

## RIDGESIDE COMMUNITY CLUB

### MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 2006

The Ridgeside Community Club met on Friday, December 1, 2006, at the home of Connie Perrin, 8 Brookwood Drive. Co-president Kit Ramsay called the meeting to order at 10:40. Thirty people were present.

Sandra Standefer gave the devotional, the theme of which was the value of community and the importance of shared responsibility.

Treasurer's Report: Sandra Longer reported a balance of \$640.80 remaining after payment of \$20.00 for baby sitting services and \$41.50 for food expense.

Corresponding Secretary's Report: Doris Schonhoff reported that Mr. Anderson is now at a Life Care center. There was no report on his condition. Connie Perrin reported that Elizabeth Worthington's grandson, Wick, had died. Jean Moore said that she would get the address for Mrs. Worthington.

President's Report: Kit Ramsay announced that luminaries for Ridgeside will be held December 18 and 19. Bruce and Kerry Blohm at 115 Hilldale Drive and Robert and Karen Page at 112 Ridgeside have graciously agreed to have an open house. Connie asked for another volunteer to have another open house, preferably on a street other than Hilldale and Ridgeside. Regarding the street captains for the lighting, Connie Perrin reported that nine people have agreed to serve as street captains. A few more are needed. Regarding Welcome Baskets, Janie Thomas reported that a basket had been delivered to Christie M. Sell at 127 Ridgeside Road.

Other Business: Martha Drake asked for consideration regarding transportation for people who wanted to attend an open house but were unable to walk to the home. Since cars are not to be parked on the street, this situation is a problem. Kit and Connie will work on a solution. It was suggested that some of the teen-agers might be willing to provide a shuttle service.

Connie announced that she would have a party for the street captains at her home on December 9 at 3 o'clock. She will distribute the materials for the street captains.

If residents need assistance in lighting the candles, please call Connie Perrin.

Kit thanked Connie Perrin for hosting the meeting and Kit Ramsay, Launa Browning, and Sandra Standefer for providing food.

There being no further business, Kit introduced the speaker, Brenda Neal, whose timely topic was "Unplugging the Christmas Machine." Suggestions included (1) Start early and small, remembering there are no perfect Christmases and no perfect families; (2) Plan incrementally; (3) Set only a few goals consistent with your circumstances; (4) Plan for success by focusing on what you can accomplish; for example, plan activities that will support your goals. Four things children want are (1) A relaxed and loving time with family; (2) Realistic expectations about gifts; (3) An evenly paced holiday season; and (4) Reliable family traditions. Included in the hand-outs was "The Christmas Pledge": ***Believing in the true spirit of Christmas, I commit myself to...Remember those people who truly need my gifts; Express my love in more direct ways than gifts; Examine my holiday activities in the light of my deepest values; Be a peacemaker within my circle of family and friends; Rededicate myself to my spiritual growth.***

Following the thought-provoking presentation, the group enjoyed the delicious lunch served on holiday decorated tables.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Barker, Secretary  
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