

November 28, 2011
SWNA Membership Meeting

The September Meeting minutes were reviewed; a motion was made to approve them and it was seconded. They passed unanimously.

The Police did a report for our neighborhood. They stated that there were several car break-ins and Burglaries were up probably due to the holidays. They suggested that we not wrap presents and put them under the tree until Christmas Eve. Another suggestion was to have lights on timers to go off around the house at night when no one is home. We were given an update about Officer Williams and he is not going to be in the field for a while. For now he is on desk duty. We were given an update about Officer Mays from the WalMart Shooting and we were given a brief overview of the situation. He is in need of our thoughts and prayers. For now until Officer Williams comes back we can direct our information/emails to Officer Roark. Office Roark's contact information: Phone: 226-6001 (leave a voice message); email: droark@cityofknoxville.org

We had our State of the 1st District Report by Nick Pavlis: He informed us about how the business community is organizing and how hopefully there will be new businesses to move in the near future. We discussed what South Knoxville needs as far as the storefronts, beautification, signs, etc. There was also talk about changing the image of South Knoxville to a more positive one. Things that were brought up were the trail systems, the bike trails that Brian Hann is working on, a possible new grocery store (Trader Joes was suggested), the possibility of getting a Target, the upcoming pedestrian bridge, etc. Again we were encouraged to SHOP South! Nick reminded us to give where we are able to those in need. There was an announcement about Will Donegan having to have surgery. He had his leg amputated. There were people interested in helping and Janice mentioned that Robert Marlino would coordinate helping him while he healed.

Debbie and Joanna talked about the new hiking group they are starting and asked for input. The plan is to explore South Knoxville Parks and get to know them. There was much enthusiasm. There was clarification that the group would start small in SWNA, and then grow to include SKNBC, and other groups if they were interested. Nick provided a map of local parks to work from. The next hike is scheduled for December 17th at 1:00 pm. It will be at Scottish Pike Park (to start) and will be lead by Martha Olsen.

Safe Routes to Schools Report was given. One walking tour was done on Oct 4th and there was mention about doing another walk. The group encouraged this and a suggestion was made to walk near Decatur (behind South Doyle Middle School) as this is a very dangerous road. This will be scheduled for 2012.

A fundraiser for Mooreland Heights PTA was brought to the group's attention. The PTA is limited in the number of fundraisers they may have each year and so they asked SWNA to come together and be the volunteers behind the Christmas Shop for the children. A company brings in all of the

trinkets, the children come in with their money, the volunteers help them purchase their gifts, SWNA deposits the money into their account, pays the company for the trinkets, then all the proceeds are donated to the PTA. The money will be used to help with the Amphitheater and Pavilion and also Refugees who might be in need. It was also noted that monetary donations would be welcomed too. Because of limited time for decision, the board had voted to hold the fundraiser at their November meeting.

The treasurer's report was read. Last month there was \$527.95. \$90.00 was added, but \$127.24 was subtracted, leaving \$490.71. A motion was made, seconded and was approved as ready for audit.

There was a discussion about the Newsletter and doing this quarterly. We discussed having advertisements and how that might help with producing the newsletter, but could also help with donating back to the church for its use on a regular basis. There was some discussion about types of stories that we could add to the newsletter and people were encouraged to send any happenings to Joanna. Nick Pavlis mentioned that there might also be money available to help with such things in the future if this might be needed.

We discussed the Fall Festival, what worked and what we could improve on. We are going to work on getting the flyers out much sooner next time and be sure to add alternate plans for inclement weather.

There was a discussion about the SKNBC writing a letter representing South Knox Neighborhood groups in the Hill Side Ridge Top Issue. The main issue is that the group wants it to pass without the newly created Briggs Amendment. It is still in process.

Announcements were made:

The Inauguration of our new Mayor on December 17th at the Jacobs building at Chilhowee Park at 10:00 am.

Our next meeting for the SWNA Membership will be on January 23rd at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.