

## ODWNA Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, November 15, 2017

**Place:** Winchell Elementary Library

**Board Members:**

**Present:** Peter Kushner, President; Chris Shook, Vice President; Diana Morton-Thompson, Treasurer, 22 neighbors

**Absent:** Barb Ross, Paul Scott, Katherine Shook

**Speaker:** Dr. David Brose, "Deep in the Heart of Kalamazoo", an early history of Kalamazoo



I. **Call to Order:** Peter Kushner, President at 7:00 pm

II. **President's Report**

- President Pete Kushner read announcements and asked all to review the website and e-news for more information.
- He then continued with a discussion of the "Neighborhood Plan" as it relates to the City's recently approved Master Plan with an explanation of the same. Pete repeated the request for interested parties to help with this Neighborhood Plan for topics that are important to the Winchell Neighborhood which when completed will become a part of the Master Plan.
- All the above in the E-News.

III. **Treasurer's Report**

- \$3,835 in the treasury

IV. **Secretary's Report**

- Nothing to report.

V. **Neighborhood Business (Old and New):**

- Neighbor Sharon Oswalt gave an update of the newly formed Neighborhood Watch program and asked again for volunteers. Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety indicated there were cases of suspects in the neighborhood getting remote garage door openers and matching car registrations from unlocked vehicles coming back when owners not home to help themselves to household goods. It is recommended to keep garage doors locked. See "Winchell Neighborhood" Facebook page for more information. Pete indicated there are links in the e-news and on the website to see crime stats for the neighborhood.

**Notes from our Speaker:**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. David Brose, Archeologist/Lecturer/Curator/Historian**

**Topic: Deep In The Heart Of Kalamazoo**

- Gave a summarized history of Michigan starting with the earth's formation.
- Early humans then the "Native Americans", then settlers.
- In his own words, "The story of Kalamazoo begins long before Titus Bronson, who wasn't even the first to purchase title to property here. It's a story older than LaSalle who passed through here in the late 17th century or the many American Indian tribes and bands he met on the way ... older than even the two thousand generation of those Indians' ancestors who hunted deer and rabbits ...and elephants. It's a story with fire and ice that begins before there were dinosaurs and the evidence for all of it is right here, beneath your feet.'

VI. **Adjournment:** 8:10 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Morton-Thompson and Chris Shook