

Monday, May 18, 2015
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Ridgedale Library – Meeting Room 172
[Lower level small meeting room]

MEETING AGENDA

- **Previous Minutes Approval**

At www.sherwoodforestmn.org, online at Annual Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Bill Jepson at 7:35 pm, introduced officers, VP Son is away on business. Treasurer Wayne Bren's report will be given by Darlene Berzins

- **President's Summary Comments**

Bill Jepson, SFA President

- ★ Update over the year, redid the website (www.sherwoodforestmn.org - Wix.com site, easy to recreate old site and add to new site. Bill currently is only admin on the site.
- ★ Home page – slide shows of events, announcements, maps, historical maps, map with mortgage holders (online), aerial photos back to the 40s/50s/60s, lots of interesting history of our neighborhood
- ★ Calendar is dynamic, will be filling in events as they are calendared
- ★ Discussion page – Facebook and Twitter accounts, there is a bulletin board area we can further develop if it's of interest
- ★ Crime Alert area
- ★ Neighbor's site – highlight the interesting things your neighbors are doing (O'Dell's and their chickens; Will Fifer just finished 3,000 mile bike ride from Savannah to San Diego; David Holmes our resident artist and his activities; Jeff Beckman sent his daughter's video of dinosaur adventures in Sherwood Forest Assn and the Fairy Tree; our environment and removing buckthorn removal, now is time to remove the garlic mustard plants.
- ★ Sherwood Hills Entrance sign restoration – well received, everyone pitched in to plan, execute the restoration process.
- ★ Bolster Cabin for sale, historical info being gathered

- ★ History project ongoing and working on filling out info on the eastern half of Sherwood Forest and we will have a presentation here at the Ridgedale Center later this fall to which all residents will be invited
- ★ 2014 4th of July Parade not well-attended, but we will schedule again.

• **Treasurer's Financial Report, Wayne Bren, SFA Treasurer**

1. Report shows assets at \$2,700 as of April 2015, printed copies of Wayne's were handed out as well as the SFA's Profit and Loss May 2013-April 2015 Statement
2. Filed with SOS annual registration of SFA as a non-profit under MN Statutes, Chapter 317 (C-1157).
3. Current membership is only 35; last year we had 86!!
4. Thanks to **Amy Norelius** for maintaining the entrance planters
5. Thanks to **Clem Moore** for maintaining the lighting on monument
6. 133 have email access on Constant Contact so please sign up and/or update your current email address with Wayne.
7. Please renew our membership dues of \$20. Checks can be sent to Wayne Bren at his home address:
11210 Live Oak Drive Minnetonka, MN 55305-2584.
8. Or contact him directly at: 952.512.0251, email wbren@comcast.net.

• **Neighborhood Business and Events**

Stone signage Repair Recap, photos photos of the whole repair crew are online

Omegon – looking for volunteers to be on an advisory committee that would meet 4 times a year. A flyer went out to SFA members

Plantings Upkeep Area /Volunteers

- ★ Looking for help with maintaining the look of the common areas as we drive in. Greg O'Dell has committed to mowing near Jim Couling's bench

Police reporting – for whole City (not just SFA!) presented by Darlene B.

- ★ Speeding down by 500 incidents
- ★ ID and Fraud up by 60 incidents
- ★ Narcotic incidents up 50 incidents
- ★ Burglary residence up by 9
- ★ Business burglaries up from 49 to 62 which was down from 60 in 2012

- ★ Shoplifting down from 2013 but close to 2012 statistics
- ★ Total calls for service in 2014 15,670 similar to 2013

Event Committees / Volunteers needed for our main SFA yearly activities:

- ★ **Fourth July parade** 7/4 (Saturday 10 a.m.) top of Lakeview Ln West (Bill Jepson)
- ★ **Night Out** – August 4th (Darlene Berzins; signed up for August 4, same place on Lakeview Lane and Fire truck has been requested)
- ★ **Garage Sales – September 19** (two days? Christie will do flyers, Patrick Nolan to help?)
- ★ **Chilly Fest** – first Saturday in March 3/5 (Christie, others?)

Sherwood Forest Facebook/Twitter/NextDoor

- ★ Website has links to FB and Twitter, we will include NextDoor with a description

- **Neighborhood Questions and Suggestions**

1. Discussion about neighborhood common areas; do we hire a young person for cleaning, mowing as was done in the past?
2. Discussion on how to remove buckthorn, garlic mustard, always an ongoing concern in the neighborhood. Minnetonka has lots of information on it's website.
3. Permits needed for fire ring and for natural yards
4. Ridgedale Vision update by Whitney Frisch
 - Notices in late winter for Ridgedale area redevelopment meeting
 - Plans for the future attempting to be purposeful
 - Redevelopment of Highland Bank is done deal (5 story multi-use building)
 - Plans for whole area
 - There is a link on the new website with lots of detail; all in the future
 - Residents want to maintain the identity of Minnetonka (as livable; with ample open green space, places for people/walking trails/biking trails, more mixed-use buildings) Those attending want to promote a lower height profile, continued open spaces, visibility
 - Cartway Lane, is going to have even more traffic! Looking at a roundabout as possible option (#2 on the website), taking

out all the lights, traffic flow will be changed, sidewalks, greenery boulevard

- Most information is online on the city's website
- 5. Next Fall will be another neighborhood **Palooza** (Guilty Party will be featured, Bill Jepson scheduled for **September 12th**)
- 6. Amy Norelius will be happy to turn over the planting of the entrances but she will continue if no one else is interested
- 7. Vote NO on the Environment Finance Omnibus bill – contact Terri Bonoff with concerns
 - Not a good bill, contact her now or if it gets passed contact Govenor Dayton's office to veto
- 8. **Remember that the speed limit is 20 mph in our neighborhood, legally can't enforce it but will ticket over 25 mph.**

- **Sherwood Forest Officer Elections**

Dave Weimer volunteers and is elected as Vice President
Bill Jepson will serve another 2 years as President
Christie Boeder will serve another 2 years as Secretary
Wayne Bren will continue as Treasurer

Meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.