

Oak Lodge History Detectives

Minutes

November 9, 2017

The Chair, Mike Schmeer, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Those in attendance introduced themselves.

Pat Reinert gave a Treasurer's Report. There is \$1,368.87 available plus \$1,000 website reserve.

Mary Piper distributed the minutes of the October 12, 2017 meeting.

The Chair gave a membership report: 42 paid members and 43 with expired dues. The Board has approved Baldwin Van der Bijl Membership Chair. The Chair asked that all members send an email to Baldwin with their current information to update the membership list. The Chair reminded the members that as per Article II, Sections 1 & 2 of the By-Laws, voting membership is contingent upon remaining current with dues payment.

The Chair announced that Ellen Toothacker has volunteered to be a contributor to the OLHD Facebook page.

The Chair asked that members who want to bring an issue or announcement to the members, send a message to the Chair at least two days prior to a meeting so it can be placed on the agenda. An attempt will be made to send out a request for agenda items two days before the meeting and make the agenda available to the members a day before the meeting.

Old Business

- There was a discussion as to the Oak Grove Garden Club 1960 cookbook which Mike has purchased. His suggestion is that he could scan the cookbook to the OLHD website and has permission to do this. The question arose as to making the cookbook available to download for a fee. Suggestions as to the cost were discussed as well as the importance of sharing any income with the Garden Club. Jan Lindstrom volunteered to help with this if it becomes a fundraiser and a proposal will be brought to the members for additional discussion.
- As discussed at the October Annual Meeting, Dick Smith offered to review alternate dues renewal. His proposal is attached to these minutes. Two alternates were presented and discussed: Anniversary Date Method and Calendar Year Method. The Chair called for a "straw vote" on the methods. It was noted the organization has not established a budget year and the method is not detailed in the By-Laws. A Straw Vote was unanimously in favor of converting to a Calendar Year Method. The Treasurer did not have a concern with this change.

New Business

- Pat Kennedy distributed a brochure she has published: "Chronicles of Old Oak Grove" Volume 4, Number 2, which focuses on the development of the area due to the introduction of the Eastside Interurban Electric Railway. She believes there is a possibility of creating an historic district or conservation district of the unincorporated areas which arose from the introduction of the streetcar. She felt there is not only value to the earlier homes but also the subdivisions of land that followed.

Denyse McGriff offered to assist Pat and suggested Jane Morrison should also be involved. Members were encouraged to join Pat in this project.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Pat Kennedy be encouraged to explore the feasibility of creating a historic district or conservation district focusing on the impact of the Interurban Streetcar. Motion approved unanimously.

- In a continuation of the October meeting, the Chair announced the position of Chair and Co-Chair have not been filled. He noted the organization must fill these positions or face disbandment. As a compromise Mike suggested he would be willing to serve an additional two-year term as Chair but only if a Co-Chair is forth-coming by the December meeting. Dick Smith was nominated but he declined.
- To be willing to serve an additional term as Chair, Mike requested that the number of meetings be reduced to the Annual Meetings in October plus Feb., April, June and December.

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that Mike Schmeer be elected to an additional two-year term as Chair. Motion approved unanimously

IT WAS MOVED and seconded that the number of meetings be reduced to five per year. Motion approved unanimously.

New Business

The Chair reported that there needs to be some updating to the By-Laws. Any changes By-Laws will have to be voted on at the October 2018 Annual Meeting. Mike Schmeer and Grover Bornefeld will review the By-Laws for updating.

Program

The Chair introduced Virginia Foster who presented a program entitled "Tebo's a la Carte," concerning the loss of the Tebo Restaurant at McLoughin and Glen Echo in Jennings Lodge. The property has been converted to car sales. Lisa Bentley assisted in the presentation.

She reviewed the history of this site which featured food service since 1948; first as the Cheese Wedge and then Gene & Joes Broiler. Tebo opened in 1972 and was a favorite gathering place for residents and will be greatly missed. It was appreciated that the restaurant employed many local high school students during its years in operation. Members also appreciated the great landscaping surrounding the restaurant

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm for Tebo pies to be served by Virginia and Lisa Bentley.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Piper. Secretary