

**Whitland Area Neighborhood Association
Steering Committee Meeting
Home of Ernie Moore
10 February 2011**

In attendance: Kevin Stack (Presiding), Ernie Moore, Tonya Rush, Melanie Block, Julia Perry, Lorrie Patterson, Scott Holder and Denise Hawkins

Kevin reminded us of the goals & missions of the neighborhood association which are posted on our website.

The minutes for the January Annual Meeting were not available tonight because of Nancy's absence but we hope to have them at the March meeting so that we can approve both those minutes and tonight's meeting minutes.

Lorrie gave a Treasurer's report and we have approximately \$32,000 in all of our accounts (regular checking, CD and Home Tour checking). Some dues have been flowing in as a result of the recent newsletter. Scott mentioned that Renasant Bank is paying a good interest rate on their checking accounts and Lorrie said she'd look into that.

We discussed the ad-hoc traffic calming committee and some of the neighbors who stated that they'd like to help getting a 4-way stop at the Carden/Whitland intersection after the bulb-out proposal failed. Ernie will be our liaison for this group so that reports can be made to the Steering Committee once this group gets going on their projects. Some in our group would like to see traffic calming not only on Whitland but on Leonard Avenue as well. We talked a little about speeding on Whitland particularly at the Bowling Avenue entrance to the street. Some other measures for the Traffic Calming Committee to consider are lowering the neighborhood speed limit to 25 MPH and installing Children Crossing/Children at Play signs to give a more visual presence of our intent to reduce speeds.

We talked a lot about the Home Tour and the need for finding someone to Chair this event. Pretty much all agreed that if we were not to have a Home Tour, momentum would be lost and it might not ever return. A few in the group volunteered to call some neighbors and see if they would be interested in the Chair job for this year. We'll report back in March on the outcome of these phone calls. Scott said if the person who we contacted did not wish to Chair, he suggested going ahead and asking the person if they'd consider putting their house on the tour.

We passed around the Steering Committee Host list and asked for sign-ups. March 10-Julia Perry; April 14th-Kevin Stack; May 12th-Melanie Block; June 9th-Tonya Rush; July 14th- Jessica Deerkoski; August 11th-Scott Holder; September 8th-Denise Hawkins; October 13th-Jack Miller; November 10th-Gail Wales; December 8th-Lorrie Patterson.

Some ideas for what the neighborhood association would like to accomplish this year in addition to what we already do, are: another Easter Egg Hunt, more crime watch enforcement and communication, new neighborhood Crime Watch signs to replace the 20+year old ones that are in bad shape, new telephone directory, and more funds put into cleaning up the creek, especially the water garden which seems to not drain very effectively, and perhaps adding benches and or a picnic table. Scott also mentioned that he thought most everyone in the neighborhood would be receptive to the idea of a mole eradication program whereby the neighborhood association could fund this project. We need to determine costs, etc. on this though. Meeting Adjourned ●