SWNA Monthly Meeting

8/27/13

7:00pm

* Pledge of Allegiance
  + Discussion about the flag needing to be turned so that it's hung correctly
* Approval of agenda for this meeting
* Unable to approve minutes and treasurer's report from previous meeting as they were not available.
* Community Policing
  + Officer Kerns: South High School area
  + Officer Arroyo: 28 & 29 Beats
    - aggravated burglaries are up!!
    - lock your doors; criminals are becoming more bold
    - WPD is providing more sweeps along with regular patrols
* Brandon Whipple talked about the special session called by the Governor to discuss the Hard 50; Congratulations to the Whipples on the birth of their new baby!!
* Lacie Lanning is the new truancy and community involvement person from Truesdell M.S.; she discussed the upcoming Open House/Bond Celebration on September 12th
* American Legion 401 is preparing to celebrate their 50th Anniversary on ????
* Osage Recreation Committee:
  + Meryl McCullough: Thanks to all members of the committee who've been attending meetings
  + Natalie Aramburu: Scheduling
    - The on-line calendar for scheduling use of the facility is color-coded
    - The first Movie Night was August 10; decent turnout; intend to start holding Movie Nights the 4th Saturday of each month; the next Movie Night is September 28th
    - KETCH will be utilizing the gym on Thursday nights for Special Olympics activities
    - Mending Place Church may be using the facilities on Wednesday evenings for activities. Also planning "Celebrate our Youth" which is a health fair on Sept. 7 from 5-7
    - World Impact and Grace Med health clinics are discussing use of the facilities
    - Committee is taking with gentleman who runs the Underground Cafe about preparing meals to feed the underserved on Tuesday evenings; this possibility depends on the logistics of his preparing the food elsewhere and transporting the food to Osage.
    - Chiropractor Tim Warren has discussed providing services at the center
    - Osage is required to be open & providing 25 hours a week of community services; other possibilities include:
      * Golden Agers Club
      * Farm & Art Market
      * Neighborhood Garage Sale
      * Other ideas can be submitted either through the website or to someone on the committee.
    - Osage is talking with Cox and Pixius about providing free/discounted WiFi
    - Computers will soon be hooked up to printers and WiFi if/when it becomes available; the computers can be loaned out to individuals taking computer classes and in need of a computer; the computers are currently being relocated so KETCH can cut out the countertops to make them handicapped accessible.
    - Spray paint vandalism at Osage Park: needs to be repainted; possibly sometime after Labor Day; may require some fundraising to get supplies
* City Councilman, James Clendenin:
  + - The landscaping on Seneca from 31st to I-235 is supposed to start the week of September 2
    - Osage's outside restrooms are still in the works
    - Business owners in the neighborhood are not required to fence their properties and neighbor feels this is creating unwanted foot traffic. Meeting could possibly be arranged between owners and neighbors through the SWNA to address issue.
    - Questions regarding utility easements often require a referral to the Office of Central Inspection.
    - Neighbors are only allowed to have a total of 3 dogs without a special license.
* Oil drilling: major concerns regarding spills, smells, location, etc.; the community does not appear to be in favor; any decision has to go through the Metro Area Planning Committee before it even gets to the City Council and that's not looking very favorable
* Bob Weeks being on the airport commission: Has concerns with anyone having their own agenda being on the City Council
* Does city council have access to tax foreclosure information prior to the property going to auction?
* Seneca construction due to the drainage project from the river to Meridian
* Contact info for Clendenin: jclendenin@wichita.gov

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* Convoy of Hope: 6000+ people got through the lines between 8-10am; there was $1M worth of groceries, clothing, medical services, haircuts, etc. offered; agreed to do again next year with a number of changes including revised parking and a sufficient police presence.
* Neighborhood Area Cleanup: Working on expanding the area of the cleanup for next year.
* 501(c)3: Josh has investigated the prospect of SWNA becoming a 501(c)3 and to do so would cost SWNA approximately $400 per year.
* Neighborhood Watch: Groups can sign up through our community policing officers or through the City's website; there will be a neighborhood night out in October; more information to follow
* Next meeting is September 24
* Treasurer Chris Hoppman has been in the hospital; Best wishes for a speedy recovery!!
* Donation to St. Bart's for the chairs: Discussion over whether to make a monetary donation to St. Bart's as they donated the red chairs now being used at Osage; a vote showed all in favor of donation. Should the monies come from the SWNA, Osage, or a combination of both accounts? A vote showed the majority in favor of $100 being paid from the SWNA account to St. Bart's
* Adjourned