

Historic Hudson Community Association

March 12, 2015, GMP Hall

The regular meeting convened at 7 PM. Sherry Cass, President, presided over the meeting. Members present: Mindy Nelson, Joe Kennedy, Jose Cabral, Skip Shumaker, Jim Amore, Bob Meldahl, Beth Pheneger, Doug Pheneger, Tonya Cline, Robert Clark, Barb Kelley, Barbara Elmer, Gloria Thompson, Robert Cogswell.

Guest Speaker

Joe Kennedy introduced our guest speaker, Denise Brooks, environmental education specialist with Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District, 771 E. Main St., Suite 100, Newark OH 43051. <http://lickingswcd.com/about-us/lcswcd-staff>. Her talk focused on basic conservation measures, addressing issues of soil and water conservation and management in the house backyard. Ms. Brooks advocated use of rain barrels and the development of "rain gardens," a garden subsection capable of receiving temporary excesses of water runoff. There is no exact recipe for this type of garden because soil types and water amounts vary widely, with soil amendment generally being required. Her office is ready to provide advice to the public on these and other topics, making available information for plant selection and soil amendment.

Ms. Brooks also encouraged the association to establish community or individual based conservation programs. These can encompass a variety of specific goals, such as establishing programs to enhance pollinator populations and native and wetland plants.

Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report

The current balance stands at \$3156.39. This includes new revenues of \$103.00, with \$95.00 coming from membership dues and \$8.00 more from the Chicken Noodle Dinner. The total revenue of the 2015 Chicken Noodle Dinner is \$1319.88, a 12.93% increase over last year's event.

New Business

The association discussed several of this year's spring activities. The following events were schedule as follows:

1. Yard Sale - May 2 (HHCA)
2. Garden Sale - May 2 (Master Gardeners)
3. Computer Recycling - May 2 (Jim Amore)
4. Spring Clean-Up – April 18, 2:00 PM (HHCA)

Committee Reports

The deadline for receiving applications for the HHCA Scholarship is March 31. Bob Meldahl believes a strong candidate will be submitting an application soon.

Announcements

Please contact Bob Meldahl for issues regarding street lights. A lamp post needs to be identified by its number or street address.