

June 29, 2010

6:00 PM

Special meeting of the Astor Neighborhood Association Board

Held at Jesse & Tanya Sharp residence

Present: Pres. Jesse Sharp, V. Pres. Christian Kime, Sec./Treas. Pastor Schleis, Jaime Danen, Jennie Schwenk, Mike VanHandel

Invited guest: John Corpus

Purpose: discuss a request for funds for the SAJOAC Centennial Park

John Corpus presented information on the proposed St. Joseph Academy (SAJOAC) Centennial Park playground project, to be built on the present Aldo Leopold Community School Site. The ALAPTO (parent/teacher organization of Aldo Leopold is soliciting gifts for the estimated \$105,000 project. \$2000 has been requested from the Astor Neighborhood Association.

It was explained that the present playground facilities, 2nd hand when acquired about nine years ago, are in poor shape. It is felt that the Aldo Leopold School budget cannot afford to fund a new playground, although the school District would be responsible for tearing down the present facility, and maintaining a new one. Faculty, students, alumni, ALAPTO members, and community businesses and foundations are being solicited for funds. About \$50,000 has been committed at this point, the city will probably provide at least \$10,000, and another \$20,000 should come in from sources solicited so far. To save costs, the project would be a Community Build (hopefully in August), with manufacture and project manager reps being there to supervise.

John Corpus showed us a flyer for the project, which outlines the history, and some design of this project. It would promote the development of the whole child, preserve green space, and encourage use for children with disabilities or special needs.

In the ANA Board discussion, it was noted that previous gifts and grants have been in the \$500 range, although the present checking account balance is healthy (about \$1800), and we have a 1 yr. CD of about \$8000, with no restrictions. We will be paying higher costs for the ANA *Outlook* newsletter, and an art project at the Fox River trailhead at Porlier St. will cost about \$10,000 (\$5000 grant secured already).

M/S/C to give \$2000 to ALAPTO, for this SAJOAC playground. Pastor Schleis is instructed to cash in the \$8000 CD, and place the proceeds into our checking account.

Meeting adjourned, about 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Paul Schleis, secretary/treasurer