

Old Torrance Neighborhood Association January 16, 2008 meeting minutes held at the Bartlett Senior Center, Torrance.

Welcome – the Meeting was called to order at 7:32pm. Co-President Todd Hays thanked everyone for attending and then introduced OTNA's officers (and Mike Peterson Web Master who was absent).

- Ida Petruccelli - Vice President "Flying Fleet" OTNA flyer delivery. Some meeting notices were delivered and others mailed.
- Trish Stewart - Treasurer reported made the treasury report. She reminded everyone to renew their membership or join. Trish also summarized OTNA's 2007 community donations (Salvation Army, Katy Geissert Library, Torrance Rose Float Association, South Bay Ballet and Operation Teddy Bear – Volunteer Center).
- Paul McCabe - Secretary.
- Debbie Hays - Immediate Past OTNA President made announcements of community interest. The Torrance Historical Society will host the First Int'l Aviation Meet in America free to the public at 2:00pm on Sunday January 27 at 1345 Post Avenue, and the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry will be held at the Nativity Church Annex on Engracia and Arlington each Friday from 5-7pm during Lent, beginning February 8 – March 14, 2008. Complete fish dinner; Adult \$6 and children \$3.

Charles Payne Co-President:

- Blue Ribbon Ethics & Integrity Committee – final report to City Council by Dee Hardison was made yesterday.
- Introduced members of board nominating committee - Trish Stewart, Janet Payne & Ida Petrocelli. 2008 OTNA board nominees were Charles Payne and Todd Hays for Co-Presidents again, Vice President Bob Voeste, Treasurer Trish Stewart and Delores Sutherland, Secretary.
- The nominating committee was thanked and the floor was opened for any other board nominations. After no other nominations were made, the motion to approve the nominating committee's board slate was seconded with all voting in favor. The new Board and officers were congratulated.

Todd Hays then made the following announcements:

- Retiring OTNA Board members Paul and Ida received gift certificates and thanks for serving on the OTNA board.
- Debbie Hays and Janet Payne volunteered to organize future meeting refreshments (plug in coffee pot and get cookies/treats).
- The motion to approve the following Spring donations was seconded with all voting in favor – Donate \$175 for Easter in El Prado Park (potential sponsor pending) and \$100 for Torrance High School Sober Graduation Night Party. Delores Sutherland volunteered to assist with clean-up.
- Upcoming events
 - March OTNA Meeting –Wednesday, March 19 at 7pm.
 - Easter in El Prado Park Sunday, March 23 at 10am (need volunteers).
 - OTNA Torrance City Council Candidates Forum here Wednesday, April 23 at

7pm.

Charles then made the following additional announcements:

- Green Pride award presented to OTNA by Torrance City Council.
- OTNA Clean-up day details for Saturday January 19, 2008 at 8:45am.

Todd introduced this month's meeting sponsor – **A & J Antiques** located in Old Torrance www.aandjantiques.net.

Guest Speakers for "Lights- Camera- Action!" - Jay Scharfman, City of Torrance, City Managers office and Joseph Darrell, with Film Friendly Locations. Jay discussed efforts to promote Torrance as a filming location. The most popular Torrance sites for filming are Old Torrance, Wilson park, Torrance beach. About 110 permits (\$460 permit fee) are issued by the City annually and additional info and updates (what is being filmed where, may be on site soon) can be viewed at www.tornet.com along with a special events location library. The City realizes about \$60,000-\$70,000 net income for annual filming. Jay then introduced Joseph Darrell who discussed both his business, which assists homeowners with site filming, and several neighbors whose Torrance properties had been used for filming.

Close Meeting - Gifts were presented to Jay and Joseph and 5 winning ticket holders. The meeting was adjourned to March 19, 2008 at 7pm.

Paul McCabe, Secretary