

**Old Town Triangle Association
Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 9, 2010, 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, President.

Attendance

Present: Fern Bomchill Davis, Sue Apey, Phil Graff, Alice Huff, John Knoche, Jacqui Thams, Dirk Vos; **Administrators:** Shirley Baugher and Leslie Wolfe

Absent: Chris Beer, Debbie Day, Jeff Pines

Approval of Minutes

One change was suggested to the Minutes regarding the correct name of the fund into which OTTA monies are being deposited and the amount being moved into this fund each month. (The correction is noted in the attached Minutes for February 9.) The Minutes were then approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report John Knoche, Treasurer

John reported that expenditures and income were normal for the month of February. He distributed a report detailing financial activities for the Triangle for the month. Items included:

- Statement that \$200,000 have been moved from Northern Trust
- New FDIC insured MM account opened at First American Bank (Armitage/Lincoln branch)
- First American to be bank to get change for Art Fair
- Online access available to all financial institutions where Triangle has money
- Bond purchases being made at rate of \$20,000 per month into Vanguard account
- Summary of income and expenditures, including insurance expenses
- Statement of the true value of OTTA assets

John also recommended that a separate Resolutions document be created so that they could be easily accessed.

Committee Reports

Art Fair

Leslie Wolfe reported that as of March 9, \$4,458 in contributions had been received from Friends of the Fair.

Neighborhood Improvements Dirk Vos, Chairman

Dirk reported on progress being made in the Brick Repair, Replacement, and Beautification Program. Many neighbors have taken advantage of the 20 percent cash

back offer from the Triangle and have replaced or repaired their brick sidewalks and/or parkways next to their homes. Several sent written testimonials on the excellence of the program. A large article and photograph about the program will appear in the April newsletter.

Dirk also suggested that an item be placed in the next newsletter reminding people to take garbage cans to their back yards once the garbage had been collected. Many are leaving the cans on the sidewalk, which is both unsightly and a hazard for pedestrians.

Membership Chris Beer, Chairman

Shirley Baugher reported that *The Teahouse of the August Moon* was a huge success. The south room was filled with friends and neighbors, and many wrote praising the production. Fern raised the possibility of charging for future productions with a perk for persons who opted to become members. She asked that Chris and Shirley present a plan regarding the issue at the next meeting.

Shirley announced the upcoming Spring musical to be held at the Midwest Buddhist Temple on April 25 at 2:00 p.m. Choirs from our neighborhood schools will participate, along with the Senior Choir from the Hermon Baptist Church. Actors from *Teahouse* will do a dramatic reading of Shel Silverstein's *The Giving Tree*.

Gallery Committee Jacqui Thams, Chairman

Leslie Wolfe described the current gallery show from artist Rine Boyer's *Animal Series*. The drawings are inspired by the work of Cy Twombly and focus on pointillism and portraiture. They are rendered in ink on a variety of papers.

Leslie reported that a new art teacher has been hired who will teach oil painting on Tuesday mornings, replacing Grace Cole who has requested some time off.

Jacqui will work with Leslie to encourage Gallery Committee members to attend artists' openings and to require more consistent attendance at meetings.

43rd Ward Debbie Day, Chairman

In Debbie absence, Fern reported on the public art project to be undertaken at Fullerton and Lake Shore Drive. The project is similar to one , a mosaic, recently completed at Foster and the Drive. It will be financed by private contributions, and the rendition will be done by students and private citizens.

Contributions Alice Huff, Chairman

Alice summarized the contributions that had been made to date and announced the following requests:

- A request from Lincoln Park Village to support membership for low-income residents. Alice recommended that two such memberships be funded for \$750 each, a total of \$1,500. The Board concurred with the recommendation.
- A request from the Oz Park Baseball Association to support their summer baseball program for children ages 4-10. The program starts in June, after the Menomonee program has concluded. The program compliments other Little

League activities in the area and is much-needed. Alice recommended contributing \$600 toward the sponsorship of one team. The Board approved. The local schools have not yet submitted their requests for 2010, although it is expected that they will do so within the next month. She says that she plans to go ahead with the scholarship program at the Lincoln Park High School and award \$2,500 to each of two deserving students. She will present a request from the Franklin Fine Arts Academy at the next meeting.

President's Report

Fern Bomchill Davis

Fern reiterated praise for the recent dramatic production at the Triangle, and asked that future activities be used to enhance membership. The possibility will be considered at upcoming meetings.

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