

Capitol View-Stift Station Neighborhood Association Meeting

October 11, 2010

2715 W. 7th Street – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Cara Chapman lead in the welcome, approval of minutes and the financial report. The block parties raised \$457.15 and \$150 in membership dues was paid. She introduced the guest speakers.

One of the featured speakers was Janet Carson; she is the master gardener coordinator for the master garden program of Arkansas. She gave a brief discussion of the program and spoke about the importance of watering during this time of drought. She also spoke about planting a cover crop such as turnips and collards for the winter vegetable garden in order to hold down winter weeds. She commented on the fall colors in the trees that are a result of water in the soil, cool nights and warm days. She suggested planting swiss chard and spinach for color in the garden, replacing annuals, pansies and violas. If you are going to overwinter tropical plants when it is time to bring them out in the Spring replot them, sheer the sides and bottom of the roots with a serrated knife and cut the tops off the plant by half in order to get new blooms. She suggested using a sealant on pumpkins being used as décor as it will make them last longer and if you are buying potted mums look for plants with many unopened buds. Mrs. Carson then opened the floor to questions.

The second guest speaker was Maggie Smith who presented information regarding the myths and misconceptions about election laws.

- Poll workers must ask for an ID but you don't have one you can ask for a provisional ballot and show your ID later. Acceptable ID's are; drivers license, passport, utility bill, bank statement etc as long as the name and address match the information on the roll.
- You cannot change your vote after casting a ballot, however if you think something is wrong with your ballot show the poll worker and have a new ballot issued.
- You cannot write in your name or any one's who hasn't filed as a write in candidate.
- Campaigning on public property; regulations restrict campaigning within 100 feet to the main entrance of a polling site. Outside that area one can campaign with signage and speeches. Capital laws can be used to prevent public disturbances and harassment.
- One vote can count! Stone County had a tie for the sheriff's position and one vote could have made the difference so get out there and vote!

Cara turned the meeting over to Kathleen Countryman, the CVSS alert center facilitator, and she announced the following: There are flyers being passed around the neighborhood offering to paint numbers on curbs using false information that the 911 service requires them. The truth is that house numbers should be 3" tall and be visible from the street. Operation identification II is underway. Citizens can check out infrared pens at the library or alert center to write serial numbers on valuables. The numbers can be read with ultraviolet lights that the police have. Stickers are provided to place on

your door or windows that inform would be burglars that your property has been marked. Items are being collected by Kathleen for the animal village. Bring them to the alert center by December 15 and she will deliver them.

Cara made the following announcements: the newsletter will be distributed soon; some routes need to be taken over to take the pressure off of the few who are currently doing them. The public safety committee meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Members of the public safety committee will be patrolling Halloween night passing out safety information and candy, be on the lookout for them! November 12 is good neighbor night at Old World Pizza from 6-8, they will donate 10% of profit to the neighborhood association. The recent ABC board decision is in the appeals process. There will be a clean-up at the Fountain/Vernon island on October 23.

The meeting was adjourned by Cara.