

Minutes from MENA general meeting, at North Garland Library. March 31, 2016

Meeting called to order by Michael Rideau at 7:08 p.m.

Greeting from Michael, everyone introduced themselves.

Discussion about armed robbery last week at 2710 Grasmere.

Open discussion about other experiences of burglary and vandalism in the neighborhood. Most agreed that Meadow Crest Estates has lower crime rates than surrounding subdivisions, and it's a safe place to live.

Michael reported that speed bumps cannot be funded with vitality grant money. He read a list of things that have been disqualified from grant projects for neighborhoods. He will talk to the city to question these changes to the program.

Michael reported a \$5,103.05 balance in the MENA bank account.

Don Wright discussed the bylaws change that moves the meeting dates from January and July, to March and September. The bylaws change passed with 13 yes, and zero no votes.

Four board members were on the ballot. All were approved by 15 yes, and zero no votes. The new, and re-elected board members are Margaret Evans, Rex Gifford, Michael Rideau, and Don Wright. They will serve a 2-year term.

Open discussion was on two main points of interest. It was suggested that we have a Meet & Greet event, or something to get people out to meet their neighbors. There was discussion about a Neighborhood Crime Watch Patrol. It was pointed out that Paris, TX supplies radios for the volunteers, and furnishes an old police car for patrol. Also, there were questions about MENA, and how we function. It was pointed out that we are not a Homeowners Association, that we are volunteers working for a better neighborhood.

Judi Lazerus reported on the NextDoor site, and our website. NextDoor now has 127 members, from 98 homes in Meadow Crest Estates.

There were 19 people in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

dw