

ODWNA Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday March 21, 2012

Place: Winchell Elementary Library

Board Members-

Present: Peter Kushner, Secretary; Cynthia Addison, Chris Shook, Kathy Shook

Absent: Larry Ross, Co-President, Barb McCrea, Co-President, Diana Morton-Thompson, Treasurer, Tom Keyser, Pat Klein, Deb Klug



I. **Call to Order:** Peter Kushner, Secretary; 7:05pm

II. **Treasurer's Report**

- Association account balance stands at \$1,096.65

III. **Secretary's Report**

- There is a link to sign up to become a dues-paying member in every eNews and on the website

IV. **Guest Speakers:**

Darrell Clay, Clay's Antiques **Topic:** Cleaning Out and Garage Sale Preparation

- Why Clean Out? (You will know when it's time!)
 - Too much in your garage
 - Children back from college with all their things
 - Family member passes; your basement now filled with their things
 - Get rid of your collectibles
 - Need/want additional cash
- Options for Cleaning Out:
 - Give away to friends/family
 - Donate
 - Sell (yourself or hire the job out)
- Things to Consider:
 - Getting market value for items of extreme value
 - "Collectibles" are not currently bringing a good price
 - Pricing—Do you want top dollar OR do you want to get rid of everything?
 - Sales are a lot of work
- How to Find Help:
 - Hire a professional
 - Valuations – local antique dealers/internet (eBay)
 - Ask family/friends
 - Charities – many will pick up your items
 - Post- Sale: Hire a cleanout service

David Pietryla, Consumers Energy **Topic:** Consumers Energy Savings Solutions

- Home Energy Analysis Program
 - HEA is performed by a Consumers Energy employee
 - Cost - \$25; takes about 1.5 hours
 - The fee for the HEA can be waived by giving the Promo Code on the brochure when calling to set the appointment.
- Another option --"Comprehensive Assessment"
 - Performed by a licensed contractor on an approved list from Consumers Energy
 - Most of the heating and cooling contractors in town are on that list.
- Cost is approximately \$400 and takes 4 to 5 hours
- Additional Resources:
 - <http://www.consumersenergy.com/eeprograms/>
 - www.ConsumersHomeAnalysis.com

V. **Old Business:** None

VI. **New Business:** None

VII. **Public Comments:** None

VIII. **Adjournment:** 8:50pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Peter Kushner, ODWNA Secretary