**Noble Neighbors**

Meeting: *May 5, 2015, 7pm*

At *Bethel Church*

**Minutes**

1. Bravo to all of us for our April 26, 2015 Noble Community-Wide Home and Yard Sale!
2. Opening Announcements
   1. Meeting notes: Carol
   2. Meet your police, Thursday, May 7, 6-8 at the police academy
      1. Report crimes – be a good observer, continue to report crimes
   3. FutureHeights Community Capacity Building Program – can still sign up
   4. Next month at StartRight Church in Caledonia
   5. Quick response to the CWRU report, whole report not yet available
      1. Report will be on our web site in the summer
      2. 33% rentals – always have had 24%
      3. Herman – inviting neighbors
      4. “Longer term residents are more negative about the neighborhood than newer residents” – rewriting our story
   6. April 26
      1. Helen Hertz – real estate and trolley tour –
         1. Heights Community Congress is acting as our non-profit agent and got us discount
         2. Lolly the Trolley was funded by ReMax, Keller Williams and Howard Hanna Smythe Cramer real estate firms
      2. Feedback opportunity – web site Feedback, email or large paper
      3. Acknowledgements – One Clap Kudos
         1. Jeff Coryell - untiring advocate for us, did all our graphics, interactive map, and social media for the event.
         2. Flyer distributors – particularly Tricia
         3. Barb and our Beautification committee who started last fall to make the neighborhood more lovely by planting three public perennial beds.  Barb purchased flowers this spring and made sure all the planters on Noble Road had bursts of color for our April 26 event.
         4. Susanna Niermann O'Neil and Community Relations - bent over backwards to provide city services for us and coordinated the Lolly the Trolley tour
         5. Helen Hertz, Keith Kiefer and Sherry Callahan, all realtors, who spearheaded getting all the open houses on the same day and who funded the Lolly the Trolley tours
         6. Wendy Partridge, ICA Art Conservation and CHUC School Board - The school board allowed us to be in Oxford School at no cost (quite unusual!), ICA Art funded the effort through their education division, and Wendy gave fabulous talks about the WPA artwork in the building
         7. Home Repair Resource Center - held workshops and a tool sale
         8. Noble Road Presbyterian Church, Bethel Church, Church of the Master and Mount Olive Evangelical Lutheran Church, and Hope Lutheran Church congregations each offered special events
         9. Cleveland Heights Police Department - opened the Police Academy, brought on of their K-9 unit dogs, and gave kids coloring books and junior police badges
         10. Heights Community Congress - booked Lolly the Trolley for us and helped write the script for the historical tour
         11. Hundreds of neighbors - who hosted yard sales, food sales and presented our neighborhood to prospective home buyers as the friendly, neighborly place that it is!
3. Projects in Process
   1. Beautification Committee – Barb et al
      1. Scavenging from high school bed after May 12
   2. City Council Attendance Group – Susan
   3. City has new focus on Roanoke and Noble to remove old gas station and beautify the lot
4. Speed Dating/Elevator Speech
   1. One minute limit to announce your interest
   2. Don’t be discouraged if the response is lower than you imagined – sometimes it takes a while for an idea to catch on – city council group is example
      1. Brenda – public art
      2. Marty – Bremec – May 27 fundraiser: 10% of sales to Noble Neighbors
      3. Judi – Back to school fest and parade – get kids ready for school
      4. Gail – Noble and Glenwood – community garden here?
      5. Marty – Food event for the summer – focus group forming, want to bring restaurant/coffee shop to neighborhood
      6. Judi – Litter Prevention
      7. Brenda/Gail/Amy – Business relationships – work on developing
      8. Judi – Oxford Community Garden – spots are available
      9. Brenda – Tenant Association/Landlord Association – want to develop
      10. Brenda - City Council attendance leader – need a coordinator
      11. Brenda - PTA liaisons – need to develop relationships with this group
      12. Barb – we need a “hot card” to hand out about Noble Neighbors
      13. Barb – can we raise funds to put up signs to discourage littering?
      14. Martha Goble of Heights Community Congress - attend the World Café at the main library this Friday at 7pm
      15. Bill – would like to gather a group around local history research
5. Small Group Time
   1. Host a block party this summer
   2. Never pass up a lemonade stand

Next meeting: June 2, 2015, 7pm at Start Right Church, 977 Caledonia Road

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