

SAN TOMAS WEST

Neighborhood Association



STWNA Community Meeting Minutes
January 9th, 2008 - 7:00pm – 8:30pm
3750 Gleason Avenue – Payne Elementary Multi-Purpose Room

Community Sign In:

Sign in sheets were located at the entrance. Attending members in good standing were provided a voting card.

Proceedings:

Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Heather Sutton.

Board member introductions, Heather Sutton, Lisa Riggs, Jeannie Grigsby, Cindy Cooper and Pauline Berns.

Representatives Captain Finch, Campbell PD, and Captain Calderone, San Jose PD provided community updates while the member sign ins were counted to confirm a quorum was present.

There is a slight increase in theft activity, including home invasions, cars and copper wire from local homes. It is encouraged to install motion detectors, keep your property well lit and to lock all doors.

Gang activity is still present and law enforcement is working hard to educate the community.

It was MOTIONED and APPROVED to accept the Agenda

It was MOTIONED and APPROVED to accept the minutes of November 7th 2007 meeting.

Board Reports:

Heather Sutton - President

Heather informed the community we were able to vote on the proposal to amend our bylaws as there were sufficient members present to form a quorum. Heather also introduced Jackie Wyckoff, who is a valuable member of our association and has been helping with the bylaws as she is an experienced and certified Parliamentarian.

STWNA Proposed Bylaw Amendments

It was MOTIONED and APPROVED to accept the changes to the Bylaws.

Lisa Riggs – First Vice President

Lisa asked the community if there are any more volunteers to take on Block Captain and Sign in Table roles. Lisa is also actively looking for alternative printing services/prices for our newsletter in an attempt to provide higher quality print outs for our community readers and the advertising businesses.

Volunteer Jackie Wyckoff was recognized as an Outstanding STWNA volunteer. Jackie is our newsletter editor, a block captain who is always willing to go the extra mile, and was instrumental in redeveloping our bylaws. Jackie has been a very active STWNA member right from the start and continues to support the association in a variety of ways.

Pauline Berns was recognized as our January Outstanding Volunteer. Pauline is a STWNA co-founder and has served as the association's secretary since its inception. Pauline has been a vital member in the success of our first year by developing and maintaining all of the membership documentation and database, by producing STWNA correspondence, and managing our online databases – to name just a few of the many, many things Pauline has done. Pauline has been our go-to person and she will be missed on our board, but Pauline plans to be very active in the STWNA in a variety of ways moving forward.

Jeannie Grigsby – Second Vice President

Jeannie is working to purchase lawn signs that will be posted prior to our meetings in an attempt to further spread the word of meeting dates in our neighborhood. Anybody willing to post a lawn sign is encouraged to contact Jeannie.

Cindy Cooper – Treasurer

Cindy presented the financials including the balance of the CAP Grant.

It was MOTIONED and APPROVED to accept the treasures report.

Pauline Berns – Secretary

Pauline gave a membership count update and requested members renew their 2008 membership and made the request that if there are any members who are not receiving emails or have any change in their contact information to please let Pauline know.

Committee Reports:

Elaine Osborn

Elaine reported the wonderful success of our first STWNA Holiday Event on Saturday, December 8th 200. The event was held at the Payne Elementary MU Room. A wonderful breakfast was served and the neighborhood was very generous in their donations to the following charities.

- Second Harvest Food Bank (1.5 barrels of food)
- Soles4Souls (85 pair of shoes)
- Innvision (100+ Coats)
- Humane Society (pet blankets and food)
- Toys for Tots (toys and gifts)

Committee Reports:

Ann Herosy

Ann is working on our STWNA Safety Event which will be held on Saturday March 29th 2008 from 9:30am – 4:30pm. Following a breakfast and social hour, there will be a number of events during the day:

- The American Red Cross – Prepare before disaster strikes
- “Don’t Bully my Kids” a presentation for adults to help their children handle bullies.
- San Jose CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) will educate on what to do when disaster strikes home.

A luncheon will also be served.

Chairperson’s Report:

Erin McLaughlin - CBAC (Community Board Advisory Committee):

STWNA’s CBAC representative provided a report from the Moreland School District Community Board Advisory Committee.

Unfinished Business:

STWNA Elections

Lisa Riggs was reelected for another 2 year term as 2nd VP

Kim Lafond was elected as secretary for a 2 year term.

The board was expanded 7 members to include the appointments of Elaine Osborne as the Director of Events and Ann Herosy as the Director of Safety.

In preparation for the next Community Meeting on March 12th, 2008 please review the information on the goals and priority print outs.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Pauline Berns