

GENERAL MEETING

August 10, 2020

The North Cedar Neighborhood Association is a nonprofit organization formed for the purpose of strengthening the community, promoting safety and quality of life, and to facilitate neighbor's pursuit of other common interests.

**CALL TO ORDER:** At 7:00 Lorene welcomed people. 15 attended and all introduced themselves.

**MINUTES:** Jo Anne read the minutes and they were approved.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Mary presented the treasurer's report. General fund balance: \$25,797.91. Project fund: \$12,624.38.

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

1. Mary read Mark's answer as to why some power lines are not buried. The reason is that the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Project is taking so much time. The power lines will all be buried within 5 years.
2. Jim Newcomb provided his July 2020 report on the NRP with 43 volunteer hours in July and 5529.25 project hours to date. He told about the installation of the two newest Lion's Club "Little Free Libraries: at Bess Streeter Park and at the corner of Big Woods Rd and Lake St. Joanie Krejchi and \_\_\_\_\_ are monitoring the books. Thank you. The newest project will be enclosing the NRP with split rail fencing. Jim and volunteers will install the 1<sup>st</sup> stage this Aug. in the area near Woodlawn and Cedar for about \$1500. New signs have been installed in the NRP designating the outdoor classroom, the prairie, bird watching benches and the savanna. These are welcome additions. Jim recognized Frank C, Travis S, and Jeanna N for their help in making sure the 150 new trees along Lone Tree Road are healthy throughout this dry period by watering regularly with over 2000 gallons of water provided by the city of Cedar Falls each time.
3. Election for new board and officers will be at the next Sept. 14 meeting.
4. Craig Rash of the Prairie Rapids Audubon group spoke about making Cedar Falls a "Bird Friendly" community. Craig was instrumental in helping Denver, Iowa become a bird friendly community. He gave the protocol for application with 3 criteria: 1. Protect, restore, and enhance bird habitat. 2. Reduce threats to birds. 3. Educate & engage people in birding & conservation. The NCNA will head up this process.
5. Mary Carroll told about the Scarecrow Contest to be held downtown Cedar Falls on September 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. The NCNA will have an entry. Volunteers can help Mary.
6. Pastor John Harrell of the Cedar Bible Church on Fern and Green Street invited all to an open house and free supper on Sept. 19 from 4-6 pm.
7. The North Cedar Elementary School playground is nearing completion and looks great. Meeting adjourned at 7:45. Next will be Sept14, 2020 at the Eagles club. J. Ove, sec.

