

PONA Minutes  
March 18, 2010  
at Advent Lutheran Church on San Juan

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Rick Doyle called the meeting to order at 7PM. A treasurer's report was presented.

- A. Call for nominations of new officers. Under the by-laws, Richard Karp our current Vice President is to be president next year. All other positions are open. The membership was asked for nominations or volunteers for positions. Available positions are: VP who is and will be the president elect., Secretary, Treasurer, two directors. He would like to have self-nominations. Richard has 60 days to fill the positions. You can reach Richard Karp at 916-425-9877 if you would like to volunteer for a position.

Jon Paul Burke asked to be self nominated for the VP/president elect position.

Secretary

Treasurer

Director (to be a representative at REACH): Rick Doyle was nominated by Jon Paul Burke

Director

- B. Mary Pool - gave an update on 1.3 million dollar street improvement plans for area Money has not been allocated yet, but is expected. They are looking for and applying for any and all Federal and/or State grants they can find.

- C. Kristen Noonan; census update. Census is important because it decided district lines for legislature. The Census Bureau hopes for a "target date" of 4/1 to have the majority of forms filled out and returned. Our state received \$1700 for each person in the state. Everything is confidential. All workers take a confidentiality oath. Historically there has been a 20% non response rate. They are still looking for people to volunteer or take a paid position. You can look on the city's website for information. President Obama wants a report on participation late April or early May. You can call Monica Alejandre for additional information (916) 727-4711 or [malejandre@citrusheights.net](mailto:malejandre@citrusheights.net) or Kristen Noonan, [knoonan@citrusheights.net](mailto:knoonan@citrusheights.net)

- D. Operation identification - Jim Gallegos (Sponsor) and distribution of assigned "Kits to membership"

Jim Gallegos from Farmers Insurance will help us on a project called, "Operation Identification". There are packets of forms that which says that items in your house are traced. Your Dr. Lic number is suggested as you BEST form of I.D. Mr. Gallegos is donating the home security kits. The names of the people who have the kits will be given to the police department. The kit includes a pen that can etch on your items. Do put CA + your driver's license. The kit also contains stickers for your windows which say your belongings are marked. The police will monitor this for 6 months to see the results. Rick stated that he had many

break-ins when he had an office. but after he put up the stickers the break-ins stopped.

E. Key note speakers - Carla Neuman - DVIC and Janet Schaefer - CHPD SGT Domestic Violence intervention Center

We are one of the few city's that has a DVIC (Domestic Violence Intervention Center). Carla Neuman runs it and has been running it for 8 years. It was started because there was nothing in this area. There is a 24 hour crisis line. The "dream" was to have their own shelter and in 2006 Citrus Heights was awarded a block grant and a house was secured. This is for women and children. They had to close soon after they got the house and needed to redesign the program. There is a need for men as well and they can get vouchers. They reopened the house on 9/9/08 and have been successful. Most people in Citrus Heights do not know the house exists. Carla brought some "share cards" for stores in the area. If you shop at these stores, the stores will donate funds for the DV.

SGT. Janet Schaefer CHPD - In Oct she entered a new program that was launched by the police called the the Domestic Violence Advocate. They can respond to issues that are happening at the time. Citrus Heights has had 538 incidents of physical violence last year and over 400 verbal incidents as well. There are a lot of children who are the victims of domestic violence.

- Sunday is the high day of domestic violence because it allows two days of drinking.
- Monday is the second highest because of unemployment.
- July is the highest month of incidents and then May and Sept. followed by Feb.
- Domestic violence is about control of someone else.

Officer Elena Calderon is one of the officer who has a DV advocate. She started in October with this position. She has an advocate in her car -Natalie. She has now learned more about DV (Domestic Violence) and how to control it and she can recommend what the people need to do. They help with other items as well as domestic violence such as assisting elders and telling people where to go for help. While the police officer wants to know the facts and takes people to jail the advocate helps unravel the situation. The advocate rides with the police twice a week. The advocates have uniforms supplied by the Police Dept.

A DV advocate is a volunteer who goes through 40 hours of training and they have on-going training as well as self-awareness and self-defense training. Right now there are 100 volunteer agencies. "Harmony House" can use donations of disinfections, toilet paper, paper towels, etc.

Activities and fund raisers for DVIC:

- There is a BUNCO night on Thursday, April 1, 2010 from 6:30-9 PM at Round Table Pizza at 78 Lichen Drive in Citrus Heights. You can call Rosanne@799-8702 or Laura@847-4782 for additional information.
- DVIC is offering a self-awareness/self-defense training on Sat, April 24th 2010 at 6060 Sunrise Vista Drive (third floor) for young girls 11-15 from 9:30-11:30 for \$30 per student and for young women 16-24 years from 1-4 PM for \$30 per student.

As a neighbor you can be supportive of the situation, non judgmental and know your resources. Look for signs that someone is being isolated from groups, etc.

- F. Duffer Tour update - Another terrific way to contribute to the DVIC is our own PONA DUFFERS TOUR. Remember, it will take the place of our regular April meeting and serves the dual purpose of "fun AND function" You DON'T have to be a golfer to enjoy this event.....it is an opportunity to mix with your fellow PONA members AND a chance to laugh at ourselves (which we ALL should do more of ) all while providing a TAX DEDUCTIBLE contribution to Citrus Hts, own DVIC. Remember, PONA will pay the golf fees for the first 50 players. If you can't play, you CAN nominate an alternate to play in your name. As long as we know that they are playing in your behalf, we will pay their golf fees, until we get to the magic 50 mark. So let us know soon!
- G. POP Program - Neighborhood watch - POP officer Sgt. Alex Turcotte and Officer Scott Farnsworth, [sfarnsworth@citrusheights.net](mailto:sfarnsworth@citrusheights.net), passed out the NA newsletter. They passed out a brochure about Neighborhood Watch and why it is important. They are working on contacting the businesses in the area and talking to them about a "Business Neighborhood watch type" program. Neighborhood watch is just people in your street who are organized for looking out for each other. Often they reminding people to close their garage doors, or talk to each other about anyone around who seems suspicious etc. There are 32 neighborhood watches in the city. You get phone lists and emails lists to talk to each other. It is picking up and more neighborhoods are responding. You can invite whoever you want in your neighborhood to organize.
- H. Citizen's Academy will be started again soon. There is a Folsom Prison tour, ride alongs, watch the canine group, You get some insight about how our police department works. You do go through a background check before you are accepted.

I. One member stated there is more graffiti in their area by a green belt area. Liechen area is getting a lot more. People need to report the incidents. You can make an on-line report as well. If you see it in the park you need to report it.

Rick reported we had 28 votes for the Pawn Shop and 28 votes against and 5 people who had no comment. The Pawn Shop will get their license.

I door prize was donated from Kohl's Dept Store.

The meeting was adjourned at 9PM.