

CHNA Minutes for meeting, Monday, 3/30/15

6:30 pm -- REFRESHMENTS -- Courtesy of Church of the Beatitudes

President Kristen Noakes-Fry called meeting to order at 7:10 pm

**Board Members present: Kristen, Sean, Thomas, Phil, Susan, Genine, Nancy, Karri.
Church of Beatitudes Representatives: Rev. Phil Miller-Evans (Pastor), Dr. Peter Armacost (Moderator), Louise Baxter, Ann Pelletier, Rick Maffet, and Timothy Jones.
Numerous neighborhood members (see attendance sheet).**

INTRODUCTIONS: Everyone in attendance introduced themselves.

POLICE REPORT: Officer not in attendance. Kristen pointed out the phone # for Community Police in Newsletter if someone needs to report a concern. If you can't get satisfaction, contact Kristen, our President, through her email.

MINUTES:

- **Minutes of February meeting were sent via email. Phil moved to approve, Genine seconded. Approved as distributed and will be posted on website.**
- **Greg, Assisting Secretary, read the minutes of the March 2nd meeting for approval. Moved to approve by Phil. Nancy said that a full version, not a summary, should be voted on. Phil withdrew motion. A complete version will be sent out by email to Board for approval.**

TREASURER REPORT: Genine

- **Through 3-29-15 Balance of \$6,253.34**
- **\$400 from new memberships.**
- **Keep a base of \$5,000 available if there is a matching grant available from the city.**
- **CHNA flags still available for \$40.**

1st VP REPORT: Sean

- **Easter Egg hunt joint event with Crescent Lake Neighborhood Ass. Info on CHNA website.**

2nd VP REPORT: Thomas

- **Round of applause for Nancy for Success of Garage Sale.**
- **April 15th State of City address 6-8 pm by Mayor Kriseman at Sunken Gardens. Thomas will find out what time we can enter the gardens.**
- **Friday, April 17th, Porch Party at Kristen's house.**

- **May 16th St. PetersBark official porch party at 2435 9th St N**

SPECIAL GUEST:

- **Rev. Phil Miller-Evans of the Church of the Beatitudes introduced Dr. Armacost, moderator for the church, who reported on the initiative of Church of the Beatitudes to become a center of the Crescent Heights community. 52 years in the neighborhood since 1962. No longer a retirement church and want to be a neighborhood church. Involved in strategic planning & advocacy, education & empowerment for unemployed. Would like to be a resource and want to know what needs in neighborhood they could help with. Want to form a focus group to discuss ways to benefit neighborhood & their members.**
- **Kristen expressed appreciation for the Church serving as a “Community Center” for neighborhood. A sign-up sheet was passed for those interested in being in a focus group.**

TRAFFIC & PARKING DISCUSSION:

- **Kristen gave a brief history of traffic & parking.**
- **Mike Frederick from City of St. Pete. Handed out a Traffic Count Summary. Discussed parking, traffic and heavy trucks driving thru neighborhood.**
- **Truck Routes are assigned. Cannot post No Truck signs everywhere.**
- **Discussion to restrict north side of avenues and west side of streets**
- **Petition can be submitted to change these ordinances by neighborhood associations.**
- **Hand out on speed and volumes. Can’t stop speed violators unless 10 mph over limit in neighborhoods. Gave examples of traffic calming.**
- **As far as Trader Joe’s, not much of a problem. 27th & 28th had speed watch signs after opening. These were educational and only used a couple of weeks.**
- **Speed limit in alleys is 10 mph by city ordinance. Can’t post speed limit signs in alleys because all surrounding property is private. Need petition from neighborhood to get alley humps installed if speeds are over 15 mph. Speed stickers can be put on large garbage cans.**
- **Also discussed kids using church parking lot & going straight out into street.**
- **Lots of raised intersections in our neighborhood. Speed humps are best and cheapest way of slowing traffic down. Must verify that average speed is 35 mph or greater to request calming.**
- **Discussed 4th St being under DOT of State of Florida which would have to approve pedestrian crosswalks. State already studying Report on crosswalk needs.**
- **Traffic committee should be formed to study grid pattern of stops and come up with logical breaks looking at balance and flow of traffic. Also look at present parking and decide whether it should be changed to conform to city ordinance.**

BOARD REPORTS:

- **MEMBERSHIP:** Nancy reported 121 paid households, a record, but still only 25% of eligible households.
- **Update on Garage Sale results.** Significant advertisements as well as an Interactive map were provided this year.
- **NEWSLETTER:** Karri resigned as Editor of Newsletter, leaving Board opening. Phil made Motion to thank Karri for her work and Sean seconded it. The group thanked Karri with a round of applause. Kristen will handle the May issue, while we seek a new Newsletter Editor.
- **Deadline & content for May issue is 15th of April.** We have a brilliant layout and a team to deliver.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA FB**
 - Sean said advertising for Newsletter Editor is going out and Easter Egg Hunt information
 - Kristen acknowledged Steve, our Web Editor, who works out of town and cannot attend meetings
- **BYLAWS REVISION:** Phil reported on the progress of the bylaws revision. Nancy and Susan suggested just the Board get together to discuss ByLaws Revision and other issues.
 - ⊖ Phil gave a deadline of April 1 for Board recommendations.
 - ⊖ The final changes will be posted on website and presented to general membership for a vote.
- **BOOK CLUB,** In Maureen Camphire's absence, Kristen announced that the next meeting will be April 21st, information in newsletter.
- **Question about construction.** Kristen pointed out that we have a neighborhood plan. Does not have force of law, but should be taken into account when zoning restrictions made. Requires a constant vigilance by neighbors.

Nancy Warner moved to adjourn. Genine seconded, and the motion passed.

Adjourned at 8:41pm.

ADDENDUM:

The full minutes for the CHNA General Meeting of March 2, 2015 were emailed to the CHNA Officers on April 2nd for final approval. All 8 Officers of the Board approved them by April 6, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Susan O'Gara, Secretary