

**Old Town Triangle Association
Monthly Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 14, 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

Directors: Sue Apey, Chris Beer, Fern Bomchill Davis, Debbie Day, Phil Graff, Alice Huff, John Knoche, Emily Rose, Jacqui Thams; **Administrators:** Shirley Baugher, Leslie Wolfe

Absent: Jeff Pines, Dirk Vos

Guest: Kelly Cooney

Approval of Minutes: The August 2010 Minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

John Knoche, Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that the Association's finances are in order. He will look at proposed budgets for the new committees and send them out to the Board for review. The October meeting will be a working session during which Directors will study requests, determine what monies are available for the new committees, and vote on the budget. This meeting will start at 6:30 rather than 7:00 p.m.

John further noted that the Association's investment in Vanguard is doing well, and that our assets are stable. The Money Market investment will be frozen at fifty thousand dollars.

Art Fair

Emily Rose, General Chair

Emily introduced Kelly Cooney, who will become the Vice-Chair of the Art Fair. Kelly is a one-year resident of Old Town. She moved here from New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. She lives on Sedgwick with her husband and daughter. Her background includes operations management and events planning.

Emily proposed, and the Board approved, a change in the terms of the Art Fair Chair and Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair will serve for one year in that position before becoming Chair. The Chair will then serve a one-year, rather than a two-year term. Each person will serve a total of two years. The outgoing Chair would become honorary chair for a period of one year and be available for consultation and assistance. There was some concern for continuity but Emily argued that it is more realistic to have people commit to serving for two years rather than four.

The first Art Fair meeting will be held in November.

Events

Chris Beer, Chairman

Chris reported that plans for the hoe-down in October are set. The event will take place on Saturday, October 16 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be a Moonwalk apparatus for the kids, and the balloon lady will be there to create imaginative shapes for young and old. The Whiskey Hollow Blue Grass Band will provide the music. In addition, the event will feature the Great Meat Loaf Contest of 2010. Members are invited to bring their favorite meat loaves which will be tasted by a panel of foodies. Everyone who enters will receive a prize, with the grand prize going to the winner.

The Events Calendar for 2010-2011 has been projected. We will have one event per month for the next five months, beginning with a Nutrition Seminar in September and the October hoe-down. Additional events include: a beer tasting at Goose Island, the December holiday party, the Annual Dinner in January, a mid-winter dramatic production, a cooking demonstration, and a spring musicale.

Chris announced that she will be leaving the Board in January, but will continue to serve as Events Chair and Exhibitions Co-Chair.

Neighborhood Improvements

Phil Graff, reporting for Dirk Vos

Phil announced a special promotion being offered by the Bricks Program. Projects completed by the end of October will receive a 40 percent cash refund. This is a great incentive for neighbors to add to the safety of our walkways and parkways and to beautify the community. The offer is not retroactive.

Neighborhood Relations

Debbie Day, Chairman

Debbie announced that Alderman Vi Daley will be retiring at the end of this term. A number of candidates are considering a run for the office. She added that plans for use of the Children's Memorial Hospital buildings are moving forward.

Debbie described the new Neighborhood Relations Committee, which she is chairing. The Committee is responsible for establishing and maintaining external relations for the Triangle Community with the larger Old Town neighborhood. Her sub-committees include: Business & Commerce, Civic Institutions, Schools, Churches and Religious Organizations, and CAPS.

Contributions

Alice Huff and Sue Apey, Co-Chairs

Alice said that their proposed budget for 2010-2011 is the same as that of the previous year, \$45,000. Sue has prepared a new form for proposal submission which will be used this fall. Going forward, there will be two proposal submission periods: fall and spring. The co-chairs are sending letters to past recipients explaining the new procedures. They will work with the Communications Committee to publicize their committee and their procedures.

Priorities for contribution recipients will be discussed at the next meeting.

Art School/Gallery

Jacqui Thams, Chair

Leslie Wolfe distributed copies of the new art school brochure, an outstanding promotion piece designed by Norman Baugher. It has been sent to all past students and will be displayed in stores throughout the neighborhood. The Board was very impressed with the piece and pushed for wide distribution.

Jacqui brought up the issue of financial aid for art classes. She suggested a new application for financial assistance with set criteria. She suggested that aid be available to members and non-members and to those who live outside the community as well as Triangle residents. She also asked that some proof of income will included on the application.

Since the Gallery/Art School Committee had been renamed "Continuing Education" and all special activities suggested by individual committees , e.g., the *Nutrition Workshop*, the *Tree and Shrubs* presentation, etc. be placed under the Continuing Education Committee and posted on the master calendar of the Events. Jacqui pointed out that she could not be responsible for implementing special activities proposed by all the committees, and that her major responsibility was the Art School/Gallery/Fitness program. She recommended that special programs proposed by a Board Committee become the responsibility of the recommending group and listed on the master Events calendar to avoid conflicts. The Art School/Gallery Committee would revert to its original name and purpose.

President's Report

Fern Bomchill Davis

Fern announced that the Board would be going forward with the new committee structure from this point on. The new committee chairs will name their new members and present their budgets at the next meeting.

With respect to the "Surfing Proposal" presented by Kenneth Hoos at the August meeting and requested the Board's endorsement, Directors said that the Triangle actually has no role in the establishment and implementation of this project. Mr. Hoos should go ahead with his plans on his own, should he choose to do so.

Chipotle, the new food establishment in Piper's Alley, has asked to do a promotion with the Triangle to provide free food and prizes for neighborhood children brought into the restaurant by their parents. A day and time will be worked out with the Events Committee.

The formal meeting concluded at 9:00 p.m., after which the Board went into Executive Session.

The next Board meeting will take place on October 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Triangle Center.