

Dresden East Civic Association (DECA) Quarterly Meeting

Date: October 15, 2014

Location: St. Pius X High School

Attendance: About 40 people were in attendance.

Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He mentioned that holiday coupon books for Town Brookhaven were being given away to everyone in attendance and that movie tickets for Cinebistro in Town Brookhaven would be given away in a drawing later in the meeting.

Jordan thanked St. Pius for hosting us. He gave dates for some upcoming Pius events including a home football game against Chamblee on October 17th and the Pius Marketplace on November 22nd. He reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday 11/4.

September 2014 DECA Treasurer's Report

Todd gave the Treasurer's Report:

\$3,508.26	Beginning Balance September 1, 2014	
	+ 220.03 Deposits	
		\$ 60.00 Dues 160.00 DECAzette ads .03 Bank Interest
	- 155.87 Expenses	
		\$ 135.22 National Night Out, Appling, Dresden Sq. & Marlin Acres 15.25 New Member Kit supplies, Appling Heights 5.40 PayPal Fees
\$3,572.42	Ending Balance September 30, 2014	

LaAmistad

The Executive Director of LaAmistad, Cat McAfee, spoke about the organization and its mission. She gave a similar presentation to the one that was given at a past DECA Board meeting. She explained that she wants to bring LaAmistad to Dresden Elementary. Ilan explained that the goal was for Cat to raise awareness of LaAmistad in our area and that DECA would be holding a fundraiser for LaAmistad in the spring.

Chamblee Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC)

Verle Van Hoozen talked about the Chamblee Recreation Advisory Committee (RAC). The committee is composed of six volunteers. They are looking for two people to fill vacancies for a two year term. The commitment is for about five hours a month and the committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at Keswick Community Center. Committee members help come up with ideas and activities for the Chamblee parks. They would like to have someone from our area to represent the interests of our community, especially because Dresden Park is part of the DECA community. People who are interested can talk to Verle after the meeting or go to the next RAC meeting.

Nominating Committee

Jordan said that Ilan Sklar (DECA VP) is chairing the Nominating Committee this year, but others can assist him. The Nominating Committee is looking for people that are interested in being a DECA officer (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer), or neighborhood rep. No prior DECA experience is necessary and you can self-nominate. The deadline for nominating candidates is the December Board meeting (December 1st).

DECA Clean, Safe and Fun Committees

Ilan talked about the DECA Clean, Safe and Fun Committees. They came from meetings that the DECA neighborhood reps had with each neighborhood to find out what they want to see DECA do. The Fun Committee will organize fun events, the Safe Committee will help with things like Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out. The Clean Committee will organize neighborhood/area clean-up events.

These will be DECA-wide committees (not one Clean, Safe and Fun committee per neighborhood). Ilan is looking for committee chairs and for people to plan events.

Todd expressed an interest in restarting DECA Diners as a fun event. This group will meet-up at area restaurants at or near Buford Highway. Nikki said she would welcome volunteers to help her clean and maintain the Shallowford Road islands.

Cinebistro Movie Ticket Giveaway

Tom Hogan of the Chamblee City Council drew the names of the winners of the Cinebistro movie tickets. Each winner got a set of two tickets. Cinebistro also placed an ad in the October DECAzette.

DECA Forum

Jordan started off the forum by introducing Charlotte-Ann Rogers. Charlotte-Ann is organizing a drive to raise money to pay for Thanksgiving meals for 4 local fire houses and possibly Chamblee Police as well. The DECA Board will consider donating to this cause as well at our November Board meeting.

Another reminder went out to vote on Election Day.

Jordan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.