

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING
OF NESHOBA NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

The General Meeting of the Neshoba North Neighborhood Association was held at 7:00 P.M. on September 3, 2009 at the Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church located at the corner of Germantown Parkway and Neshoba North.

The meeting was called to order by the President Don Cockroft. Don welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He explained to everyone present the importance of becoming involved in the Association and the importance of getting more people participating to increase the membership. Our funds are getting very low because of low membership at this time. He explained the importance of being able to have neighborhood activities sponsored by the Association.

One of the ways to increase neighborhood participation was to obtain Block Captains for each block in our neighborhood. Don explained how the Block Captains would be able to contact people on their block and pull the neighborhood together as a group. He presented a large map he had marked areas to be covered by each Block Captain. Don asked volunteers to sign up on sheets placed on each table where people were seated. Questions and answers followed by several people. Doris Brewer volunteered to hold a meeting for the people that agreed to be Block Captains in her home. If people were not sure what was required of them, they could have it explained at the meeting before they made a final decision.

The Treasurer, Jim Jacob, gave the treasurer's report. He stated that we had a bank balance of \$8,427.93 of which \$6,344.00 was monies collected for the Decorative Sign Project, leaving a total of \$2,083.93 as of August 31, 2009. Jim also stated we have 62 paid members as of August 30, 2009.

The next order of business was the proposed changes to the current NNNA Bi-Laws. Jim Jacobs presented the changes and explanations as to why they were being revised. The Revised Proposal of the NNNA By-Laws was voted on and accepted unanimously.

Don announced the next General Meeting of NNNA would be held on December 1, 2009. Elections of new officers for 2010 will be held during the meeting. He encouraged people who are interested in holding an office to let one of the present members know so their name could be added to the slate of officers presented by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Doris Brewer read an announcement regarding Neighborhood Preservation Commission on Saturday, September 19, 2009. Hope Pittman is a member of this committee and resides in our neighborhood.

Don introduced our speaker for the evening, Mr. David Pickler, Chairman of the Shelby County Board of Education. The topic of Mr. Pickler's presentation was the "Single Source Funding of the City of Memphis and Shelby County School Districts". His power point presentation kept the audience very interested as he explained

where the money from our taxes goes in the State of Tennessee and more importantly Shelby County in regard to education. The Consolidation of Memphis City and Shelby County schools has already been accepted by the City Council. It has to be voted on by the General Assembly in Nashville to become law. The proposal does away with the Memphis property tax for education, which goes solely to city schools, and replaces those funds by raising the county property tax rate for all taxpayers in Shelby County. Shelby County schools would receive no additional funding or educational benefits for our students. This will affect every property owner in Shelby County whether you have a school age child or not. Mr. Pickler encourage everyone to contact their government officials to express their thoughts in hopes of being able to defeat the bill in the General Assembly in Nashville. Questions were invited and answered by Mr. Pickler.

A complete copy of Mr. Pickler's presentation is on our website www.neshobanorth.com.

Don thanked Mr. Pickler and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doris Brewer
Secretary of NNNA