

**NORTHSIDE-HESTER PARK NEIGHBORHOOD STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING SUMMARY**

7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Mohs, Pam Haugen, Kristi Laliberte, Ellen (Susie) Lies, Janet Reigstad, Andra Van Kempen-Middlestaedt, Judy Moldenhauer, Joan Rydberg, John Augustin and Kaye Schimnich

PURPOSE:

- To flesh out details for Feb. 27 Annual Meeting
- To receive updates on Home Tour & from Coalition reps & treasurer

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Mission Statement: Read by Judy Moldenhauer
- Kaye read article from St. Cloud Times writer group about the new street signs. The determination was made to educate neighbors via newsletter on the purchase/process of placing signs designating Northside Hester Park Neighborhood.
- The newest resident, Patrick Laliberte, born Nov. 6 was mentioned and photos were shared.
- Annual Meeting: scheduled from 1-3 p.m. Feb. 27 at Cathedral HS
 - Furniture/equipment needs: will need screen/projector for slide show. Joan R. will bring table clothes. (Kaye will forward last year's list to David Mohs.)
 - Food: supplied by members – Susie (cheese & crackers), Kaye (cookies), Kristi L. (bars), John (fruit), Pam (TBD), and Jan (coffee). Napkins and cups will be supplied by Kaye, Joan and Pam.
 - Door prizes: Members signed up to contact local businesses. Dollar amount goes towards matching grant. (Kaye will forward donation letter to those contacting businesses.)
 - Publicity (Event will be presented as a “social” vs. meeting in hopes of encouraging attendance and be more welcoming to children.)
 - Newsletter will include info about event
 - Postcards: Members determined they would send out a postcard with “Save the Date.” Andra to help with postcard/ mailing.
 - Updated address list from city (Kaye will follow up with City).
 - Will “poll” attendees to determine how found out about event, if should continue to send postcards in future years.
 - Childcare: none needed. Children are welcome to attend event.
 - Slides/video clip of past year's events
 - Entertainment: Kaye will come up with a couple of games to foster interaction. Kaye also will ask Sue Pundsack to play hammer dulcimer. Kristi will bring basket with slips of paper to draw names for raffle/door prizes.
 - Volunteer “wish list” will be provided to those attending.
- Home Tour: Goal to confirm homes on tour by Jan. 15. Home Tour is scheduled from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 1. So far the Johnsons and Becky/Steve are confirmed. Calls are in to others, including Smiths & Sufkas.

8:05 Coalition Report: Bremer Bank Grant funding of \$3,200 secured. Initiative Grant was submitted Dec. 10 and still is in process.

8:15 Treasurer's Report: Nothing new to report at this time.

8:20 Miscellaneous

- Newsletter: Scheduled for end of Jan. John asked if an article seeking young journalists to write for newsletter could be included.
- Snow People in the Park: Tabled. Could be spontaneous event.
- Hester Park update: Raking/cleanup of Hester this spring scheduled for Saturday, April 16 in conjunction with Earth Day. Joan will approach Kate Schad and Big Brothers/Sisters to see if they would like to help.
- Permission for use of photos/video: Sheet was signed by Janet allowing permission. Kaye will still get others on video clip.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:30 p.m.

Note: One change as per e-mails 2nd week of January between attendees of the meeting: we decided to call our Feb. 27th event our "annual neighborhood gathering". As "social" implies a very unstructured get-together with no purpose in mind other than to socialize, "gathering" would encompass a "social" & yet include a more structured component--in our case an update on our organization's activities & seeking some input from neighbors. (We're also thinking in terms of our grant requirement of having an annual "meeting"--which we're guessing involves more than just a "social".) It seems that using the term "gathering" might be a good compromise & still accomplish what we were trying to get at.