

OWA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

A Susan Allen
P Greg Browning
P Mikel Coulter
P Maggie Huff
A Margaret Real
P Jo Rodgers
P Jim Ventresca

AGENDA:

7:30 Call to order

- This meeting is a special session specifically to address succession planning given Jim's desire to step down as President of OWA.
 - Greg began the meeting by indicating that he hoped that we could arrange for a smooth transition period of some time period to ensure an orderly change in leadership.
 - Greg also noted that as a part of this process, we did need to amend our by-laws as they currently contain term limits that we are not adhering to.
- Jim did confirm that he announced his intention to resign the presidency at the last OWA regular meeting. He reiterated that he does not intend to cease supporting the organization. He would like the board to be responsible for the replacement process and will abide by the board's decision in how to handle the process. However, he does not want to be closely involved in the process of seeking a replacement as he is hoping for a person with fresh ideas which may, or may not mirror his own. He does not want his preferences to unduly influence the selection.
- Greg indicated that we needed to convene a full session of the board. He felt that we should focus on finding interest from within the board rather than seek an outside person to fill the slot. The balance of those present agreed.
- Jim indicated that he would be glad to remain in his position until the next normal election of officers in April provided we proceed with the process of identifying his replacement and that we relieve him of responsibility for the Annual Meeting. He presented the following resolution:

Jim Ventresca, having resigned the office of the Presidency of the OWA at the last regularly scheduled meeting of May 23, 2011,

And having agreed to otherwise follow the directions of this board in pursuing its goals,

Herby agrees to this special session in order to develop a smooth transition of power with the following caveats:

1. A Transition Committee be formed for the purpose of finding the next President
 2. Said Transition Committee to be responsible for the Annual Meeting
 3. Jim Ventresca to remain President with full responsibilities, not including those stated above, rights and privileges of the office until the Annual Meeting.
- This resolution was moved by Greg and Seconded by Maggie. All present unanimously agreed.

- Since Jim remained as president, he asked to hold an abbreviated regular meeting.
- Minutes from April and May as well as the Annual Meeting are being addressed by Jo Rodgers.
- Jim would like the board to directly solicit membership among their friends and neighbors and passed out membership forms to all present. Greg inquired when the last time we sent a mailing to all Old Worthington Residents and questioned whether we had insight into the best way to solicit new membership. Jim responded that we have delivered flyers to every residence for the two preceding years. He believes that personal contact is the most effective tool. Greg stated that we need a reason that appeals to the potential member's self interest to get them interested. Maggie agreed – we need to tell them why they need us. Jim is considering creating a new Lantern that would be able to do just that as the cover article. It could also touch on the winners of the scholarship and architectural awards as well as contain the membership/plaque form. One item of discussion was to automatically make all residents of Old Worthington members unless they opt out.
- Jim reported that we have \$1094 in plaques and memberships and gave Greg \$298 from plaques and membership.
- Market Day is Sept 24. Jim will donate the \$75 for our booth.
- Greg proposed and Mikel seconded that we remove our money from the CD and place it into our operating fund so that it was available for use as needed.
- List of Causes for Action (from 9/22/08 meeting – included for information purposes only. Updated 10/2010 to remove Completion of the Historic District Application process.)
 - 752 Building – Work with the City to help locate tenants, ensure historic preservation, and ensure economic common sense in the management of this building
 - Move the Architectural Guidelines from merely guidelines to requirements where appropriate while still allowing for uniqueness and flexibility in the process.
 - Parking – Proactively ensure that Old Worthington has sufficient parking, most likely in the form of a parking garage, to continue to support the businesses and regular public use of this area.
- New business - The next regular meeting will be held on Aug. 22 at 7:30 at LaChatelaine.

9:00 Adjourn

Submitted by Jo Rodgers