

Old Town Triangle Association  
Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors,  
December 8, 2009, 7:00 p.m.  
1763 N. North Park Avenue

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Fern Bomchill Davis.

**Attendance:**

**Present:** Chris Beer, Dirk Vos, Martha Connolly, Debbie Day, Phil Graff, Alice Huff, Jeff Pines, Michael Warnick; Administrator Leslie Wofle

**Absent:** Matt Beer, Emily Rose

Also in attendance: John Knoche

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes were approved as written.

**Treasurer's Report,** Martha Connolly, Treasurer

Martha informed the board that the audit is complete and all is in good order. The tax return is complete and ready to be filed.

The Profit and Loss report for the month of November was normal and there were no unusual expenses or income amounts.

**Art Fair,** Chris Beer, Chairman

Chris informed the board that the first meeting for the 2010 fair was held November 12<sup>th</sup>. About one-third of the volunteers are new or have new roles. December 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for artist applications. The applications for open spots are down from last year (so far) to about 302. All design work has been completed. Ads for the fair will be on selected routes of CTA buses and also at the Sedgwick/North Avenue elevated stop.

**Membership,** Michael Warnick, Chairman

Michael informed the board that the Annual Dinner and Election has been changed from January 28, 2010 to January 21, 2010.

He also reported that the Holiday Party, although not well attended as last year's party, was a success in that the neighbors donated over 60 bags of food for the 18<sup>th</sup> District Police Food Drive, as well as several winter accessories for the Warm Hands, Warm Hearts program.

**Historic District/Planning & Zoning,** Jeff Pines, Chairman

Jeff informed the Board that the Landmarks Commission staff is reviewing its dormer policy. The policy has been that no dormers or additions that are visible from the street be allowed. New preliminary guidelines have been developed by the commission which would alter this policy. Although Jeff thinks some are a bit vague, he has been working with them to clarify those guidelines.

He also reported that the owners of the house at 1809 N. Sedgwick have received approval from the city Zoning Department, and demolition on the remaining structure should begin soon with construction soon afterward. He also reported that the house at 1626 N. Sedgwick had its picture window replaced with double hung windows.

**Neighborhood Improvements,** Dirk Vos, Chairman

Dirk reported the new sidewalk and parkways brick program is underway and is proving to be successful with several residents taking advantage of it. A new push will begin in the spring.

**Contributuions, Alice Huff, Chairman**

Alice reported that the committee is moving forward on implementing a new scholarship program for 2010. The plan is to offer two college scholarships to seniors at Lincoln Park High School. The preliminary plans call for two scholarships to be awarded, 1 to a senior girl and 1 to a senior boy, in the amount of \$2,500 each who have interest in pursuing a degree in the area of Performing Arts. She has met with officials of Lincoln Park High School who will provide the committee with as list of potential candidates. Financial need of the recipients will be a must.

She also reported that she is looking to increase the publicity of the Triangle Association's donations to the community. She visited Lincoln Elementary where she saw the Smart Boards the school purchased with the money donated last year. She is exploring the idea of hosting an awards ceremony or perhaps inviting recipients to the annual dinner or another community event.

**43<sup>rd</sup> Ward, Debbie Day, Chairman**

Debbie reported that the mission statement has been drafted and will be ready to be presented to the Board at the February, 2010 meeting.

**Art School/Gallery, Leslie Wolfe**

Leslie summarized the current show on display by Michele Rial, an artist whose pieces are made of fused glass. Her work is unlike any other the Gallery has had on display before. She informed the Board that the artist was very generous to donate a piece of work which was raffled at the Holiday Party.

**First Vice-President's Report, Phil Graff**

Phil reported that he and others have met with the Old Town Merchants and Residents Association to explore that organization to reach out to Old Town Triangle members and offer discounts or other benefits to our members. Future meetings will be held to explore these possibilities.

**New Business**

Leslie Wolfe informed the Board that Lincoln Park Village has asked to hold a potluck dinner at the Triangle. The Board had no objections.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. and went into Executive Session.