

## **SPENA Board Meeting -- Saturday, November 12; 10:30AM**

### **Brian VanderMolen's Home**

**Attending:** Brian VanderMolen (President), Dodie Butler (Past President), Bryon Adinoff (Vice President), Tim Strawderman (Secretary and Treasurer)

1. Neighborhood Projects – Brian V. reiterated the current position of the Board to only fund major projects with specific funding events, the Board plans on using all of the SPENA bank funds over an extended period of time (excluding the emergency fund of 5000.00) for future neighborhood projects. The board plans to have a specific neighborhood project and hold an event where donations will be accepted to reach the neighborhood goal. Once half of the specified neighborhood project is donated, SPENA will use the other half the funds to cover the project. This will continue until the 5687.00 is depleted. Noted projects include street sign toppers and movie projector for 'kid's night in the park'. Due to the timing of the holidays in 2011 these funding events would most likely not occur until after January 2012.
2. Halloween Recap – Feedback from the neighbors was generally positive regarding the barricaded streets and Dallas Police Department security. It was felt that this encouraged families to walk rather than drive their children to trick-or-treat. Others felt that barricaded streets sent the wrong message and might have indicated that visitors were not welcome. Additional feedback on the event will be solicited via Constant Contact in order to plan for next year's event. The Board agreed to provide a \$75 Visa gift card to Officer Zafrani for his efforts to secure the barricades and additional officers for the evening.
3. Dues – Brian V. suggested that SPENA should consider raising the membership dues to \$50 per household from the current \$30 for the regular expenses associated with SPENA. Board members suggested that prior to doing this, there needs to be a detailed explanation as to why the current dues are insufficient for operating expenses, particularly with over \$10,000 in the SPENA bank account. He noted that this is something that will be consider in the 2012 if needed, only once the board puts together a detail explanation and is discussed with SPENA members at the 2012 Fall Meeting.
4. Board Vacancies – Beginning in 2012 there will be vacancies on for Secretary and Treasurer on the Board, and committee chairs for Social and Beautification. Bryon A. will ask Kenda North to send out a Constant Contact notice asking for volunteers.
5. Newsletter and Event Invitations – It is unclear whether these publications and flyers will continue now that Denis Duncan no longer resides in the neighborhood. She had provided most of the support necessary to collate, design and publish this collateral. The Board is open to other neighborhood volunteers who may be interested in this opportunity.
6. December First Friday – There has been a volunteer host (Farhad Niroomand) for the December First Friday Social. More information will be forthcoming for the website and facebook.