

Minutes
Grove Place Association Monthly Meeting
October 20, 2019
4 P.M. Carlson YMCA

1. The Meeting was called to order by President Kimberly Russell at 4:04pm.
2. We went around the room to introduce ourselves.
3. Treasurer Rick McGrath reported \$5,113.00 in our checking account with all bills paid.
4. Secretary Carlos Mercado summarized the September 22nd minutes which were then approved.
5. This month's program was John Strazzabosco discussing his book "Ninety Feet Under" which reveals in startling detail the reality of living in perpetual poverty. He spoke, with statistics, of the challenges people face who live in poverty. The hidden impacts which the rest of us do not realize, let alone accept. How the survival mode of the poor affects decision-making and how to communicate. Fear of the very people who could leave them.

Children of generational poverty make decisions based on survival. Their goal in life is to get through each day at a time.

Children of Generational Poverty (CGP) speak on a casual register –slang – while teaching is in a formal register which they do not fully understand. By age 3, CGP have a vocabulary ½ that of a child not living in poverty.

In the USA, poverty is considered to be a family of four with an annual income of less than \$24,455 per year. Each month some basic needs will go unmet and trade offs are made. The driving forces of those in poverty are survival, relationships, and entertainment.

Across the whole of humanity, our DNA is 99.5% the same.

Among the microscopic effects of poverty are the Stressors that enter via neurons and impair one's ability to regulate and deal with stress. It leads to things like premature aging and impaired judgment with some essential genes silenced.

Among local resources for the impoverished are Action for a Better Community, Cameron Ministries, St. Joseph House of Hospitality, and ACT Rochester.

One-half of our County residents experience poverty and this is divided 50/50 between rural and urban residents.
6. Re: the property at 58 University Ave. (former restaurant), the City Attorney has written Dan Dwyer about environmental concerns from the former hydraulic pits and possible buried tanks . His response is overdue. GPA's referral will not be heard in November. We will continue to monitor.
7. Megan DeFranco reported on last week's Membership Committee meeting. The database is coming along well, membership notices are going out. A goal is to have a resident directory including address/locations and self-submitted photographs in the password protected part of our GPA website.
8. Book Clubs are meeting at both GPA homes (Nov. 12) and at Charlotte Square. (10/23).
9. Suzanne Mayer and Kim Russell represents GPA on the C-4 (Center City Community Coalition). They are holding a strategic planning session in early November.

10. We continue monitoring Code Compliance issues with the Downstairs Cabaret building on Windsor St.
11. The Powers have graciously offered to chair the annual Holiday Part to be held on Sunday December 15th in the Charlotte Square Community room.
12. East End Tavern has a new and improved menu.
13. There will be a Wine & Cheese reception at the Op Shoppe at the corner of Charlotte and Pitkin Sts. 6pm on October 30th.
15. 1100 people toured Kim's house during the Landmark Society's recent tour.
16. A new Thai cuisine restaurant has opened on Alexander around the corner from Murphy's Law.
17. Image Out film fest is underway at the Little Theatre.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17pm followed by a reception at Kim's house.

Respectfully submitted

Carlos Mercado,
Secretary