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Minutes HCCA General Membership Meeting March 05, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 by HCCA President, Vince Spaulding. Chaplain, John Hawkins read an inspirational message “Quiet Us”, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the February meeting were read by Karen Lee Williams and approved by the membership.

Treasurer’s Report: Monica Evans reported that HCCA has a balance of \$4,940.24 in Wachovia Bank.

President’s Report:

- Vince called for volunteers to help set up the rooms on the Friday evening prior to the HCCA meeting.
- Vince thanked Dorothy Anthony and the members of the Hospitality Committee for setting up the refreshments for today’s meeting.
- Vince stressed his desire to increase the number of households represented by HCCA.
- The speaker for the March meeting will be Patrick Canavan, Interim Director of DCRA. The speaker for the April meeting will be a representative from the “Neighborhood Core Program”.
- Vincent Spaulding was a guest panelist for A. Scott Bolden’s Program on WOL and spoke about neighborhood associations and their role in community building.
- Vince spoke on the process to amend the bi-laws. Pastor Burke presented the membership with the amendment to Article 9, which will be published in the April newsletter for review by the membership in preparation for a vote in April.

Committee Reports

Recreation: No report.

Fund raising: Richard Evans reported the fund raising committee will sponsor 4 one day bus trips this year as fund raisers for HCCA. The first trip is planned for March 28th to Delaware Midway Slots. See him to sign up for the trip.

Education: Linda Jackson reported that the letter stating the needs of the 3 schools located in Hillcrest was sent to the superintendent on February 7th. The committee is

working with Sam Williams of Hillcrest Recreation Center about the tutoring program. The staff facilitator for the tutoring program is no longer at Hillcrest; they are looking for a replacement.

Public Safety: Ann Curtsinger reported her participation in the “Neighborhood Core Program”. This program is designed to assist neighborhoods plan responses to natural disasters or attacks.

Environmental: Hillcrest did not get the 3 Cherry Trees applied for by Phil Hammond. Letters will go out in the next 10 days informing the principals of the 3 schools in Hillcrest of the HCCA School Clean-Up Campaign. The environmental committee plans to approach the HCCA, the ANC, Vincent Gray and Kwami Brown to assist with funding once a budget for the project is finalized

Legislative: Virgil McDonald reported that the members of the Legislative Committee have been assigned council members to track legislation proposed and its impact on Hillcrest. There will be a report card in June.

Annual Garden Tour: Kathy Chamberlain reported that this year’s Garden Tour will be a self guided tour. Participants will check in at a central point and be given a badge and a map of the residences to visit. A member of the committee will be stationed at each site to guide the participants on a tour of that house. The closing reception will be on-going to accommodate the different arrival times of the participants.

Strategic Communications: Howard Ways reported the need for more members. He is continuing to try to get articles on Hillcrest residents to use to create a positive image of our community. He is trying to implement the following programs.

- Create a youth organization for 16 to 25 year olds mirroring HCCA.
- Create a DVD on the history of Hillcrest.
- Continue to follow-up on the Walking Tour of DC on April 16th and 17th.
- A local author Kenan Thomas will be featured in an upcoming event to promote Hillcrest.

PSA Report: Inspector Bigelow addressed the membership about the security at Hillcrest Recreation Center. Officers are assigned for each basketball game and there are stepped up patrols in the areas surrounding the center. The monthly PSA Report was passed to the membership.

This month’s guest speaker is Anthony Gittens, Executive Director, D.C. Commission on Arts and Humanities. Mr. Gittens spoke of the mandate of the Commission and the financial help available for D.C. residents and organizations in the area of the arts.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Lee Williams
Recording Secretary