

MINUTES
OLD TORRANCE NEIGHBORS ASSOCIATION MEETING, March 17, 2011

In the absence of President Todd Hays (detained by other City business) Treasurer Trish Stewart, presiding, called the meeting to order at seven o'clock with greetings and introductions of officers. Announcements included the Environmental activities at Madrona Marsh on March 26 with an invitation for helpers - hours: ten to four o'clock.

In addition to the legendary treats from the Torrance Bakery, Trish introduced the chef/operators of the soon to open *1321 Downtown Eatery & Taproom* at 1321 Sartori Avenue. They favored Old Towners to splendid samples of their culinary skills. OTNA welcomed the new enterprise operated by life-long residents of the area.

Treasurer Stewart's report indicated a bank balance of: \$3,754.39. Dues, sponsorships and donations since the last report: \$485; expenses for the period were minimal. Keeping to custom of donations to causes at this season the following contributions were voted:

Torrance High School's Sober Graduation Night	\$100
Torrance Education Foundation	100
Switzer Center	100
Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation	100
Japanese Disaster Relief	200
Armed Forces Day Parade	200

Announcements: Debbie Hays: Downtown Thursday night (4:00-8:00 PM): Certified Farmers Market on Sartori and El Prado beginning March 31. There will be about 15 merchants selling their wares. Janet Payne: Thirty-year tradition of Easter in El Prado Park will continue this year. Easter Sunday, Mr. Bunny and company will be at the park at ten o'clock. Charles Payne: Cleanup Saturday is scheduled for Saturday, March 19th; trash pickers will convene at the Payne home at eight-thirty for the nine-to-eleven sweep of the Torrance Blvd. area from Sartori to Western.

Donna Duperron, President and CEO, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, presented an overview of the Block Party on May 1; 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Upwards of 10,000 visitors are expected at the Party. Vendors, artists, crafts people, exhibitors, information booths, games and refreshment stands will line the streets. Applications for space are available through the Chamber.

Featured program was the Torrance Fire Department. Speaking for the Department were Chief Willy Rachowschi and Battalion Chief Dave Dumais. A detailed report, including a video, of the mission, services, locations, operation, training, staffing, and equipment were explained in detail including the role and specific purposes of each of those red fire trucks. Comprehensive printed handouts answered any missed information.

Drawing for door prizes from downtown merchants, fire department gift bags and craft item from Chuck and Cora Meyers concluded the evening's activities.

Meeting concluded at 9:00 PM. Respectfully submitted, Jerry Ronan, Sec'y. 3- 26-2011