



Hillcrest Community Civic Association
"Working Together for a Better Community"
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Minutes

HCCA Membership Meeting November 1, 2008

President Karen Williams called the meeting to order at 10 AM. Rev. Senger an inspirational message, followed by the pledge of allegiance. The minutes of the October meeting were read then approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Monica Evans presented the treasurer's report, reflecting a balance of \$3729.08. The report was approved by the membership.

Nominations Committee

Vince Spaulding distributed copies of the slate of HCCA board member nominees for 2009-2010. After ascertaining that at least 10% of the membership was present, and after hearing no additional nominations from the floor, the HCCA membership voted unanimously in favor of the slate.

Seven (7) At-large Officer Positions:

President – Karen Lee Williams
1st Vice-President – Marvin Bowser
2nd Vice President – Kathy Chamberlain
Recording Secretary – Yvonne Dupree
Treasurer – Monica Evans
Chaplain – John Hawkins
Parliamentarian – Rev. Kenneth Burke

Seven (7) Chairs of Standing Committees:

Education and Recreation – Boyle Stuckey
Environmental and Beautification – Mary Ross
Public Safety and Emergency – David Kirkpatrick
Membership – A. Franklin Anderson
Communications – Michelle Phipps-Evans
Street, Traffic and Transportation – Carrie Thornhill
Fundraising – Richard Evans

Speaker: DCFEMS representatives

Anne Curtsinger introduced representatives from DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services. Pat Everett, Education and Fire Safety Expert, and Battalion Chief Robert McClafferty discussed the importance of having home escape plans in case of fire, having working smoke detectors, and fire extinguishers. They provided fire prevention tips, and information on how to obtain free smoke detectors, batteries, and home safety audits. Call 202-673-3331, or visit the nearest fire house.

ANC 7B Report

Robin Marlin presented the ANC7B report on community issues and concerns. ANC7B supported the litter control bill which allows police officers to ticket people who litter from cars. The invited speaker for November is Neil Albert, deputy Mayor for Economic Development.

Membership Report

Frank Anderson announced that 96 members out of 418 members had not paid their dues for 2008, and encouraged members to pay their 2009 dues at the next meeting.

Hospitality Committee

Yvonne Burke announced that the Christmas luncheon will be December 6th at the Hillcrest Rec. center around 11am, following the monthly meeting. As in the past, it will be pot luck.

Education Report

Carrie Thornhill gave the education report in the absence of Linda Jackson. She announced that the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) summit on Oct. 18th, hosted by Anne Beers Elementary School was a success. Over 34 public schools were represented. She also reported that the Serenity Players 25th Anniversary celebration at THEARC was outstanding.

PSA 606

Lt. Netter thanked the community for participating in an event to honor citizens whose actions help reduce crime in the community. He emphasized that reducing crime is everyone's responsibility and reviewed ways to avoid becoming a victim of crime. The next PSA 606 meeting is November 19th. Netter introduced Hillcrest resident David Kirkpatrick, new head of neighborhood watch for Hillcrest. Mr. Kirkpatrick also will be the Public Safety Chairman for HCCA.

Other Issues/Topics

Carrie Thornhill reminded everyone that the 20th anniversary of HCCA is September 2009. She will head the committee to plan the celebration event and requested volunteers.

Marvin Bowser announced the 2nd annual Christmas Decorating Contest for homes in Hillcrest. Emphasis will be on low-energy-usage decorations. The committee will begin identifying best decorated houses in December, with judging to take place the week prior to Christmas.

Don Murray announced that the DC Humanities Council will host many events during November to commemorate the death of Martin Luther King. Visit www.WDChumanities.org for more information.

Don Edwards encouraged the community to attend an information fair about plans for the Anacostia Waterfront.

Meeting adjourned at Noon followed by the Councilmembers Roundtable.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Chamberlain