

## 11-25-13 Membership Meeting Minutes

We mingled for about 30 minutes eating and talking to those that were there.

We had a circle meeting to share ideas. There were not many people present. Finbarr Saunders suggested that we talk to Mark Campen – Izaak Walton league – he has turned his yard into a natural habitat. We mentioned that the neighbors would have to understand and be ok with it so that people would not get called into the city for letting their yards go natural. Another suggestion by Shelley was to not wash windows so that birds don't fly into them.

Ribbon cutting at the school was discussed. We were all impressed with officials showing up from all over the state! We discussed how wonderful it is that it is accessible and there is a stage! We did mention that there was hardly any press for such a big deal. Janice mentioned that Tasha Mahrin wants to do a write up for tomorrow.

Shelley recommended that next year we get a pack of Christmas cards and have the membership sign them send to solders at Walter Reed.

We discussed the Appreciation of the Civil Servants – Who do we want to help next? Suggestions were Ambulances, County Commission, City Council School Board, Knoxville News Sentinel deliverers, Trash Collectors, TWRA, and Animal Control. Janice agreed to forward the appreciation letter that we used last year to use to thank the newspaper carriers this year.

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 is the opening of the High Ground Park, and at 6:00pm is the tree lighting down town. Friday, December the 6<sup>th</sup> is the Christmas parade and begins at 6:30. There was mention that SWNA could participate in the parades in the future if we wanted to.

We talked about fundraisers and there was an idea to have a walking tour of the cemetery. Roe was open to it.

We adjourned at 8:30pm