

Old Torrance Neighborhood Association November 14, 2007 meeting minutes held at the Bartlett Senior Center, Torrance.

Welcome – the Meeting was called to order at 7:15pm. Co-Presidents Todd Hays and Charles Payne invited everyone to have snacks and beverages, thanked everyone, including one Madrona area resident, for attending and then introduced OTNA's officers.

- Ida Petruccelli - Vice President.
- Trish Stewart - Treasurer's report (Trish absent, Paul gave her report) that the bank balance was \$1,483.41 and 3 new members. He reminded everyone that annual dues remain at \$10 and should be paid by January.
- Paul McCabe - Secretary.
- Debbie Hays - Immediate Past President.

Nominating Committee - Introduced the 3 people selected to serve on the Nominating Committee - Trish Stewart, Janet Payne and Ida Petruccelli. They will prepare a slate of Officers to be voted upon for our January Meeting.

• OTNA is a non-profit organization that serves the Old Torrance neighborhood. The money collected via annual dues, donations and sponsorships is donated back to our community (less nominal operating expenses). Discussed possible donations totaling \$750 and the following motions were moved and approved towards **Community, Education, History** and the **Arts**:

\$350 - Operation Teddy Bear (Community) - OPERATION TEDDY BEAR gifts 5,000 first grade school children with a colorful new backpack stuffed with Toys, Crayons, Coloring books, Storybooks, Pencils, other educational tools... & a cute, cuddly teddy bear. Schools and agencies with children with the greatest need are selected as recipients. For many of these children, this special backpack is the only gift they will receive during the holiday season.

\$100 - Salvation Army - they have an "Angel Tree" right outside of Old Navy where you can select an angel to buy a gift for.

\$100 - Katy Geissert Library (Education)

\$100 - Torrance Rose Float Assoc. (History)

\$100 - South Bay Ballet - (the Arts)

Sponsor - Our meeting this month is sponsored by ***Street Faire Antiques*** located at 1317 Sartori Avenue in downtown Old Torrance. Janet Payne spoke on behalf of sponsor who arrived late. They've been in business for 9 years and produce the *Antique Street Faire* that is held the 4th Sunday of every month in downtown Torrance. Owners, Julie Randall and Miguel Salazar, donated a \$10 gift certificate as a door prize for our meeting.

Charles Payne discussed the Ethics Committee update and OTNA November 3, 2007 clean-up.

Guest Speakers - Our guest speakers this evening are Linda Cessna, Deputy Community Development Director, and Carolyn Chun, Senior Planning Associate, from the Redevelopment & General Plan Division. They have been hosting workshops throughout the City to get input from residents, businesses and other groups to find out what is most important from the perspective of each neighborhood, as well as the City in general. Linda discussed the City's strategic planning process and then broke the meeting participants into 2 groups for break-out sessions. The groups discussed likes and dislikes of our neighborhood and the entire City, and finally neighborhood and City "wants."

Close Meeting - Presented gifts to Linda and Carolyn and winning ticket holders. The next OTNA Clean-up will be held in January 2008 and then the meeting was adjourned at 9:14pm to January 16, 2008.

Paul McCabe, Secretary