

Walnut Hill Volunteers In Patrol Minutes February 25, 2009

Members present were: Bob Noyes, Bill Marx, Randy Griffin, Chuck Pomatto, Mike Conlin, Joyce Tepley, Art Befort, Ilda Manriquez, and Paul Figel. Guests present were Ross Coulter and Officer Norris Spivey.

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Noyes at 7 pm.

Officer Spivey reported a 100% decrease in business and residential burglaries and thefts in January 2009 as compared to January 2008. In other words, we had no reports of those crimes last month. Credit for this goes to the increase in police patrols in the afternoons after school hours. The police have also been doing "sweeps" of the neighborhood on Fridays catching truants. There was 1 auto theft on Crestover and 1 BMV of tires and tire rims taken from a car parked in a driveway on Crestover, both happened between 12 and 8 am in January.

Officer Spivey encouraged us once again to report any incident, however minor it may seem, to 911. That is the best way the police have of tracking trends and deploying more police.

The minutes of last month's meeting were approved.

Art Befort reported on the state of our treasury in the absence of Linda, our treasurer. The balance was about \$5.00 more or less from the previous month. More checks have come in for the ENP program.

Paul Figel reported the equipment in working order.

Joyce Tepley reported that the website will be updated next month.

Mike Conlin reported that the police scanner we use on patrol has been reset. The setting for the frequency we use is PRI which monitors the Northwest police calls.

Chuck Pomatto asked that we drop from the membership list members who have never patrolled after they first joined. We agreed to glean the list.

Bill Marx reported that Carroll Wolford is in the hospital for observation of his chemotherapy. Bill also reported that the VIP training will be held his Saturday, February 28, 2009. If we know of anyone interested, the paperwork can be taken care of at the training.

Ross Coulter reported that we have a little over \$40,000 (260 households) in the ENP account and he has signed a contract with the police department arranged through Sgt. Jacquez to begin patrolling our neighborhood with an off-duty police officer as soon as we decide what the hours should be. The contract will be from the end of February this

year to the end of February 2010. Ross hopes to raise \$3,000 more once the patrol becomes visible so that we will be able to add a full 7 days to the schedule. We decided on the hours which will cover 5 days a week at 4 hour shifts.

Ross also talked with Phil Hughes about creating a secure web page for ENP only members.

The next homeowners meeting will be Tuesday, April 7 at 7 pm. Details will be published in the newsletter.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Tepley
Secretary