

Draft OPA Minutes

10/29/12

General meeting held at SMASH School.

Board Members in Attendance

David Auch, Pauline Bohannon, Patty Godon-Tann, Sadat Huq, Jeffrey Jarow, James Lawson, Jan Ludwinski, Evan Meyer, Lori Nafshun, Michele Perrone, Roger Swanson, David Tann, Bob Taylor, Marcy Winograd

Noticed Board Member Absences

Ross Furukawa, Susan Lewis, Mary Marlow

Introduction to OPA

President Jan Ludwinski called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm, following a "Meet the Chief" event, in which Santa Monica Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks addressed questions posed by the audience.

Announcements

Actions Taken Since Last Board Meeting

Patty announced she had submitted the grant application to the city, and that \$250 had been approved for a light dinner for the event with Police Chief Seabrooks. Marcy announced she will do an author's reading of Lola Zola and the Lemonade Crush, her new tween novel, at the Ocean Park Library Thurs., Nov. 8, 4-5 pm.

Approval of Minutes

The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting.

Treasurer Report

Patty applied for the \$4,000 city neighborhood grant. There is \$2,000 in the General Account.

Neighborhood Council Meeting

James L. reported that WILMONT is reorganizing with a new board and parliamentarian, following a new election. Three of the former board members resigned after the recent election.

Committee Reports

Nominations

Jan moved to close nominations for new OPA Board members. The motion passed unanimously

following discussion about bylaws and the nomination process. The current bylaws allow for up to 21 board members to serve two year terms, with each board member able to serve a maximum of eight years. Michael Feinstein, former Santa Monica Mayor, suggested the bylaws be rewritten to clearly state how board members are chosen (through majority vote, yes/no, instant run-off) and whether someone appointed to fill an open seat must run for re-election once the term ends.

Holiday Party

The committee is exploring two possible venues: Paint Lab and Edgemar Lobby, and the possibility of sending out either a mailer or e-mail invitation. The Board agreed to a \$1500 cap on the holiday party, with additional funds for the invitations. Lori N. will have a volunteer meeting to help spread the word about the holiday party. The plan is to allow members to vote for new Board representatives at the holiday party. The date of the party is set for Dec. 1st.

Lincoln Blvd.

David T. will follow up on code enforcement. Jeff is drawing up a list of business and property owners interested in the committee's work.

Membership

Sadat reported the 21st mixer at Brick and Mortar was a success. OPA now has 317 paid members, 1,040 email contacts.

Other

Lori reported she was organizing a committee to save the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, scheduled to be mothballed in July because of lack of funds for refurbishment. Frank Gruber raised the question: How can we keep the Civic a viable venue, given the financial challenge? According to city staff, it costs an estimated 2-million per year to maintain the Santa Monica Civic. Lori mentioned the Santa Monica Civic was one of the few places on the Westside for large concerts – and she would like to keep the Civic alive as a concert venue.

Jan L. adjourned the meeting at 9:02. The date of the next meeting is to be announced.

Marcy Winograd
OPA Secretary

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