

BPWNA Meeting Minutes – June 21, 2007

Call To Order – Welcome from President Eric Winters. 28 people present

Review of Minutes – Carrie Sleep moved to approve minutes, Melissa Winneski seconded.

Alderman and NSO Check-In's – Alderman Ken Ortmann spoke briefly about new ordinance for nuisance properties. He reminded residents to call 911, NSO, and Aldermen for nuisance properties. Also call if grass is out of hand, watch for yards that need to be mowed.

Alderman Craig Schmid also spoke about the changes to the nuisance ordinance. It should go into effect after it comes out of committee. Please call 444-0125 about fireworks and take address. Fireworks are illegal to possess in the city of St. Louis. Summer camps are available. Aug 7th is National Night Out. Craig answered questions.

Alderman Ken Ortmann before leaving wanted to say that this was the first time that a Roosevelt principal has come out to speak with neighborhoods and he wanted to thank him for coming.

Main Presentations –

Melanie Adams – Special Admissions Board - appointed by the mayor
She spoke of her background and interest in St. Louis public schools. She is looking forward to bringing back a quality education for students and would like community involvement. She asked neighbors to please find ways to support our schools. Also, she would like the special admissions board to be held accountable by neighbors. She answered questions. Alderman Craig Schmid suggested that she get a copy of the meeting where citizens chose their elected officials in order to see the move toward parental involvement. Melanie also mentioned the importance of teachers having classroom management skills. Carrie Sleep said that the need for parental involvement needs to be a connection between the school staff and the home.

Terry Houston – Roosevelt High School Principal
Terry gave an overview of the changes that he has initiated since becoming principal of Roosevelt High School. He has come out to the community to establish neighborhood connections as it takes a village to raise a child. He understands the community concern and he suggested that neighbors visit the school, get to know the kids, and become a mentor. The bar-b-que they had was a huge success with 1100 students and 200-300 guests from the community. Pictures are at stltu.org. Terry answered neighbors' questions.

Summer school is Monday – Thursday 8am-10:30am and 10:36am-12:30pm.

Committees are currently meeting to organize after school programs for next year.

BPWNA will publish the football game schedule in the Porch Review.

If anyone is interested in getting involved in St. Louis public schools, contact

Patrice Cotty at patrice.cotty@slps.org office 314-353-1034 cell 314-374-1616.

Contact Terry Houston at terry.houston@slps.org or office 314-776-6040

Committees and Activities –

Cinco de Mayo – This was a great success! We raise about \$1000 from this event

National Night Out – August 7th at the Cabrini parking lot. Everyone is encouraged to have their own block parties and to come out to the movie after.

The winner of the movie voting was Happy Feet. Bathrooms will be available at Cabrini's gym. If anyone is interested in advertising please see Eric.

Yard Sale – August 4th from 7am-2pm at Cabrini. We have space to store things at the Business Incubator. We are looking forward to another successful yard sale. Please see a board member if you would like to drop things off.

Announcements –

-Barb announced that at Garfield school the corner has separated from the front of the building and she is concerned about it. Please voice concerns to the school board that maintenance is needed.

-Next month's speaker is Jay Swoboda speaking of his green home building and what we may do for our own homes.

-Door prizes were awarded

Adjournment – refreshments were available at the meeting.