

Good Hope Farms Civic Association Meeting
August 30, 2011
Shunk House, 503 Kentwood Drive

The meeting was called to order by Teri Guelcher at 8 p.m. Teri Guelcher, Jan Gibas, Kristi Bolden, Melissa Shunk, Mike Ripton, Johanna Brown and Tracy Polovick were present.

The agenda was approved as presented.

The May 9, 2011, minutes were approved as presented.

Jan Gibas presented the treasurer's report. There is \$5,415.73 in the checking account. The bank is providing new checks due to the bank's printing error. Checks #611 to 649 were voided.

Old Business – There have been eggings, but no new home break-ins. (Tracy Polovick discovered after the meeting from Hampden Police that there was an attempted break-in on Woodcrest over the Aug. 28-29 weekend. The security system went off and scared the burglar away.) A picnic table is still missing from the park.

Mike Ripton proposed a "Blessings of the Animals" in the park sometime during the month of October around the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. He is an ordained deacon, who will be ordained a priest by the end of the year. There was some discussion on involving other ministers in the neighborhood. Further discussion with board members on the topic will occur via email.

Web site – Teri presented a Web stat report. It showed 1,327 visits in August, 1,224 in July and 853 in June.

Teri said someone requested an update to put in the directory in off years with a list of new residents. It was decided to put new residents' names in the newsletter.

Teri said Doug Works wants to create a master list that shows – name, address, member or not, email address, whether the family wants a hard copy of the quarterly newsletter, whether the family wants to be part of a text distribution list in emergencies, whether the family wants to be part of an email distribution list and whether the family does not have Internet access at home. Doug is willing to coordinate the newsletter and put it together. It was decided to gather this information during the 2012 membership drive.

Melissa Shunk will recommend to Tiffany Young that Liz Motter be asked to be the block rep for 5265-5277 Deerfield and 5268-5278 Deerfield and 5261-5271 Meadowbrook.

Tiffany Young has received no response from block representatives on the final attempt at 2011 dues.

Garden Committee – Johanna Brown asked that the Gorgeous Garden Award winner be recognized on the monument board.

Welcoming Committee – Tracy Polovick reported Armando and Jennifer Chilmaza moved into 5224 Meadowbrook Drive. Scott Howard and his fiancée have moved into 502 Kentwood Drive, but they have not been home when she visited.

Dates set: Sept. 10 – Newsletter articles are due to Melissa. Recipe suggestions are especially needed.
 Sept. 17 – Park cleanup at 10 a.m.
 Sept. 25 – Annual meeting at 4 p.m.
 Oct. 22 – Halloweenfest
 Dec. 3 – Breakfast with Santa

New Business – The annual garage sale was discussed after a resident requested one be done in the fall too. It was decided to stick with the first Saturday in May. Johanna Brown suggested a bake sale during the garage sale. She said another neighborhood makes money through this.

There was discussion on how to get more neighbors involved. It was suggested to break up activities into small pieces so everyone can do a little. It was also suggested a statement of values be developed, and an article be developed for the newsletter talking about how if we all come together nice projects can be done.

Ideas for other events were discussed. Johanna Brown expressed interest in a Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning. Mike Ripton suggested doing something with the creek.

Teri challenged each board member to find a new board member before the annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. The next meeting will be November 7.