



**Forest Glen Community Club (FGCC) General Meeting Minutes**  
Tuesday, October 11, 2011  
First Congregational Church of Forest Glen  
5400 N. Lawler Ave., Chicago, IL

Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by FGCC President, John Kolbash.

**Items of Business:**

**Minutes of June 9, 2011 meeting read and accepted.**

**Treasurer's Report read and accepted.**

- Current Fund Amounts;
  - o Snow Plow - \$4470.60
  - o General - \$1831.50
  - o Garden - \$1503.20
- Raised an additional \$539 in donations to help replenish the Snow Plow Fund.
- Of the approximately 540 homes in Forest Glen, 368 homes have paid their membership dues.

**Website Review, presented by Gayle Paprocki**

- Average site visits per day;
  - o 37 in June
  - o 39 in July/August
  - o 48 in September
- The website includes general information about Forest Glen
- The website includes a Calendar Page for events.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**John McCabe, Forest Preserve District of Cook County**

- The Emerald Ash Borer is an invasive insect which is destroying trees.
  - o Discovered in Kane County in 2006.
  - o Discovered in Cook County in 2008.
  - o Now found throughout the Midwest.
- The removal of infested trees must begin in the area.
  - o A complete survey of the area has been completed.
  - o Areas in the northwest part of Cook County have been marked for removal.
  - o Removal of ash trees is necessary to provide a safe environment.
  - o List of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) has been provided.
- Replanting of removed trees was discussed.
  - o Bids are being accepted for proposed tree planting.
  - o The time between removal and replanting of trees requires working around the changing seasons.
  - o New trees will not be planted along roadsides.

- The County will look at individual trees in an effort to work with the community.
  - o Beyond removal, no solution has been discovered for an infected tree.
  - o Triage needs to be done one year before infestation begins.
  - o Tree damage may not be detected until up to 5 to 7 year after infestation has begun.

### **Elections**

The following candidates sought the following offices;

- Sergeant at Arms
  - o Michael Nelson
  - o David Belle
- Treasurer
  - o Jeff Reichenbach
- Recording Secretary
  - o Mary Oakleaf
- Corresponding Secretary
  - o Chris Puccini
- Vice President
  - o Michael Fitzgerald-Ward
  - o Eric Brodersen
- President
  - o Robert Murphy
  - o Tim Lynch

Each candidate was given an opportunity to address the membership of the FGCC.

Ballots were completed and collected for counting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Mural Project, presented by Monika Walczak**

- \$380 was raised in the Mural Raffle
  - o Winning raffle numbers are posted in the website.
  - o Money raised from the raffle will be used to buy paints, sealants, etc.
- The Mural Committee is continuing to reach out to various artists.
- The timeline for the Mural Project is as follows;
  - o The submission deadline will be in mid-April or May.
  - o The planned start date for the new mural is mid-June.
- To volunteer to help with the mural, a sign-up sheet was circulated.

#### **Fourth of July, presented by Steve Reardon**

- In 2011, we had 300 participants.
- \$343.45 was spent.
- Thanks to all who volunteered.

#### **Green Thumb Award, presented by Steve Reardon**

- The rules for judging have been rewritten as previous rules were deemed to be too subjective.
- On the weekend of June 24, 308 ribbons were distributed.
- Can we post winners on our website?

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Halloween Party, presented by Gayle Paprocki & Irene Yungerman**

- In 2010, 120 children attended.
- A stipend of \$250 to pay for the 2011 party was requested and approved.
- The Halloween Party is the Saturday before Halloween from noon to 3 p.m.
  - o It is held in the church basement.
  - o Includes cupcake decorating, carnival games, craft table, face painting, and a ball pit for babies.

### **Halloween Safety Corner**

- The FGCC has hosted a safety corner for the past 20 years.
  - o The Safety Corner serves apple cider and doughnut holes, as well as provides safety for children.
- A stipend of \$100 to pay for apple cider and doughnut holes for the 2011 Safety Corner was requested and approved.
- The Safety Corner will take place from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in conjunction with trick-or-treating hours on October 31.

### **Pink Bulbs, presented by Jonna Brodersen**

- Pink light bulbs are being sold to help support Breast Cancer Awareness.
- Pink Bulbs are placed in outdoor light fixtures during October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- The goal is to have “Forest Glen Go Pink”.
- The effort started with 300 light bulbs, only 4 are left.
- \$1200 has been raised so far.

### **Vote on the new By-Laws, presented by Steve Reardon**

- Among the revisions to the By-Laws include;
  - o Each Office has a 1 year term limit.
  - o There is a limit of serving for 4 terms.
- Duties for each Office is updated and described in detail.
- The By-Laws divide the Board of Directors and Officers (i.e., The Executive Committee).
- The motion to accept the new By-Laws was approved.

### **Alderman John Arena**

- You are welcome to drop by the Ward Office.
  - o “Ward Nights” are Tuesdays from 5 to 7 p.m.
- Mariano’s Grocery Store is happening on Elston Ave.
  - o Site prep for the store will continue through the end of construction season.
  - o Completion of the project is expecting in summer of 2012.
- A Chase Bank branch will open across the street from Mariano’s.
- Light poles in Forest Glen are down because room is needed for road improvement/utility equipment.

### **Introduction of new Forest Glen Neighbors, presented by John Kolbash**

## **ELECTION RESULTS**

The following candidates were elected to the following offices for 2011-2012;

- Sergeant at Arms
  - o David Belle
- Treasurer
  - o Jeff Reichenbach
- Recording Secretary
  - o Mary Oakleaf
- Corresponding Secretary
  - o Chris Puccini
- Vice President
  - o Eric Brodersen
- President
  - o Robert Murphy

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

**Next General Meeting:** Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. to be held at the First Congregational Church of Forest Glen.

\*Members are invited to arrive early for coffee and to socialize with neighbors before official business begins.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to be held at the First Congregational Church of Forest Glen

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Puccini  
Recording Secretary, Forest Glen Community Club