



Hillcrest Community Civic Association
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Membership Minutes November 5, 2011

The regular meeting of the HCCA was called to order by President Karen Williams at 10:10 AM followed by an inspirational message read by Chaplain Hawkins, and the pledge of allegiance. The October 2011 minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report, reflecting a balance of \$12,603.36, was approved by the membership.

President's Report

HCCA congratulates Officer LaFrance on his new job and thanks him for his service to Hillcrest. HCCA will recognize him with a token of appreciation at November's neighborhood get-together at the Thai Restaurant on Penn. Ave SE.

The annual holiday luncheon will be catered this year, at a cost of up to \$1900 from HCCA's treasury. The motion to spend up to \$1900 for the luncheon was put before the membership and approved.

President Williams is working with the Palisades neighborhood representatives to develop a work plan and activities that will strengthen the partnership between the 2 neighborhoods.

Announcements/Committee reports

Mr Galdares, the new manager of the Francis Gregory Library, announced that the new building is scheduled to open in March 2012. He listed several programs at the library and encouraged residents to participate.

Doris Thomas, Hillcrest resident, announced the publication of her new book "The Will to Live Continues".

Robin Marlin announced that ANC 7B will be re-negotiating the community agreement with Safeway at a hearing on December 12 with ABRA. Safeway's liquor license is up for renewal.

PSA606/ Public Safety Report

Lt. Hodge announced that there were 8 burglaries in the last month. 3 juveniles who were apprehended in October were likely responsible for them. He introduced Officer Bridges who will take Officer La France's place at Fairfax Village.

Guest Speakers from Winston, Ann Beers, and Randle Highlands Elementary Schools

Principal Katie Jones of Winston Education Center discussed the success of the many partnerships Winston has with businesses and organizations, including Northrop Grumman, and AARP. She expressed a need for mentors for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls who may be joining or trying to form gangs

Stephanie Harris, who heads up the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program at Beers Elementary School, discussed the success of the program and plans for sustainability now that the STEM program is ending.

Principal Tracy Foster of Randle Highlands E.S. discussed technology needs, and the challenges of finding partnerships that focus on real needs of the students. She also touched on problems, such as the old Randle Highlands School building and an adjacent building which are attracting activities that should not be near a school. She encouraged support of the PTSA.

President Williams encouraged all 3 representatives to come up with proposals on how HCCA can assist them in improving their schools.

Earl Williams won the 50/50 contest. The meeting adjourned at 12:00, followed by the councilmembers round table.

Respectfully submitted
Kathy Chamberlain, 1st VP

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