SWNA Membership Meeting

2/25/14

7:00pm

* Call to order at 7:02
* Pledge of Allegiance
  + flag needs to be hung correctly
* Motion made to approve agenda, seconded, and passed
* Natalie made Motion to approve minutes from previous month's meeting
  + Ron seconded
  + All approved, motion passes
* Chris Hoppman absent due to a broken leg
  + Treasurer's report is posted on website
  + Ron motioned to skip since paper report is not available
  + Natalie seconded
  + All approved, motion passes
* Community policing
  + Officer Cornwall
  + Beat 27
    - Auto thefts are up in the last week; 6 on Beat 27 alone, up in other beats too
    - Burglaries up in Beat 25 & 26
    - Officer involved shooting today
      * No officers injured
      * Can't be discussed as it happened so recently
    - Leaving the police force to attend nursing school; does not know who replacement will be; could be filled soon...or could take awhile
    - Influential in changes at Truesdell
  + Officer Douty
  + Beat 13
    - 12 auto thefts just in February; also affecting the north side of Wichita; working in conjunction with north side officers to arrest a group that were involved in some of the thefts; seems to be a couple other groups with same M.O.; interested in older cars for scrap metal; some of those were cars left running to warm up; remote starting cars are often seen as an invitation for theft
  + New area of the SWNA website dedicated to community policing; form to fill out giving name or anonymously; give details of question and it will be sent to community policing officers supervisor Stahl and he will distribute to appropriate officer; can submit form with attachment (pics or docs);
    - if you submit a form, remember that officers have 3 days off (along with vacation & holidays) so it may take them a little while to get back with you
* Truesdell
  + Career Fair going on this Friday and Mayor may attend
  + Students will be going to Topeka to page
* Brandon Whipple, State Representative
  + Job creation
  + Controversial bills
  + Tax reform
  + Election year brings out a lot of ideological bills
  + Tornado clean-up bill: anyone's home hit by a tornado can get a refund on taxes
  + University students wanting to an exempt status; working to get sales tax exemption on text books
  + Human trafficking bill with Marc Bennett: child under 14 with a familiar relation could generate a stiffer penalty
  + Amended bill so that a parole office cannot be within 20 feet of a daycare center
  + Turnaround.....senate bills go to house & house bills go to senate
  + Extremely busy time of the session
  + Call or email him anytime
* Case Bell, Community Liaison
  + Love Wichita is still looking for houses to work on for the low-income, elderly, or disabled; submissions have to be in by March 3; requires on-site visit to take pictures; can be interior and exterior repairs; as long as the repair can be done in a day.
* Robert Perez, Gators Football owner as of October, 2013
  + Also oversees open basketball at Osage Rec on Tuesday evenings
  + Organization practices in the park
  + Wants to be involved; been at the breakfast; will help with garage sales
  + Having fundraiser to help buy new equipment; need new helmets, shoulder pads; the older boys will get new equipment next year
  + Discount cards being sold by boys in the neighborhood for $10; hopefully we'll know the boys because they'll be wearing their jerseys
  + Dr. Tim Warren, local Chiropractor will be providing physicals
  + Sign-ups May 17, June 21 & July 12, from 10-noon
  + Practices start the last part of July;
  + Another fundraiser selling cookie dough will begin when practices starts
* ADT Security Services
  + Alan and Ryan
  + Monitored home security systems
    - Deterrents: stickers and signs
  + Monitored smoke alarms
  + Literature available
  + Special rates available to SWNA members & family
* Big Brothers & Sisters
  + Jennifer
  + A mentoring organization with community kids
  + Numerous ways to get involved:
    - Bigs in school
    - Community based program
  + Bigs: ages 15 - 105
  + Paired based on common interests
  + If not you, share with others you know
  + Interest sheets handed out
  + Individuals, married couples, or families
* Committee Reports
  + Bylaws: Martha
    - Original and Proposed Bylaws are available on the SWNA's website under the member's section (password swna1996)
    - Should a requirement be added that SWNA adheres to all open-meeting laws?
  + Osage Recreation Center: Natalie
    - Most events are on scheduling calendar
    - Will print calendars & distribute
    - SWNA has events 4 nights of the week and KETCH has Special Olympics
    - Movie nights are suffering from low attendance; need more advertising
    - Osage has business cards; use to help generate interest
    - New signs for movie night & SWNA in general
    - Need to plan in advance so that we can build attendance; not enough events to make it into the City's Park & Rec magazine
    - Open to all kinds of ideas: book clubs, church groups, etc.
    - KETCH is moving in this coming weekend; their moving in will change the looks and atmosphere of Osage
    - Natalie purchased the 2 storage cabinets in the hallway and has a 3rd cabinet available to bring if needed
    - Are there any Bunko players in our group?
  + Events: Cheryl (not present)
  + Neighborhoods: Virginia (not present)
    - working on a neighborhood university
    - working on an easement issue
  + Clean-up: Lenn
    - Dates are filling up fast
    - Volunteers needed
    - Lenn asked if any neighborhood in the SWNA qualifies as low-income, the entire SWNA qualifies
    - Case suggested that we at least get our date set because the deadline is so quickly approaching; we can work out details later
    - Lenn asked about a meeting that's mandatory attendance on March 18th and he's out of town; Josh attended last year so we would not have to attend again this year
    - Possible dates to consider throughout April - September
    - Submitted date of June 14th to Case Bell for submission
  + Communication: Josh
    - Remind101: text or email reminders; subscribe or unsubscribe
      * Can be utilized by all committees
  + Sponsorship: Josh
    - Cheryl's working on several sponsors right now
  + Community Project Team: Josh
    - Josh is working with Pastor Sproules to arrange a ramp for James Efflandt; there's a contractor that's also willing to be involved; Ace Hardware may be donating some materials; James is trying to decide on what kind of ramp he wants built; costs vary between wood and cement ramps; James might also be a candidate for Love Wichita
    - Neighborhood Revitalization Planning: Case Bell attended a meeting and our City Administrators want to take an active part in this.
      * We need to start scheduling meetings open to the public to start brainstorming.
      * Areas including roads, buildings, etc.
    - South Coalition: United Way trying to raise $6M to discourage high school drop outs (rates are at their highest) in 67213.
    - Revitalization Planning Committee will have meeting on March 20th at 6:30. Marjorie will send out an email to the entire SWNA opening the meeting up to all members.
  + Since Officers Cornwall is leaving, SWNA would like to present her with a card signed by SWNA members. Officer Roats is up for her position and if you'd like to submit praise on his behalf, you can do so through the community policing link on the website. He's worked with the SWNA in the past and he was great to work with.
  + Adjournment at 8:52pm