

Greentree Neighborhood Association -Meeting Minutes – 11.12.2002

Present were Denise Clearwood, Charlie Vaughan, Lance Dunn, Barb Shelbrack, Barb Chase, Millie Webb, Jack Sherman, and Cynthia Bates-Schaeffer. (Sorry if I missed anyone, I did not write them all down at the time)

Introduction of New Members:

- a. Area 2 Rep – Cynthia Bates-Schaeffer – 5814 Suffolk Road, 270-1879
- b. Treasurer – Lance Dunn – 5817 Hempstead, 274-8821
- c. (Later, Denise got word that Robin Kite, 1125 Chapel Hill, 274-6344, is willing to serve as Area 10 Rep!)
- d. Block Captain Area 1, Barb Chase, Saybrook Rd

Meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2002 at Falk School from 6:30-8:00 pm, on the city “**traffic issues**” (Schroeder Rd/Whitney Way intersection changes, Saybrook Road traffic, and the potential Beltline Overpass – perhaps at Forward Drive – being proposed for development in the next couple years).

Meeting was mentioned on November 13th (now past) about new Dane County Credit Union at Struck and Watts); “Official” groundbreaking for Prairie Parks Senior Living Center and Apartments on Schroeder/Struck scheduled for November 19th.

Halloween Bonfire Recap: event went well, article thanking people is in this Stump, there were enough flashlights, and more than enough hot chocolate; apparently lots of neighbors made it, just did not each stay too long, because of the cold (20 minutes maybe).

Recap Roller Skating Party: 75 people needed to attend for us to get our deposit check back, and 77 people attended as paying skaters! Seemed like people had a great time, and definitely worth setting up this year. Thanks to Barb Shelbrack for getting that all going this year!

Holiday Decorating Contest Set for judging on December 15th; Charlie Vaughan said he would do it again this year, and get a couple of people to help him.

Santa Visits set for December 12th; Jodi Sherman setting it up again; needs info on people wishing visits by December 6th. Still need a couple of “elves” and another “Santa”.

Membership Drive update? Usually 350 families joined by now; maybe some more since Millie talked to Steve in week before meeting, but we only had 150 members to receive the last newsletter, so Steve added about fifty more who usually have joined, in order to be able to bulk mail; Millie will get Jack Sherman some more membership forms all run off, and drop a few off at Robin Kite’s for area 10; Millie Webb (stump@gtna.org) can always e-mail people the form in Word, for reformatting or running off on your own computer.

Area Reps still needed for Areas 6, 8 and 11; area rep duties outlined again as:

- a. Collecting information from Block Captains, and getting it to membership coordinator (Steve Allison).
- b. If no Block Captains (typical lately), then area reps need to watch for new neighbors moving in, get them membership packet with neighborhood info, and get new neighbor info to Millie for the Stump.
- c. In a directory year, the area reps personally contact each family in their area (with help from Block Captains), and get the \$8 from them for membership fees, or they will not be able to get a copy of the directory (their information can still be included though).
- d. Potential for role as “information clearinghouse contacts” as new services may be developed in the next couple years (see later discussion from new treasurer).
- e. One possible way of getting membership renewals more easily was suggested: getting a list together of all in area/block who have not renewed, putting together an envelope with that list and some membership forms, and sending envelop from house-to-house to gather info, get check, and pass to next house on list.

Next issue of Stump: *Roller Skating Party* recap; decided to hold for holiday decorating results – *articles will be due Friday, December 6th* (6621 Dumont Road, or preferably e-mail them to stump@gtna.org) – also need article from *Ken Adell* on communication with police, neighborhood cop potential, engraver available, watch coordination, etc.; possibly a meeting with *Jane Lombardo* (?) with Madison Police on program info to keep our neighborhood safe, help watch neighbors properties, parks, etc.; possibly a *new neighbor listing* again (?).

New Treasurer (Lance Dunn) brought up some **new focus** potential for *area rep roles* in particular, and *neighborhood association vision* in general, including: *clearer communication channels* unifying us as *consumer force* also; getting an *active profile of concerns* set up, and acting as *information clearinghouse*; what exactly to look for in *reporting suspicious activity* to Police; real case history on *crimes in neighborhood*, with suggestions to have avoided it, or dealt with it better (Stump articles? On-line on web site?); *core list of service providers* (teens who will shovel snow or mow lawns, household repair service people, etc.) either in *directories* or on-line on *association’s web page* in real time, with changes possible as they arise; Lance offered to look into how difficult it would be to develop a *more meaningful web site* with more info available; open up *block captain open house to all*, publicize as including some of the safety info as possible; *larger “five-year plan”* needed to look at association’s typical past issues, upcoming new issues before they hit crisis level, future direction/development of association vision.

Next Meeting is Monday, January 6th, 2003: block captain open house, all board members bring some treats to share, possible newer safety info, consumer buying power info available. **7:00 pm**.