

Gentilly Terrace & Gardens Improvement Association
Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2010

-President, Dan Falk, started the meeting at 7:10

-Dan gave the treasurer's report since Kim Scheaffer was not able to make the meeting

- The neighborhood association has approximately \$1,000.00 in account after paying for neighborhood signs.

-Guest Paul Grosch from Jewish Family Services:

- They are a 501c3 servicing the Greater New Orleans area
- 25% clients are Jewish; 75% are not
- They are located in Metairie, uptown, north shore
- Programs—counseling, mental health workers, sliding fee scale (15.00-75.00 per visit). They don't offer free services but will work out pay schedule.
- Evidenced based therapy
- Older adult service
 - Homemaker program
 - Bathing, cooking, cleaning
 - On a sliding fee scale
 - Transportation—grocery store, dr. appt
 - Life-line an emergency response system

They received a federal grant to study impact of disasters on older adults.

A nurse comes in and evaluates the individual—funded through administration on aging.

- Requirements, 65 + at time of Katrina and having had lived in N.O.
 - after case management services are available
 - Sen. Landrieu helped get the grants

Other services:

- Family life education
- Teen Life Counts—6,000 students reached each year
 - 3rd leading cause of death in 15-24 year olds each year
 - Have not had luck with public schools—lack of counselors
 - Would like to reach them
- Starting a parent's skill group-educational. Tips and skills starting in March
Stress and coping skills—run by a psychologist
Sliding fee scale

-Blight Team: we will conduct our next survey in March

-Norm Whitley—dedication of Greater Gentilly High School
Tomorrow, February 10th, at 2:00

-Hike for KaTreena—volunteers (neighborhood, KaTreena, others) planted 200 more trees around the neighborhood in January

-Milne Boys Home next meeting is February 25th at JP Morrell's downtown office.

-Neighborhood Conservation District Committee (NCDC)—we need a representative to sit on this to represent our neighborhood.

-Rebuild Gentilly Day—there were 30 applications for Phase 2. Arianna Tripper, NORA, ran out of literature.

GCIA made \$2200 at the event

-New neighborhood signs—we had 2 signs installed. One at Filmore and St. Roch and the other at Gentilly Blvd and Franklin Ave.

-We need someone to help with beautifying the signs

-We have received funding approval from Sherriff Gusman to install 30 neighborhood watch signs in Gentilly Terrace and Gardens.

-Norm Whitley reported on—GCIA and United Way to fund a forum on community planning on Master Plan

- It is possible that comprehensive zoning ordinance could change zoning

-PRC's Sellabration is March 20th from 10:00—4:00. We plan to be a part of it.

-Jedediah Jackson, a representative from Joseph Cao's office attended the meeting to find out what community wants/needs. He works mostly on Road Home and education issues.

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