes; motioned to accept and seconded

**Treasure Report: Rachel**

 - explained the two accounts – Garden and General

 - primary income of General is from dues and ads

 - picnic and newsletters are biggest expenses

**Membership Update: Sam**

 - 20% of residents paid dues this year; that is down from 23% last year, but higher than previous

 - Bill’s Family Restaurant gave us gift cards so we gave them away to newest resident, etc.

**Guest Speakers:**

 **Amanda Winn; New Children’s Healing Center:**

- was not able to be here, but sent Laura Johnson and Alexis Hartman

 - on Fulton between Holland Home and Aquinas

- first rec center in country for “immune compromised” kids and their families

 - cancer, burn victims, transplants

 - air filtration system, med checks, hospital cleanliness

 - opened in Sept.; have served over one dozen families so far

 - there are fees now, but also donation-based and goal is to be completely free

 **Deb Maichele; Program Director at Community Transition Center:**

- On Mayfield; 18-26 year-olds with developmental problems

 - owned by Kent ISD; ran by GRPS

 - support the young adults and help them build skills and become more independent

 - go to job sites all over city to learn employable skills

 - have volunteered to rake and shovel to give back to the community

 - working hard to get the busses in and out quickly

 **Salvation Army:**

- the two majors/ministers gave a brief history of the SA and their main purpose, to serve

 God

 - told of some of the social and educational opportunities they provide

**John Hayes; GR Sidewalk Repairs:**

 - with passage of tax last year, city is now in charge of sidewalks

 - $700,000 a year is allocated; grants and MDOT also contribute

 - complaint-based (to 311) is overwhelming

 - there is at least a 6-month backlog

 - they have put temporary asphalt patches until they can get to it permanently

 - systematic improvements; basically adding new sidewalks where had never been

 - Snow shoveling:

 - city sends letter to homeowner, inspector comes, city clears it and bills owner

 - ordinance says must be cleared 24 hours after snowfall

**Block Captain Update: Steve**

 - explained the purpose of the program

 - Fuller, N Mayfield, Lowell are open and in need of BC

 - encouraged neighbors to report anything, to challenge solicitors if they have a permit

 - a few cars were burgled

**Hillcrest Garden Report: Norma**

- reviewed the broad expenses – water, tree, plowing, etc

 - new intern is working on a grant from Friends of GR Parks

 - asked not to be in garden at night when gates are shut

**Garden Sidewalk Shoveling Update: Ty**

- Paul VanRavensway got a job, so needed a new person

 - Ty is going to use Living Stones’s snowblower to plow the sidewalks (will fulfill his time

 commitment to the school)

 - saves about $300 a year

**Neighborhood Development Update: Rachel**

 - Common Ground has been purchased by a developer, as well as a few homes

 - no real movement on the project, but we are in the loop

 - VanderMill Cider in moving in off of Michigan soon

**Website/Newsletter Update: Kayla and Lauri**

 - introduced Kayla and her graphic designs skills

 - updated on the website and FB page

 - encouraged people to contribute to the newsletter

**New Business:**

 - Lauri nominated Kayla for the Board; Rachel seconded; passed

**Adjourned at 8:40**