



OTTA Special Meeting of Members & Annual Election Minutes

Date & Time: Thursday, January 28, 2014

Location: 1763 N. North Park Avenue-----OTTA North Room

The January 28, 2014 66th Annual Election was called to order by Vi Daley, President. Approximately 80 members were in attendance. The current board members were introduced

President Daley gave a recap of 2013 accomplishments:

- a) Our Art Fair was named one of the best art fairs in the country (thanks to John Knoche's efforts)
- b) Balanced budget achieved (thanks to Claire & Leslie). A new Insurance policy was purchased for the association (thanks to Claire & Leslie) assuring the OTTA that our Art Fair is covered.
- c) Membership increased to 500 voting members & almost 700 overall members (thanks to Karen Pfendler)
- d) A number of Bylaw changes (recommended by David Pfendler & the Bylaws committee) were approved.
- e) David Pfendler, Archivist, developed a 60,000 item database of names, places and businesses pertinent to the growth of Old Town-including art fair brochures, minutes, etc. He is also working diligently in putting our archives in order.
- f) A new website developed—thanks to Rob Gibbs & his Marketing & Communications committee as well as a great Newsletter with special thanks to co-editor Diane Fitzgerald.
- g) A number of building improvements—thanks to outgoing Capital Improvements chair Alan Lougee: new toilets for men & women's washrooms, ceiling in North room repaired and painted, old window AC units removed and replaced with state of the arts AC/Heating ceiling units in the office, North, & South rooms
- h) A separate room was created for the Art Fair Committee
- i) Our Large screen was TV mounted in the North room to be made available for meetings and art classes (thanks to David Pfendler for removing the old AC units, insulating the North room east window and mounting the TV).
- j) A policy was put in place for use of the Triangle space for Adult Events.
- k) The HD/PZ committee (thanks to Lance Hornaday) was able to work with the City (Landmarks & Zoning dept.) and homeowners regarding improvements to homes as well as zoning issues.
- l) Thanks to Jeff Smith, outgoing VP and NIC chair, the following improvements were made within our historic district:
 1. A neighborhood cleanup as well as new plantings
 2. The Wisconsin/Clark Park was improved after damage done by the winds to the trellis
 3. Crab apple trees were sprayed throughout the Triangle
 4. Ash trees in the North & South Ogden Mall Parks and the Sedgwick/Wisconsin Park were all treated for the emerald ash borer
 5. 30 new trees were planted throughout the triangle
 6. A number of property owners participated in our Sidewalk beautification program
- m) Thanks to Claire Leaman and her Grants Committee we continued to support other not-for-profits and schools

- n) Thanks to Anne Giffels, many wonderful events were scheduled:
 - 1. A well-attended Annual Dinner and election last year
 - 2. A program based on the History of Old Town—including a tour of Old Town led by Diane Gonzalez and Shirley Baugher
 - 3. A fun and successful garage/yard sale
 - 4. Oktoberfest attended by almost 200 folks
 - 5. Winter fest
 - 6. An Old Town Players display featuring Old Town Players with a couple of short skits presented---great fun and very emotional for many of the players. **We will be installing a plaque on North Park in their honor.**
 - 7. Thanks to Anne Giffels and the Events committee for providing a 'Taste of the Triangle' for tonight's meeting.
- o) Thanks to Leslie & the gallery committee we displayed some outstanding exhibitions
- p) The 2013 Realtor committee named Old Town "Best Place to Live".

Diane Fitzgerald & Rob Gibbs made a quick plea for new members to the Marketing and Communications Committee

Martha Connolly presented a report on the 2014 Art Fair on behalf of John Knoche

Martha Connolly, Chair of the Nominating Committee, introduced the slate for the 2014 election:

- Rick Rausch, President
- Robert Jones, Vice President
- Karen Pfendler, Secretary
- Claire Leaman, Treasurer
- Chris Huff, Director
- Diane Gonzalez

Karen Pfendler, Secretary, conducted the election by a voice vote; the above listed slate was unanimously elected.

President Rick Rausch made a few remarks.

Secretary Karen Pfendler, on behalf of the Board and the OTTA membership presented Vi Daley, Jeff Smith, Alan Lougee, and Rick Hyer with framed certificates, packages of various Old Town Merchant notions, and special mugs to commemorate their board service to the OTTA.

Leslie Wolfe received resounding applause from our members for the wonderful service she provides to the Old Town Triangle Association.

The meeting was adjourned by 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karen Pfendler, Secretary for the OTTA