SWNA Monthly Meeting

10/22/13

7:00pm

* No pledge of allegiance as the flag is now flying on the flag pole out in front of the building. Currently Josh is coming by each day and putting the flag up and taking it down because the flag is not lit. Talk of installing lighting at some time. Also, talk of purchasing another flag for our meeting room.
* Community policing:
  + Officer Dowdy discussed beats 13, 27 & 28
    - Crime statistics are down overall; home break-ins are down but auto thefts are up, particularly Hondas.
    - Homeless Outreach Teams ran by Officer Nate Schwiethale (854-3013) should be contacted if we encounter homeless people needing assistance. The homeless overflow shelters are open from November 1st through March 31st.
    - Wichita Police Dept. is currently short staffed so often officers aren't able to attend meetings or events. What we can we do? Keep officers aware of events so they can adjust their schedules if possible. Remember.....it's all about the money!!
* Past Events:
  + National Night Out: October 1st
    - 50-60 people attended including City Councilman James Clendinen and County Commissioner Tim Norton
  + Garage Sale: October 19th
    - was open to the public
    - sellers could purchase a table for $10 to sell their goods
    - people made donations of goods that were sold and the proceeds went to SWNA
    - concessions were sold
    - SWNA made $352
    - People were asking when SWNA would have another garage sale? Osage building committee agreed to do them in April and October.
    - Next time SWNA will have their own room to help simplify things....keeping the monies separate.
    - Over 170 people attended this one & signed the liability release (some begrudgingly)
  + Movie Night: September
    - Despicable Me wasn't out on video as we'd advertised so a couple movies were presented for a vote and a different movie was chosen
      * October 26: Hotel Transylvania: Doors open at 6:30, movie starts at 7:00; 1:00pm the same day there will be a movie for the seniors, a Gene Autry movie
      * December 28th: Movie to be determined; perhaps something with a Christmas theme
* Christmas Breakfast:
  + Since we won't have monthly meetings in November or December we'll have our Christmas Breakfast instead; vote approved.
    - Southwest Baptist Church
    - December 7th, 8am - 11am - or until the food runs out
    - pancakes, biscuits & gravy, and sausage; should cost about $100; vote approved
* Osage Building
  + Construction started or getting ready to start at Osage includes:
    - the bathrooms at the north end of the building and the main bathrooms at the south end. Josh was told the outside bathrooms were supposed to be winterized because they had no heat;
    - Roof to be replaced
  + KETCH has said we can't be on-site during the 4 months of construction because of the danger and liability;
  + Additionally, KETCH said all SWNA materials would have to be removed and stored elsewhere and we could speak with Karen (Parks & Recreation) about a facility.
  + Karen (Parks & Recreation) said that SWNA could use the Alley Park Recreation bldg. for meetings but not for storage and that we would be charged the normal rental rate for use ($120???)
  + We discussed how the lease we signed with KETCH and the City of Wichita was set up.
  + Josh brought up how many differing stories we've been told about Osage ever since this whole process started. Suggested that we form some kind of group to have a meeting with KETCH and/or the City to see if there's not a way SWNA can stay in the building during construction.
  + Discussed how construction is ongoing at Linwood Rec. Center and yet they continue to carry on all their activities.
  + Discussed how the insurance premiums SWNA pays would be affected if SWNA and its property were not allowed in the building for 4 months.
  + It was agreed that another meeting would be held about the subject on October 24 at 7pm; hopefully, additional details might be available from the meeting KETCH was to have with the City of Wichita during the interim.
* Other Events:
  + Bethany Lutheran: October 26th, Car Show @ 1pm and Trunk-or-Treat @ 5pm
  + Temple Emmanuel: November 7th, Deli Days
  + Natalie Aramburu agreed to send a thank you card to American Legion 105 for the use of their tables at the Garage Sale.
* Adjourned