

DNA General Membership Meeting

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 10, 2010 7:05PM

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MEETING CALLED BY	DNA Board of Directors
TYPE OF MEETING	DNA General Membership Meeting
FACILITATOR	Melanie Barr, President
NOTE TAKER	Mary Rhodes, Secretary

Agenda topics

[TIME ALLOTTED]

ROPER PARK TURTLE BENCH

JOANN AUTH

DISCUSSION	Joann Auth has searched for a new turtle bench from several sources. One was not available from the original supplier. Joann found someone locally that could repair it at a cost of \$100.00. The expenditure was approved at the October BOD meeting. Joann reported that the turtle bench in Roper Park had been repaired.	
CONCLUSIONS	The membership thanked Joann for her hard work to accomplish this.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None at this time		

TREASURER'S REPORT

BRIAN MILLER

DISCUSSION	Brian provided everyone with a copy of the Treasurer's Report.	
	Funds in the Duck Account were discussed to determine if any limitations existed on their use. The state filing fee for 501 3(c) corporations was discussed.	
CONCLUSIONS	It was agreed that funds in the Duck Account were not dedicated to the purchase of ducks.	
	A motion was made by Randy Wells to accept the Treasurer's Report and seconded by Sue Johnson.	
	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Some payments for newsletter ads are still outstanding	Brian Miller and/ or Pat Rhodes	

[TIME ALLOTTED]

ROPER PARK

DISCUSSION	It was noted that there are funds in the Roper Park Account. A discussion followed about possible improvements to the park. Mentioned were a gazebo, a fountain, and additional plantings.	
	It was pointed out that Bill Warinner and Jan Scott were working on a landscaping plan.	
	There is now a community bulletin board in the park. Concerns were expressed about what material would be placed on this board and how long notices should stay.	
CONCLUSIONS	The membership agreed to wait for a landscaping plan from Bill Warinner and Jan Scott.	
	The membership agreed that the community bulletin board should be monitored.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Hear landscaping plan for Roper Park	Bill and Jan	
Monitor, add, and remove material on board as necessary	Joann Auth	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MELANIE BARR

DISCUSSION	Melanie reported that the Roper Park yard sale brought in \$69.00. Expenses were \$15.00 for a newspaper ad.	
	The Duck Pond Team that participated in the Breast Cancer Walk collected \$1000.00 in donations.	
CONCLUSIONS	Revenue for the yard sale was down substantially from prior years. This was attributed to the abnormally cold weather this year.	
	Contributions to the Breast Cancer Walk were also down compared to previous years.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

GPD REPORT

OFFICER GRAHAM

DISCUSSION	Officer Graham said that burglaries in the neighborhood were down. He also asked that we take simply precautions such as not leaving garage door openers in your car and lock the door between the garage and house.	
	Officer Graham reported that door to door magazine salesmen are back in Gainesville. In past years crime has gone up when they are in town. Please call the non-emergency number for GPD if you see any of these salesmen soliciting in the neighborhood. They are often scoping out houses that might be an easy target.	
	When asked about the folks that hang out in the Downtown Plaza, Officer Graham replied that ID's are checked by police on a daily basis in case there are any outstanding warrants on these individuals.	
	A question was raised about more crime watch signs for the neighborhood. Officer Graham advised that the city supplied two signs and that additional ones could be purchased.	
CONCLUSIONS	Be vigilant and always report anything that looks like suspicious activity.	
	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Look into purchasing additional signs	Board of Directors	

[TIME ALLOTTED]

INCREASE MEMBERSHIP

BRIAN MILLER

DISCUSSION	How do we increase membership and improve attendance at DNA meetings.	
	One suggestion was to provide child care during the general membership meeting.	
	Another was to hold a picnic in the park as part of a general membership meeting and ask neighbors for their ideas.	
CONCLUSIONS	Pursue the idea of a picnic in Roper Park with the DNA treasury providing hamburgers and hot dogs. Neighbors attending would bring lawn chairs and a side dish to share.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Work out details and a date for a neighborhood picnic this spring.	Board of Directors	May/June

