

*M*emorial Park Neighborhood Block Club Niagara Falls, New York 14303-1407

Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2011 at NACC 1st floor Niagara Room

Attendees: John Cooper, Ruth Cooper, Manny Yellow, Johnnie Newell, Linda Gibbons, Sr. Barbara Pfohl, Mary Jo Sutter, Karen Johnson, Rev. Harvey Kelley.

Opening prayer: Sr. Barbara Pfohl

Guest speaker: Mr. Al Hornung, from the Niagara Falls Fire Department.

- 3,010 people died in the US just in fires alone
- Fire clock – every 23 seconds a fire is reported, every 86 seconds there is a home fire and citizens fire every 2hrs. & 55 minutes.
- 4 people die every year due to smoking while on oxygen. They go to light their cigarette while the oxygen is running and boom it's all over.
- The leading cause of fires is cooking. People like to cook on high heat and then walk away to get the phone, get dressed or answer the door. That's when it happens it only takes seconds and the fire is out of control.
- Always wear tight fitting clothes when cooking especially in the winter time when clothing is layered to stay warm. People like to wear sleeves that are large and hang. They go to reach over a burner and the sleeve catches on fire. Especially with gas stoves.
- Oil fires – it is best to use baking soda to put out the flame. ***Do not use water, flour or salt the flame will blow up in your face.***
- Smoking is the leading cause of death in fires. People fall asleep while smoking the cigarette falls and there's fire.
- If a fire alarm goes off during the night when you are asleep do you know what to do? Once a wake in your bed drop to the floor, crawl to the bedroom door and take the back of your hand to check for heat. If hot crawl to the window, back out feet first and hang as straight as you can and then drop. This procedure is recommended if your bedroom is located on the second floor only.
- Always have an escape plan with your family and a meeting place to meet outside the fire.
- Never go back into a burning building to get anyone or anything. Alert the fire rescue person and they will proceed to retrieve with caution back into the building.

Question was asked regarding barbequing on porches was legal or safe. Mr. Hornung responded by saying “absolutely not”. If you see or know of anyone doing this act it is to be reported to the Cpt. Etopio who is the Fire Inspector/Code Enforcer @286-4728.

President's report – Mr. John Cooper has postponed his report until next meeting due to time restrictions.

Treasury Report – given by Sr. Barbara Pfohl, club balance after bills paid \$1,059.89

Minutes of last meeting were approved as submitted.

Members concerns regarding the new Chocolate Factory located at the old Lady of Lebanon Roman Catholic Church. No activities going on, fence in front of building an eye score hiding the beautiful building and was the city inspectors notified about the factory going in the old school building that has asbestos in it.

Our spring clean up with the sheriff department has been changed to June 11th due to conflict in scheduling.

Next meeting is to be held June 21st, 7:00 pm at the NACC, 1st floor Niagara Room.

Meeting adjourned 9:07 pm