

Greater Parkcrest Neighborhood Association (GPNA) Membership Meeting

October 19, 2023, The Way Church

- Ken Brooks, President, welcomed those in attendance and reviewed meeting topics. The following 2023 GPNA officers were introduced:
 - President-Ken Brooks (kennethlbrooks@gmail.com) (417) 818-3911
 - Vice President-Tom Wyrick
 - Secretary-Debbie Butts
 - Treasurer-Joe Stokes
- Guest speakers introduced:
 - City of Springfield Fire Department Fire Station 9 (Fire Prevention Month)
 - Captain Joey Doza
 - Firefighters Jose Reyes & Trevor Williams
 - Springfield City Council Zone 3 Councilman Brandon Jenson
 - City of Springfield Police Department-Police Area Representative (PAR) officer – Scott Wallace (in place of Steve Cisneros, our neighborhood PAR officer who was unable to attend).
- Fire Department representatives spoke on fire prevention including the free distribution of free smoke detectors, including hearing-impaired detectors (offered on a limited basis). They also discussed carbon monoxide detectors, fire pits usage, and flue fires.
- Scott Wallace, PAR officer, addressed issues concerning graffiti and speeding in neighborhoods. Special mention was made regarding the increase of auto thefts in the cooler weather due to people starting their cars and leaving them running. He emphasized that cars should not be started and left without remote start capability.
- Councilman Brandon Jenson presented some of the ways the City is considering dealing with the issue of nuisance properties in neighborhoods by helping homeowners and landlords take care of their properties. One of the properties mentioned was the Restore SGF grant program. The only one in our zone that is included in this program is the Fassnight neighborhood. Brandon also addressed questions from members regarding the issue of non-related persons living in rental homes and the need for more affordable housing available for young families.
- Angela Burks from the CPO Neighborhood Clean-Up was introduced and welcomed to our meeting.

Business Meeting

- The business meeting was called to order and President Ken Brooks directed the members to the printed handouts of the Secretary's Minutes and Treasurer's Reports.
 - Debbie Butts, Secretary, reviewed the printed minutes and there were no questions from the floor. The motion to approve was made by Bill Butts, seconded by Joe Stokes and approved. The approved minutes to be posted on GPNA Facebook page for future reference.
 - Joe Stokes, Treasurer, reviewed the printed reports, and there were no questions. The motion to approve the Treasurer's report for audit was made by Bill Butts, seconded by Libby Wiseman and approved.

- Old Business:
 - Ken Brooks gave attention to the events participated in by GPNA which include NAC, Great Neighborhood Score Card, Community Development Code Update Place Teams, Restore SGF, SGF Neighborhood News-Fall 2023, Good Neighbor Week, Mann Market with Cents of Pride, Mann Fall Festival, Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale, Spring Neighborhood Clean-up, and Nova nomination (Libby Wiseman).
 - The Neighborhood Cheering Challenge at the Bass Pro Marathon on November 5 was discussed and the need for volunteers to participate.
 - Ken Brooks gave an update on the web page design for the neighborhood's social media.
 - Request for additional unfinished business from the floor was made and there was none.
- New Business
 - Bill Butts directed the members to the printed revised By-laws available to members for review, which will be presented again and voted on at the next membership meeting on January 18, 2024.
 - Ken Brooks asked members for suggestions for programs for future meetings and received the following recommendations:
 - Invite police to address speeding problems in neighborhoods.
 - Dave Burton was suggested as a speaker.
 - A suggestion was made to purchase additional signage to announce the meetings.
 - Joe Stokes presented the new GPNA banner that was recently purchased by the Association.
- It was announced that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2024 (weather permitting).
- No other new business from the floor was presented.
- A drawing was done by Murielle and several door prizes were awarded.
- A motion was made for the meeting to be adjourned at 7:57.

Submitted by: Debbie Butts

GPNA Secretary

