

**Old Town Triangle Association
Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, February 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.**

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: Directors—Sue Apey, Chris Beer, Fern Bomchill Davis, Debbie Day, Phil Graff, Alice Huff, John Knoche, Jeff Pines, Jacqui Thams, Dirk Vos; **Administrators** – Shirley Baugher and Leslie Wolfe

Welcome and Introduction of New Members

President Fern Bomchill Davis welcomed new members to the Board and asked all present to introduce themselves. She also informed the new directors about the Board's committees and asked they let her know on which they would be interested in serving. She also explained the Long Range Planning Committee and suggested they contact Emily Rose if they had any ideas to share.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report *John Knoche, Treasurer*

John, who is the new Board Treasurer, noted that expenditures and income were normal for the month of January. He explained the Board's reserve fund to new directors and advised of a new investment policy with respect to this fund. Though the reserve amount has remained the same, the funds are slowly being moved from a money market account and being invested in **bond index funds**. The plan is to move about \$20,000 per month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Art Fair *Chris Beer, General Chair*

Chris reported that the Exhibitors Committee and the Art Fair jury had met and processed 766 applications. Fifty-five applicants were selected to participate in the 2010 Art Fair. All will be notified within the next week. Returning artists have already been informed of their selection. Booth fees are due the first week in March.

Last year's sponsors will be returning. These include: The Chicago Tribune, WXRT, and the Artful Framer. Glunz will once again be a sponsor for the First Sight Party, along with Perennial Restaurant.

HD/PZ *Jeff Pines, Chairman*

Jeff brought a couple of Historic District items to the attention of the Board:

- A demolition permit has been issued for the property at 1619 N. Hudson.
- The owners of the property at 200 W. Menomonee are repairing the paneling on the front of their house. There are no issues with the rehab.

- It had been noted that Walgreen's will once again be selling beer and wine. This does not impact Old Town because the North Avenue store is not among those selling these products.

Membership *Chris Beer, Shirley Baugher Co-Chairs*

Shirley informed the Board that a member of St. Michael's Church had requested that the OTTA do a feature on the church today for the newsletter: how the church has changed, their future plans, the current pastor, and other features relating to the church as a neighborhood institution. She suggested that the feature be done as a newsletter article, which they would insert into their bulletin for all members to read.

The same individual also thought it would be a good idea to update readers on other institutions and organizations in the neighborhood: the LaSalle School, the Lincoln Park Co-op Nursery School, the Church of the Three Crosses, the Midwest Buddhist Temple, the Moody Bible Church, and the Hermon Baptist Church to name a few. New Board member Jacqui Thams enlarged on this idea with a suggestion that we also include a "Know Your Neighbors" feature, introducing different residents who are making significant contributions to the overall well-being of neighbors. She has already interviewed Linda Somers, a nutritionist who is working promote healthy lifestyle habits for children. The article will appear in the March newsletter.

Shirley also encouraged directors to attend the upcoming Reader's Theatre performance of *Teahouse of the August Moon*, which will be held at the Triangle Center on March 6 and features several Old Town neighbors in the cast.

Gallery Committee *Jacqui Thams, Leslie Wolfe, Co-Chairs*

Fern announced that Jacqui Thams will work with Leslie Wolfe as Chair of the Gallery Committee. Leslie called directors' attention to the current gallery show featuring the works of former Old Town neighbor and activist Franz Altschuler. Altschuler passed away recently and many of his old friends and neighbors came to the opening of his show to pay tribute to Franz and view the show.

Contributions *Alice Huff, Chairman*

Alice explained the Contributions program to new directors and reviewed new requests for contributions. Requests for the Lake Front Sculpture Program, the 43rd Ward Senior Bingo program, and the Lincoln Park Rowing program have already been approved. **Directors approved a contribution of \$1,000 to Deborah's Place.** They requested additional information on requests from the Oz Park Baseball Association, Lincoln Park Village, and the Lincoln Park Zoo Story-Telling program. Alice will present this at the March 9 meeting.

President's Report *Fern Bomchill Davis*

Fern commented on the good turnout and great enthusiasm among neighbors for the annual meeting. She also noted that the Long Range Planning Committee was moving forward with their study of the organization's future needs and would make a report at the April Board meeting.

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