11/18/14 – Neighborhood President’s Council Meeting

- **Announcements:**
  - Jim Wingate (MAP) – Please mark your calendars for the December 16th meeting of the NPC; MAP will be hosting a Holiday Party from 6:00 – 8:00 pm for Presidents, Board Members and their families.
  - Heather Williams (BBN) - please send history & picture of your neighborhood; would like to share the story of your neighborhood on the website.
  - Amy Fant (MAP) – Neighborhoods Twitter account @Muncieneighbors; please share your stories of what is happening in your neighborhood.
  - Isabelle Sowers (MAP) – 2015 canvassing events will focus on SkyPark and Granville; please look at your calendars and be ready to volunteer.

- **Shafer Leadership Academy:**
  - Introductions: name, neighborhood, takeaway from last month’s session and what you think consensus means
    - As leaders you need to listen, to give up control and to not place blame
    - Storytelling is important – must make time to build trust and relationships
  - Drawing Activity – Lesson Learned:
    - Individuals in a group when presented with the same challenge, will have different perspectives
  - Skit Activity
    - Discussion
      - People are not that articulate in a real meeting
      - Everyone was willing to share their ideas
      - Everyone had a different concern/way of looking at the situation
      - One person acquiesced more than others – trusted the group’s opinions
    - Lesson Learned
      - Must develop trust amongst members
      - Must know the people you are working with
      - Must have a level of comfort amongst group members to avoid sidebar conversations
      - Leader must set expectations at the beginning – possibly at the beginning of every meeting
      - Consensus is having the same goal in mind; Leader may have to re-direct the group by keeping the common end in mind

- **President’s Reports:**
  - Clifford (Blaine/Southeast) – rehabbing Blaine field; was awarded KaBoom grant; next step is forming a planning committee; will be going full steam ahead after the holidays have 1 year to spend the funds.
  - Mark (Thomas Park/Avondale) – 15 people at the last meeting; asked if people wanted to meet during the Holidays – consensus is yes.
  - Bill (Riverside/Normal City) – only two people attended the October meeting due to miscommunication of date – couldn’t get the email out; going to work to get more people to take ownership in the organization; thank you Jim Wingate for spearheading the project to landscape Appeal to the Great Spirit.
  - Lynn (East Central) – Dec. 6-7 from 4-8 pm and 1-5 pm (respectively), East Central is hosting their Holiday Home Tour; Tickets are $10.00 and are available for purchase at the Emily Kimbrough House.
  - Frank (Whitely) – purchasing HUD house for rehabilitation.
  - Mark (Forest Park) – Christmas Party on December 13th at the Senior Center; accepting donations of new toys or monetary donations to be dropped off before December 5th at the Senior Center; Connie is leading the association meeting this month because he is attending the public meeting to fight for rehabilitation or demolition of a property in the neighborhood; house destroyed by fire that killed young child has finally been demolished.
Misty (Anthony) – have had a rash of break-ins in the neighborhood; will be discussing what people can do to stay safe/avoid a break-in.

Sylvia (Western Woods) – re-looking at the steps to build a neighborhood association and setting new goals for the future.

Lezlie (South Central) – still having issues with attendance at regular meetings but had good turnout at garden party; may hold off on having any more meetings until after the Holidays.

Isabelle (Blaine/Southeast) – working on a Christmas Party for the neighborhood and to thank Lisa Dunaway’s planning class for their hard work.

Jim (Gatewood) – spending a lot of money to repair the historic gates – noticed bases are deteriorating – plan to raise money to continue restoration; a rental property that is zoned residential was operating a business – spoke with tenants – tenants moved; working on a FaceBook and a webpage.

Lynn (Westbrier) – people are motivated to fix up their homes when other people in the neighborhood are making improvements.