

The regular meeting of the Northampton Civic League (NHCL) was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selvin Walker, NHCL President. Seven members and 2 guests were in attendance.

The meeting opened with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

League Business:

President Walker welcomed members and guests. He distributed copies of the agenda for the evening.

Secretary Matt Asay presented the Minutes from the September meeting and thanked Karen Duncan for recording them in his absence. After one correction, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer Samara Walker then presented the Treasurer's Reports. (Because there was no vote on Treasurer's Reports at the September meeting, she also presented reports from both August and September.)

For the August 4th report, the starting balance was \$486.00. There was no income or expenses so the ending balance was also \$486.00. This report was approved unanimously by the membership.

For the September 1st report, the starting balance was \$486.00. A total of \$20.00 in dues was received. There were \$36.21 for refreshments at the August meeting. The ending balance was \$469.79. This report was also approved unanimously by the membership.

For the October 6th report, the starting balance was 469.79. A total of \$30 in dues was deposited. The ending balance was \$499.79. This report was again approved unanimously by the membership.

Matters from Members

Carolyn Phaup inquired about the possibility of the NHCL sponsoring a candidate forum. After some discussion it was decided that it was too late to plan something this year, but that the league should consider a forum for the next election (as we have done occasionally in the past).

Treasurer Samara Walker presented information on upcoming immunizations and a community health fair scheduled for mid-October.

Vice President Alonzo Duncan reported out on several matters for Karen Duncan who was unable to attend. First, regarding the list of civic organizations and their meeting dates, there are a total of 45 different civic organizations in Hampton. She is working on a list showing points of contact, dates and locations they meet, and their web site address if any.

Regarding the new Neighborhood College organization, the structure and schedule are still

under development. Sabrina Carr is the point of contact for information

He also reported that the Neighborhood Commission Small Grant process revision is nearing completion. It will be presented to the committee this month and to the full commission in November.

Selvin noted an offer from John Mollette, the head of Codes and Compliance to speak to us on the Codes process (either in November or next year). The members expressed their interest and we will try to arrange it for sometime next year, possibly in January.

One of the members talked about a repeated problem with a constantly barking dog in her neighborhood. It barks or howls all day long. We were not sure if there was anything that could be done by utilizing the noise ordinances. We agreed this would be a good question for Codes.

Selvin also noted that there was some information coming about School and Community Partnerships, but that he needed to have more discussions with the school authorities before it was ready for presentation.

Selvin plans to email to members updated information on ordering t-shirts and buttons for NHCL members.

Cheryl McElraft reported on our former Vice-President Wendell Midkiff. He had been back in the hospital, but is now at home again. He may be moved to a nursing home as his care needs are becoming overwhelming for his family.

Finally the President suggested that we adopt a theme of “Giving Back to the Community” for league members for 2010. He will be suggesting ways in which the officers and the rest of the membership can volunteer for various assignments to help make Northampton a better place to live.

Holiday Celebration Mixer

The members discussed the possibility of having another pot luck dinner similar to what we had done for the last two years. Selvin noted that the large meeting room was currently available on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday of the second week of December. He suggested that in addition to a pot luck for members, we use it as a recruiting tool and give invitations to a few of our neighbors. Matt Asay and Carolyn Phaup volunteered to serve on a planning committee for the event and present ideas at the next meeting.

We decided to plan the pot luck for Tuesday the 8th in place of our regular meeting date on December 1st. We will also invite any interested city officials (the Mayor, the City Council members, Jonathan McBride from the Neighborhood Office, and Terry O’Neal and James Freese from the Planning Department).

Elections

We will be holding elections for 2010 officers at our November meeting. The bylaws on term limits prevent the President from running for a third consecutive term. The Vice President has only served for part of a year and could run again. There are no term limits for Secretary and

Treasurer.

The Secretary asked that those interested in running or nominating someone for an office sent the information to him as soon as possible. He noted that the bylaws required notice of nominees and of the election go out to the membership at least a week prior to the meeting. He will send out a call for nominees with information on the duties of each officer and then send out a list of nominees before the November meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

There was 1 renewal (Samara Walker) and no new members.

Attendees were:

Selvin Walker	Butch Heath	Cheryl McElraft
Alonzo Duncan	Matt Asay	Carolyn Phaup
Samara Walker	Jim Harris (guest)	Arthur Ritter (guest)

Action Items:

- Matt Asay to send a call for nominations for 2010 officers
- Matt Asay to distribute a list of nominees before the November meeting
- Carolyn Phaup and Matt Asay to present plans for a Holiday Party
- Selvin Walker to distribute updated information on NHCL t-shirts and buttons

Matt Asay
NHCL Secretary

As approved at the November 3rd, 2009 meeting.