

**Old Town Triangle Association
Annual Meeting
Thursday, January 21, 6:30 p.m., 2010
Triangle Center, 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, President

Attendance

Present: Chris Beer, Matt Beer, Martha Connolly, Fern Bomchill Davis, Phillip Graff, Alice Huff, Dirk Vos, Michael Warnick

Absent: Debbie Day, Jeff Pines, Emily Rose

AGENDA

Treasurer's Report: Martha Connolly

Martha reported that the Associations finances are in good order. Both expenditures and income for the month of December were normal. She further distributed a financial summary of income and expenses for 2009 and noted that the Rainy Day Fund is intact.

Election Announcement Fern Bomchill Davis

Fern introduced the Nominating Committee for 2010 and their selections for officers and directors. The committee consisted of Emily Rose (Chair), Sheila Bracken, Alice Brunner, Tom Payne, and Linda Sarli. The committee's recommendations were publicly printed in the Association's newsletter and sent to all voting members. Additional interested parties were encouraged to submit their names to the Board Secretary, along with petitions bearing the signatures of ten percent of eligible voters by 11:59 p.m. December 10, 2009. Since no other petitions were submitted, she asked that the slate submitted by the nominating committee be approved by a show of hands. Attendees voted unanimously for the slate. New Directors for 2010 are Sue Apey and Jacqui Thams. Elected officers are 2010 are President, Fern Bomchill Davis; 1st Vice President, Philip Graff, Secretary, Chris Beer; and Treasurer John Knoche.

The President then recognized retiring Directors Matt Beer, Martha Connolly, and Michael Warnick. She thanked them for their service and presented them with engraved crystal triangles.

Neighborhood Improvements: Dirk Vos

Dirk briefly reviewed the new Old Town brick program and distributed fliers explaining the process. Several neighbors have already participated in the program and are very pleased with the results.

Introduction of OTTA Grant Recipients 2009

Alice noted that the OTTA had made contributions to a number of organizations and institutions in 2009. Among them were Lincoln Park High School, which received \$10,000 for the purchase of musical instruments to enhance their band program; and Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, which received \$10,000 for the purchase of “smart boxes”, state of the art computers equipped with cameras and large screens that permit interactive learning between students and source materials and/or instructors. The Association is accepting grant requests for 2010.

Announcements

Administrator Shirley Baugher announced that the Association had two important activities coming up in March and April. The first is a readers’ theatre production of the play *Teahouse of the August Moon* to be held on March 6 at 3:30 at the Triangle Center. An ensemble of professional and amateur actors is participating. Admission is free. The second is a musical program to be held on April 25 at 2:00 p.m. and featuring choirs from our neighborhood schools: Abraham Lincoln Elementary School, Lincoln Park High School, Franklin Fine Arts School, and Walter Payton College Prep High School. The Senior Gospel Choir from the Hermon Baptist Church will also perform. All neighbors and friends are encouraged to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting was concluded at 8:00 p.m.