[TIME ALLOTTED]

SCHOOL MENTORING PROGRAM

MARY RHODES AND RANDY WELLS

DISCUSSION	Mentoring and academic tutoring can go a long way toward keeping an at risk child in the school system and to help the child become successful. Children who participate in Alachua County's <u>T</u> ake <u>S</u> tock in <u>C</u> hildren program sign a contract with the school to maintain good grades, to remain drug and crime free, and to meet weekly with an adult volunteer mentor. When the child completes the program, he/she receives a college tuition scholarship. For more information on the program go to http://www.acpsf.org/takestock.html .	
	Our neighborhood is zoned for Metcalfe Elementary School. We have 150 children who are being sent to other schools because Metcalfe is not an attractive school. Supporting Metcalfe and programs like <u>T</u> ake <u>S</u> tock in <u>C</u> hildren is vital to our neighborhood.	
CONCLUSIONS	Have a neighbor step up to be a liaison with Metcalfe. Participate in TSIC.	
	It was suggested that once a year, the DNA devote a program to schools.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Write an article on this topic for the newsletter	Mary Rhodes	Next Newsletter
Solicit a neighbor to act as a liaison with Metcalfe		

[TIME ALLOTTED]

LUMINARIES AND WAGON RIDES

SUE JOHNSON AND RANDY WELLS

DISCUSSION	Sue Johnson advised that arrangements had been made for Santa, for the wagon rides, and for the purchase of paper bags, candles, and bags.	
	Volunteers are needed at 9AM on Dec. 4 to put out the luminaries, then later in the day to light the candles, and to remove the luminaries the next day. Volunteers will meet at the corner of 7 th Ave and the Boulevard at 9AM on the 4 th .	
	Volunteers are also needed at the refreshment table and to collect money for the wagon rides. Warm cider will be served. The charge for ride is \$6 for each adult and \$1 for each child.	
CONCLUSIONS	Sue passed around a signup sheet. If you did not sign up, email Sue at NBJo@aol.com	

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Come out to help with the activities	Everyone	

[TIME ALLOTTED]

STATE OF THE DUCK POND AND ISLAND

DAVID MAREN

DISCUSSION	The purchase of a feed dispenser for the waterfowl feed was discussed. A new dispensing machine and stand would cost around \$100.00. Pros would be to limit the amount being given to the geese and duck. It is thought that we might be overfeeding them. Cons expressed were the change compartment might be broken into, the stand would need to be cemented into the ground, and someone would need to refill the dispenser fairly frequently.	
	Funds in the Duck Account can be used to buy feed. One of our generous neighbors has been purchasing waterfowl feed without asking for reimbursement. If anyone knows who this is, please notify the board so a thank you can be mailed out.	
	It was mentioned that Pearce may have one more duck or goose for the pond.	
	The weeds on the island are getting to be an eyesore and need to be trimmed but not too much since they provide cover for our geese and duck from predators. A committee is also needed to occasionally dip trash out of the pond.	
CONCLUSIONS	Discussion on the purchase of a feed dispenser is tabled for now. It was agreed to form a committee of neighbors to maintain the pond and the island.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Organize maintenance committee and set up a date	David Maren	

[TIME ALLOTTED]

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

MELANIE BARR AND EDITH KAAN

DISCUSSION	Melanie Barr and Edith Kaan explained to the members what committees need to be formed. You do not need to be on the board to get involved. This is a great opportunity to get to know what is going on in the neighborhood and to perhaps provide a new direction for improving the community.	
	We need a Web Master, Roper Park Chair, NE Park Chair, Social Event Planner, Membership Chair, Metcalfe Elementary School Liaison, Crime Watch/GPD Liaison.	
CONCLUSIONS	Get involved.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Email edith.kaan@gmail.com for more information	Edith Kaan	

RESOURCE PERSONS	GPD Officer Graham
SPECIAL NOTES	Meeting adjourned at 8:55PM