

Dresden East Civic Association (DECA) Quarterly Meeting

Date: October 16, 2013

Location: St. Pius High School

Attendance: About 40 people were in attendance.

Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He thanked St. Pius for hosting us. Mary Ellen Cenzalli, the new Director of Development for St. Pius, introduced herself and said she was happy to host our meetings.

Jordan gave the Treasurer's Report for the 3rd quarter for Todd who was not in attendance:

Third Quarter (July - Sept) 2013 DECA Treasurer's Report

\$ 4,598.23 Beginning Balance July 1, 2013

+ 684.42 Deposits \$312.96 Dues
371.35 Decazette Ads
.11 Bank Interest

- 616.58 Expenses \$498.34 DECAzette Printing
118.24 National Night Out contribution, Wakefield For.

\$ 4,666.07 Ending Balance September 30, 2013

Community Calendar

Jordan announced that there was an updated Community Calendar in the October DECAzette and on the DECA website (Go to decaonline.org and click on the word 'Calendar'). He read some important upcoming events including:

- * 10/29 DeKalb County School District strategic planning meeting at Cross Keys High School.
- * 11/5 Vote on Chamblee annexation
- * 11/7 and 11/14 DeKalb Transportation Planning Committee meetings

Kim Gocke of the Cross Keys foundation spoke to us about the importance of the 10/29 strategic planning meeting. He said the Cross Keys school cluster had received significant less funding from the E-SPLOST than the other school clusters in our area and that needed to change. He talked about how well the students in the Cross Keys cluster do despite being under-funded.

Community Projects with URUUT

Jordan told the group that the Board has been talking with URUUT (www.uruut.com) about partnering with them to help us fund community projects. URUUT has a crowdfunding platform that makes it easier for individuals and businesses to donate money towards community projects for non-profits like us.

Kim Gocke talked about URUUT who recently worked with the Ashford Park Foundation to help them fund a \$100,000 project to build students at Ashford Park Elementary an outdoor classroom and improved carpool area. Jordan then asked members to brainstorm some community projects they would like to see so the Board could decide which project(s) to work on with URUUT. Here are some of the projects our members would like to see:

- New neighborhood entrance signs
- Community Gardends
- Beautification of Dresden Drive, Chamblee-Tucker and Shallowford Road cooridors
- MARTA bus stop improvements
- Turn empty lots into small parks
- Build a pet park
- Sidewalk by QT on Dresden
- Stormwater drain covers
- Convex mirror by Tanglewood Circle
- Dresden Elementary sign

Jordan reminded everyone to remind their neighbors to vote on Chamblee annexation on November 5th at their normal polling place. Chamblee City Council Rep, Tom Hogan, will be available after the meeting to answer questions about the City of Chamblee.

DEMA Emergency Preparedness program

Robert Swanson from DEMA gave an informative program on Emergency Preparedness. Key topics covered were:

- DeKalb County CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) courses
- Sheltering in Place guidelines for preparing for an emergency
- The “Code Red” Community Notification alert program

Flyers were distributed to the group with more details about all of the information discussed. For more information about DEMA, please visit http://web.co.dekalb.ga.us/dk_police/pol-dema.html or <https://www.facebook.com/DekalbCountyEMA>

Jordan adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.