

**MINUTES**  
**STONEFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
*Autumn Meeting – October 29, 2012*

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President:	Norm Arendt
Secretary:	Ralph Swoboda
Board Member:	Jim Dvorsky

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District:	
Superintendent:	Don Johnson
Community Relations:	Perry Hibner
Middleton Police Dept.:	Officer Julie Normann

The meeting was held at Elm Lawn Elementary School, and it began at 7:05 pm with Norm Arendt introducing Ralph Swoboda, who has volunteered to serve as the Association's secretary.

1. Officer Julie Normann of the Middleton PD made a presentation on crime prevention. She emphasized the need for residents to turn on outdoor lighting at night and to lock garage doors and vehicles parked outside. She also cautioned against leaving a spare key outside (e.g. under the door mat or a rock), since that is the first place burglars look.

In response to a question, she stated that the police have seen no increase in crime in Stonefield over the past six months. However, there have been reports of adolescents soliciting donations door-to-door without a permit. She noted that all groups except the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts are required to have (and show when requested) a permit from the City of Middleton to solicit donations or sell door-to-door.

Officer Normann also described the Middleton PD's VIP program that provides police training for volunteers who wish to assist, such as at local events. (More information will be provided in the next association newsletter.)

2. Don Johnson and Perry Hibner presented information and answered questions about the two referenda that will appear on the November 6 ballot.

Voters are being asked to approve a \$59.8 million expenditure to rebuild and expand Kromrey Middle School in Middleton and to expand Glacier Creek Middle School in Cross Plains. Kromrey suffers from serious on-

going maintenance issues that are expensive to resolve, and the most cost-effective solution is to rebuild and expand the school.

Attendance in the district continues to grow, and the expansion of Kromrey and Glacier Creek will also allow fifth-grade classrooms to be moved to the middle schools. This will eliminate the current overcrowding in all six of the district's elementary schools.

The tax impact would be \$70 per year on a home valued at \$100,000. That is 42 percent less than the referendum that failed in 2009. The projected capital cost this time is based on a 20-year loan at 4.5 percent. But if interest rates remain at their current levels, the tax impact could go down by another \$10-\$15 per \$100,000 valuation.

More information appears at [www.mcpasd.k12.wi.us//2012-referendum](http://www.mcpasd.k12.wi.us//2012-referendum)

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm.