



PSSNA MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
PLACE: 19TH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
Minutes, March 12, 2011

Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Officers present: DeWayne Lofton, Janet Patterson, Stephanie Tsen, Clifton Bailey, Jackie Williams, Ollie Connor

Moment of Silence

Reports from Officers:

Secretary: Lark Anthony brought to the attention of the secretary that Mr. Walter Riley's name was omitted from those who have been participating with the Northeast Caregivers for a long time. My apologies to Mr. Riley and thank you for representing our association with your community participation. Minutes were then approved.

Treasurer: DeWayne stated he contacted a bank representative regarding the \$10.00 fee we were charged for the return check. The representative is checking on this for us but as of Friday, no word. DeWayne will continue to follow up on this. Treasury report was approved as presented.

Pecan Springs: Janet reported that according to Pecan Springs projections, the school population will be down by more than one hundred students. Because of this reduction in population, they will have to shift some funds to the after school tutoring program and very limited funds will go to the library for books. To date, they are losing 15 staff members which include teachers, academic coaches and support staff. Janet also reported that according to the Box Top for Education web site, Pecan Springs School's goal for this year is \$175. Our 2010 - 2011 earnings so far are \$145. Our total earnings since 2002 are \$1,173. Thanks to our president for turning in his box tops. Janet will get these over to the school after spring break. Janet also met with one of the two store managers at the Wal-Mart on Norwood seeking assistance with our "bikes for perfect attendance" project. The manager was receptive to what we are doing and advised Janet to go to the web site and put in an application for funds. Janet did this and is awaiting word from the company. Even without these funds (should they be awarded to us) we are prepared to buy the bikes for this nine week period. Thanks also the Ronnie Harrison and Larry Thomas for their contribution to our project.



ANC: Clifton reported that the ANC voted to keep the restoration of buildings in the downtown area as old as possible resembling the original downtown area. A resolution is on the table to spend 2.5 million dollars for the remodeling of the Marshall apartments on 12th street. ANC plan to hold a meeting with the neighborhood folks to get their feedback. They also addressed the single member district and whether or not we want to keep solar energy or go to nuclear energy.

Sunshine Lady: Ollie reported she sent out five cards this month. Two of the cards were to express sympathy and three were get well cards. DeWayne reported we received a card from Ollie thanking the association for our good wishes when she was ill. As always, Ollie asked that we please keep her informed of any deaths or illness concerning our members.

Chris Davis of the Austin Police Department was scheduled to make a presentation but he did not show.

Our annual fish fry will take place on the 16th of April at Bartholomew Park. DeWayne asked for volunteers to assist with the fish fry by selling tickets (\$7.00) and/or helping with the set up and taking down and serving. Several people signed up and Ollie accepted DeWayne's request to be over the fish fry.

We skipped our break and went on to general discussion regarding neighborhood business.

DeWayne stated he would like as many of us as possible attend the Austin City Council Candidates Forum which will be held March 22, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Memorial Methodist Church, 6100 Berkman Drive. Should we have any questions for the candidates, we should get them to DeWayne ahead of time.

DeWayne stated he received a notice from the city regarding a Dollar General store being built on the corner of Springdale and 51st street. Considering the negative atmosphere the Family Dollar store has had on our area we do not feel it would be a good idea to have this store on this corner. DeWayne asked that we contact Case Manager Donna Galati by either calling her at 974-2733 or e-mailing her at Donna.Galati@ci.austin.tx.us. The case number is SP-2011-0023C expressing our individual concern as well as the concern of PSSNA.

DeWayne said he and Stephanie discussed ways to make our annual BBQ more fun. Their suggestion is that we have a garage sale on the same day and those who sell their goods would make a small donation to the association.



Ollie wanted to know what happened to our collecting food for the food bank. There is a barrel at the entrance to the church where we can deposit our food products. When the goods are taken to the food bank PSSNA would get credit which would support our 501(c)(3) status.

Ollie also wanted to know if we could get someone from the Police Department who represents those who live north of 51st. DeWayne said the person who was on the agenda for today is from that area. He will follow up to see why he did not come.

Ollie and Lark mentioned that on the 13of May at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Episcopal Church the NE Caregivers will host their Spring concert. No charge to attend but a free will offering will be held. We voted to take out a \$100.00 add for this booklet. Also on April 5th at 11:30 a.m. the NE Caregivers will hold an appreciation luncheon for the volunteers. The luncheon will take place at the Memorial Methodist Church on Berkman.

Lark stated that the golf course is using recycle water for the grounds and they will put in solar panels on the new building. UT will take over the golf course in the west so they expect more people will come to Morris Williams.

Erica introduced her plan to get us a little healthier. Those interested signed up and received goodie bags containing crackers, water, a pedometer and good info on the benefits of walking. In addition to walking at least 5000 steps per day for the month of March, we plan to meet at Pecan Springs School at 6:00 p.m. each evening to walk around their track. Those who signed up are a little excited about this endeavor.

Lark Anthony was the winner of our \$10.00 door prize. Good for you Lark.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.