

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol Minutes
6-25-08

Members present were Bob Noyes, Linda Befort, Joyce Tepley, Phil Hughes, Chuck Pomatto, Paul Figel, Bill Marx, Bob Turney, Randy Griffin, Ilda Manriquez, and Officer Norris Spivey of the Dallas Police Department.

The monthly meeting was called to order by Chairman Bob Noyes at 7:00 pm.

Officer Spivey reported only 4 crime incidences happening in our area this past month. One was a family disturbance on Best. Another was a break in of auto at about 4 am in a church parking lot at 10066 Marsh Ln. The third was a break in of auto at about 6:30 pm in Episcopal School of Dallas parking lot. Purse, keys, and Blackberry were taken. The fourth was an auto theft from the parking lot of El Rancho grocery store on Walnut Hill and Marsh.

No violent crimes were reported but Officer Spivey again warned us not to leave valuables where they can be seen in one's car. He also brought brochures about the State of Texas H.E.A.T. program. Registration is free and gives the police permission to stop your car if it is on the road between 1 and 5 am. The police will treat the driver as a suspect until ownership of the car is established. Anyone wishing to participate can simply fill out the form distributed from the Bachman office of the DPD, send it to Austin, and a sticker will be mailed to the car owner for placement on the back window of one's car.

Joyce Tepley moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting as corrected. Motion carried.

Linda Befort reported the Crime Watch treasury balance as \$5,720.70 after an expense of \$12.50 paid to Bill Marx for envelopes and postage to mail VIP applications to potential volunteers, and dues from 25 households were collected as a \$25.00 deposit. So far in 2008 there are a total of 159 paid Crime Watch members. There are 158 Homeowner's members and 152 Extended Neighborhood Patrol members. In order to begin the ENP program we must have double that amount of membership. A table to solicit subscriptions for ENP will be set up at the Fourth of July picnic.

Paul Figel reported no problems with the equipment.

Phil Hughes reported that traffic continues to increase on the website. Most of the activity is between 10 pm and 1 am.

Chuck Pomatto reported there were 6 patrols in the last month, one less than April.

Bill Marx reported that he sent out 24 letters to potential volunteers who recently expressed interest in patrolling. He awaits the return of their applications.

Bill also reported that he observed 2 cars driving slowly down the alley behind his house on Fieldfare Court in two separate times. He reported both to the police and the first car he was able to get the license.

Ilda Manriquez reported 2 incidences of men looking over her 8 foot fence into her backyard and living room window two days in a row last week. The first man was Hispanic in his 40's and the second man was Anglo in his 40's. She reported the first to the police. Officer Spivey encouraged her to always report such incidences and if she does not receive satisfaction from them, to call him.

Ilda is also looking for someone to partner with who is willing to patrol after 10 pm.

Paul reported that a former member of VIP, Gail Litton, died this week. He and his wife, Clare, were avid patrollers for 12 years. Phil moved that we donate \$50.00 to their favorite charity in honor of Gail. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tepley