

## Dresden East Civic Association (DECA) Quarterly Meeting

**Date:** July 16, 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 thanked St. Pius for hosting us. Tony Stephen of St. Pius, introduced himself and said that Pius is happy to work with the community. He encouraged us to come out to St. Pius events.

Jordan gave dates for some upcoming Pius home football games including a home game against Chamblee on October 17<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that the Pius Players would be having a Shakespeare play from October 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

### Taste of Chamblee

Jordan introduced Van Pappas from the Chamblee Chamber of Commerce to talk about the Taste of Chamblee. The event will be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> from 12-6 pm in downtown Chamblee. You can park at Chamblee Plaza and take a shuttle to downtown. More info at [www.tasteofchamblee.com](http://www.tasteofchamblee.com)

### June 2014 DECA Treasurer's Report

Todd gave the Treasurer's Report:

\$3,420.04	Beginning Balance June 1, 2014	
+60.03	Deposits	\$60.00 Dues .03 Bank Interest
-25.91	Expenses	\$10.03 Copies 15.00 Atlanta ToolBank Membership 0.88 PayPal Fees
<b>\$3,454.16</b>	<b>Ending Balance June 30, 2014</b>	

### DECA bylaws

Jordan reviewed the key proposed changes to the DECA bylaws. These changes will make it easier to achieve quorum, make it clear that we are a part of the City of Chamblee, provide financial guidelines and enable DECA to function more effectively. There were no questions about the proposed bylaw changes.

Jordan made a motion to accept the proposed bylaws with changes. The motion was seconded by Blanche and the bylaws passed by acclamation.

### Century Center update

State Rep Scott Holcomb announced that regardless of the Appeals Court's pending decision, he plans on reintroducing legislation that would officially take Century Center out of the City of Brookhaven and affirm that it is part of the City of Chamblee. Governor Deal vetoed bills (HB-905 and HB-906) that would have accomplished this due to the pending litigation.

Rep Holcomb was asked if he felt that these bills, if passed and signed into law, would settle the case, or if it ultimately needed to be ruled on by the State Supreme Court. Rep Holcomb said he and the other State Representatives that co-sponsored these bills felt confident that further litigation would not be necessary because the state has the authority to set boundaries for cities.

### **Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out**

Teresa Taylor, Asst to City Manager Marc Johnson, and Officer Poythress talked about Neighborhood Watch and National Night Out (NNO). Officer Poythress helped coordinate National Night Out for DeKalb County and will now be coordinating it for the City of Chamblee with Teresa's help.

Although the official date for National Night Out is August 5, 2014, Officer Poythress wants each neighborhood to have NNO on a different date so they can get more attention from Chamblee Police. He and Teresa will work with DECA to coordinate this and get Neighborhood Watch started in each area.

Officer Poythress and Teresa addressed questions and concerns citizens had about crime in the area, response times, etc.

### **DECA Forum**

Jordan started off the forum by asking membership to share the announcement that DECA has joined the Atlanta ToolBank with their neighbors. He would like neighborhoods and the DECA community to use our ToolBank membership to complete more neighborhood and community projects.

There were no other announcements or comments in the DECA forum.

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