

**Neighborhood Watch
Board of Directors' Meeting
Columbia Police Department Conference Room
March 13th 2006**

Name	Present	Absent	1st 3 year	2nd 3 year	Expire
Conrad Howe	X		X		09/08
James Russell	X		X		09/07
Melissa Hendren	X			X	09/08
Brenda Campbell	X			X	09/07
Hugo Vianello	X		X		09/06
Dan Adams	X		X		09/08
Arthur Rikli	X			X	09/07
Anne Westfall	X			X	09/08
Jim Dyer	X		X		09/08
Mike Hayes	X				
John White	X				

The mission of Neighborhood Watch is to provide information and assistance which encourages neighborhood involvement to be effective watchful neighbors with the goal of reducing crime.

Meeting called to order at 8:05 AM by Mr. Howe.

The minutes from March 13th Meeting was approved as written

Treasurer reported that as of February 15th there was a balance of \$2551.78.

Old Business

Update 501 C 3. Mr. Russell reported that he has not heard any more from Jim Marberry's office for any more information at this time.

Officer Hayes is still trying to locate the original incorporation paper work for the 501 C 3.

Budget There was discussion as to how to reduce cost or increase donations. It was decided that there would be a request put in the newsletter for citizens to make a donation to the board in any amount that they (citizens) might be able to afford.

Mr. Howe reported that the Optimist club donation would be closer to \$1,150. The money would not actually come to the board however. The Optimist Club would do all the work. Mr. Howe also passed out copies of flyers that went home / or out to all Columbia School age children (ages 6-10) to submit a safety poster. There were a total of 8000 flyers sent out.

The prizes break down as follows.

Each School winner will receive a \$50 Savings bond.

City overall Winner – 1st place \$150, 2nd place \$100, 3rd place \$75.

Also \$100 to the teacher of the city overall winner.

The presentation of the winner will be May 1st.

Judges will consist of 3 representatives from Neighborhood Watch, Downtown Optimist Club, school system, and possibly business.

Web page update – Officer Hayes reported that Contribute 3.1.1 software was needed to pull correct information into the webpage. Wally still has a few reports to work on for uploading the information to the web page.

Report from Officer Hayes and Officer White

Home Show – There was a great turn out for this years Home Show. Thanks to all the board members work. The response from the attendees about this years hand out was that they were items that they could use. They had a number of requests for Home security inspection and about Neighborhood Watch.

Officer Hayes stated that he would like to get the new subdivisions on board and lined out before trying to get the established groups revitalized. The board just went through 2 revitalizations with the established groups.

Officer Hayes also reported on the McGruff House status. Officer stated that this program has had to be put on hold until funds become available for the program. He is still working on getting material and information together so that when the funds do become available the program will be ready.

Officer Hayes and White asked the board to start thinking of ideas for fund raising. They should be high income and low work. They also suggested that the programs should be family orientated.

Motion made to adjourn – motion passed meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

**Jim Russell
Secretary**