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EPIC Block Club Annual Meeting

Saturday, March 28, 2015

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church

1. President Nancy Lewis convened the annual meeting of the EPIC (Every Person Is Concerned) Block Club at 10:05 a.m. All those in attendance were asked to introduce themselves.
2. Megan Fisk, community organizer for Elevate Energy, a non-profit organization that promotes smarter use of energy, gave a presentation and distributed literature on how to implement energy efficiency programs.
3. Re-elected Ald. Harry Osterman gave a state of the 48th ward report in general, the EPIC area, in particular. Covered in the latter were Whole Foods, Broadway Bank block development, public safety efforts on the 1100 block of Thorndale and west of Broadway, CTA station on Thorndale, Senn High School, Senn Parks, Broadway Armory cooking kitchen and red light cameras at Hollywood and Sheridan and Clark and Ridge. Under consideration are double hung street lights in the EPIC area, a façade rebate program on Thorndale, Chicago Department Transportation traffic study of Broadway/Elmdale intersection and traffic congestion at Clark/Ridge.
4. Gail Hoover, member of the Senn Park Advisory Council, gave a presentation on proposed and to-be-proposed improvements to all components of Senn Parks and distributed a survey to cull responses and recommendations from EPIC members.
5. President Lewis delivered an annual report which will be archived in EPIC's website (epicblockclub.org).
6. Treasurer Willard Duncan reported a balance of \$622.99 on Mar. 31, 2014, deposits of \$577.00 and expenses of \$507.96 for a balance of \$692.03 as of Mar. 28, 2015.
7. For absent Nominating Committee Chairman Marsha Holland, NC member Clare Lake announced the slate of officers for 2015-16. They are:

President: Elyse DeVries
Vice President: Willard Duncan
Recording Secretary: Marsha Holland
Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn (Lynn) Pierce
Treasurer: Debra Northey
8. Each candidate presented their credentials to the membership and there were no nominations from the floor.

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9. A motion was made and seconded to elect the slate of officers as presented for 2015-16. The slate was unanimously approved.

10. President DeVries noted that EPIC, founded in 1975, is observing its 40th year in 2015. She applauded the efforts of all EPIC block and Blue Cart captains. John Holden volunteered to fill the Elmdale block captain slot vacated by Sarah Bornstein who is moving out of the neighborhood.

11. Margaret (Marge) Ford, Clare Lake and Robert Solomon volunteered to serve as Nominating Committee members for 2015-16 and Mary Stoner as first alternate. Two remaining NC members and second alternate will be selected at the first meeting of the newly elected Executive Committee.

12. DeVries announced that EPIC's website (epicblockclub.org) is to be revamped and modernized and issued a call for historic and current photographs and documents.

13a. First annual 48th Ward Community Day will be held Saturday, May 2, at Senn High School. EPIC will staff a table in the block clubs room.

13b. 21st annual Edgewater Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held Saturday, June 6, no rain date. Marilyn (Lynn) Pierce will coordinate EPIC's participation. Seven block clubs, the Edgewater Beach Apartments at 5555 N. Sheridan and St. Gertrude's Church are participating this year, the largest to date. Through a liaison with the Edgewater Chamber of Commerce, some businesses will hold sidewalk sales and, in a shop and stop feature, restaurants and sidewalk cafes will be recruited to participate in what has evolved into an Edgewater tradition.

13c. EPIC's spring-into-summer block party will be held Saturday, June 20, on Magnolia between Thorndale and Elmdale.

13d. EPIC's fall potluck will be held Saturday, Sept. 19, also on Magnolia between Thorndale and Elmdale.

14a. Edgewater's third annual Art Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 26 and 27, on Granville between Broadway and Kenmore.

14b. The dilapidated single family residence on the 5930 block of Magnolia, long an EPIC eyesore, has been sold to and will be replaced by a responsible developer.

14c. It was suggested that term limits of officers as defined in EPIC's bylaws be examined by the Executive Committee.

14d. It was suggested that members of Neighbors on Elmdale and Thorndale (NET), the block club immediately to the west of EPIC, be invited to the spring-into-summer block party and fall potluck.

15. President DeVries adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted for Elyse DeVries and Marsha Holland:
Marilyn (Lynn) Pierce
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