

FHNA General Meeting Minutes, Tuesday 12/08/2009
Forest Hills Recreation Complex
Submitted by Mary Mooney, FHNA Secretary

The regular meeting of FHNA was called to order at 7:10pm, followed by a moment of silence for our lost members and soldiers, then the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Following reports were given:

General meeting minutes of previous meeting on 9-8-09 were submitted, moved to be approved by Fred Hueting and seconded by Cora Hueting, All present in favor. Treasurer's Report were submitted and moved to be approved by Fred Hueting and seconded by Ken Chappell. All present in favor.

Old Business: Eric Hart is present from Tampa Sports' Authority. Round of applause given for his new position as Director of TSA.

New Business: Marilyn Green spoke on Paint Your Heart Out Day, scheduled for 04-17-2010 (3rd Saturday of April). Last year's participants are already placed on list of volunteers for this year. Five houses have been painted by our community thus far. Keep an eye out for potential houses to paint with the following criteria needed: occupants must be 60yrs. old or greater, live within city limits, have fixed income and give approval for painting.

Names are needed for eligible houses by 12/12/09. See website for pictures of last year's event at Foresthilstamp.org.

New library branch was introduced by Pam McFarlin who commended the architecture, colors chosen and graphics of the new structure. She said volunteers are needed, classes are offered for a monthly charge and there are free computer lessons offered.

Tampa Police Dept was represented by R. J. Casale. Officer Casale had good news to report that no report had been made in four days in our neighborhood. Congratulations were given to our new Chief, Jane Castor.

Introduction of our guest speaker, John Cinchett, author of book, Vintage Signs, was given and references were made to his very extensive collection of memorabilia from his family's 1950's collection. His family owned and operated a neon sign shop. He includes in his book many pictures representing historical sites of Tampa that people loved back then. Unusual sites include Wholesome Bakery (only daytime photo ever taken) but Grandfather had taken film footage and made Christmas decorations for the bakery. The sign was completed in 1949. Meeting people who can make personal connections w/the local past and present old establishments like the drive-ins, dress shops, theaters, restaurants is the most interesting aspect of having written his book.

Meeting adjourned 8:30pm