

Meeting Minutes – November 2009

Hiltonia Association General Minutes Thursday, November 12, 2009

The general meeting was held at the home of Debbie D'Arcangelo and Ed Dippold. Approximately 39 residents were in attendance. The guest speakers for the evening were Mark Valli, President & CEO of NJ After 3, Inc. and Julia A. Taylor Director of Energy Education, Planning and Research at Isles.

Mark Valli spoke first discussing the NJ After 3 program. He explained that the NJ After 3 is an organization that is dedicated to after school opportunities for New Jersey's kids. The program is a statewide network of afterschool programs serving more than 12,500 children and their families across 114 urban, suburban and rural school communities. The New Jersey After 3 network consists of local community organizations who partner with public schools to expand learning time by more than 40% each school day, keeping kids safe, improving student achievement and supporting working families through a specific, evidence-based afterschool program model. He also encouraged residents of the community to get involved on a volunteer basis at their local schools. Presently NJ After 3 is in Robbins, Gregory, Mott, Stokes, Monument, Trenton Community Charter School, and Grace Dunn Middle School. Volunteers are needed to tutor students with homework or volunteers can share a special talent with students. Mr. Valli also took questions and comments those in attendance and handed out contact information. NJ After 3's website is www.njasfter3.org.

Julia A. Taylor spoke about Isles' approach concerning energy education and why they are involved. By partnering and serving as an outreach program for PSE&G, Isles is helping consumers save energy and money with three steps. Consumers can call PSE&G to schedule an appointment to receive the following services. Step 1 Audit- includes a visual inspection of the home, combustion appliance testing, and a report detailing recommended energy efficiency improvements. The analysis is linked to incentives and Energy Star rebates. Step 2 Air Sealing- includes blower door test and after air sealing work. Free air sealing up to \$1,000 is available. Consumers are eligible for free air sealing only if air sealing opportunities were found and no health and safety issues were found during the audit. Step 3 Comprehensive Package- includes measures for additional air sealing, insulation, and other recommended eligible measures. Ms. Taylor stayed afterwards to answer questions and schedule appointments for neighbors who were interested in program.

The General Meeting was called to order at 8:34 P.M.

TCCA Report The TCCA held its election for its executive board on Thursday, November 12th. The new executive board President for 2010 is Hiltonia's Cameron Hunt. Cameron spoke and encouraged people to call when they need him. He wants to be with the people and hear what TCCA can do to make things better in the community.

Previous Meeting Minutes Copies of the minutes were distributed and adopted from the September 15, 2009 meeting.

Membership The Association has its highest membership to date as reported by Bobbie Shelingoski.

Treasurer's Report Copies of the report were distributed and read aloud by treasurer, Bobbie Shelingoski. It was mentioned that Hiltonia T-shirts are available and the money raised will be used to support the Hiltonia Association. Also, membership dues will be increased to \$15.00. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

Welcome Wagon New neighbors have moved in. Their homes are located on the streets of Kensington, Cornwall, & Stanley.

Children's Committee The Children's Halloween Party was again a success due to the efforts of Marybeth Barenborg and Anthony Lukas who hosted the party. Approximately 25 children attended.

Correspondence Nothing to report

Website Committee Residents in attendance were encouraged to register on Hiltonia's new website- www.hiltoniaassociation.org. A meeting at the Ellarslie museum is scheduled to introduce the website, take/offer feedback, and show the capabilities of the site.

Civic Don Wallar, the civic chair, was not present but Bea Scala-Fischler did speak. She recently had two meetings with the Advisory Board of the Trenton police to control speeding through the neighborhood.

Old Business

Cross Street Right of Way Signage Through streets inquires-Eric Jackson and James Allen revisited the area and are anxious to help analyze signage. A meeting with the Executive Board and residents will take place within the next few weeks to discuss the issues.

Update on Repaving of Hilvista Blvd. Hiltonia's corresponding secretary wrote to Eric Jackson about replacing the curbs and repaving. Mr. Jackson responded promptly and explained the timing of the weather would be a factor as to when the job of repaving will get done. The plants will re-open in April and resurfacing of the streets can take place. Len Pucciati is the man responsible for the curbs and is looking into a plan that will suit the entire neighborhood.

Neighborhood Dinner The dinner will take at the Trenton Kebab House located at 226 East State St. 22 residents have responded.

New Business

H1N1 The Joyce Kilmer School- H1N1 vaccines will be given to area residents; you must show proof of residency.

Hiltonia T-Shirts The image file for the new T-Shirts is available for viewing on www.hiltoniaassociation.org

Calendar 11/14- Electronics Waste Day. It was mentioned that Freecycle.org will recycle anything and Terracycle.net is another source for recycling. 12/5- Mill Hill House Tour 12/18- Phillip Steffani will conduct the holiday concert at the Church of Immaculate Conception 23 Manalapan Rd Spotswood, N.J. at 8 P.M. The concert will feature the Immaculate Conception Choir, soloists, and the orchestra. Tickets are \$15.00. 1/9- Hiltonia Holiday party will be hosted by Phillip Steffani and Jeffery VanVelsor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Dawn Coluccio