

GPNA Board meeting: December 10th, 2013 @ 7:00 pm

APPROVED

Board member attendance: Ron, Brian, Ken, Kate Gregg and Mary Cal

Guests: John Prell (GPNA – NECN rep), Claire Adamsick, Frank Krone (ortrek42@yahoo.com)

Brian called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and the group introduced themselves. The agenda was reviewed and approved as presented. Followed quickly by the reading and reviewing of the September 10th, 2013 Board meeting minutes. These minutes were moved to approve unanimously. So the next item of business was the reading and approval of the Special board meeting on September 18th, 2013 with several students from Grant High School. Again there was a motion to approve which was seconded and approved of unanimously.

Kate Davenport went over the Treasurers report which was presented to the group. The final balance was \$8,141.16. These finances were moved to approve, seconded and unanimously approved. Kate did have a couple of questions about tax, incorporation and insurance fees. These issues will be sent to the P.O. Box and delivered to Kate as needed. Also discussed was the possibility of increasing the current rate for advertising space in the newsletter. At the next meeting she will bring the revenue numbers from 2012 to compare to 2013. There was also mention of the possibility of increasing the size of the Holiday newsletter to accommodate increased request for more/larger advertising, but we don't want to not have space for neighborhood articles. Ken then brought up the question about whether or not Grant Park area businesses get newsletters because he had been told the QFC does not receive a newsletter.

Insurance: Ken brought up the issue about neighbors who volunteer for a GPNA function may not be covered by the GPNA-NECN insurance. GPNA boards of directors are covered under the ONI insurance plan. Should changes be considered for changing how insurance is set up to be more like NECN?

Bylaws: Ken had been very busy updating GPNA Bylaws and presented his changes at this time. Several areas that had specific changes were reviewed thoroughly and slight changes were made. The first reading of the updated version of the GPNA bylaws will be available and ready for the upcoming meeting on January 7th, 2014. Due to this meeting the current meeting that was scheduled for February has been changed to an Annual General (soon to be known as Regular meetings). That meeting will be scheduled for February 11th, 2014.

At this time Frank Krone was recognized and introduced to the group. Frank is from the NW Historical perspective and events. This group provides education and programming regarding special historical information relative to the Pacific NW. One of his current projects is working

with the CEO of New Seasons on getting a plaque placed somewhere near NE 33rd Avenue and U.S. Grant Street with information on Ulysses S. Grants relevance to the area and Fort Vancouver. The brass plaque will be approximately 2 feet x 3 feet and about 4 feet high. This group has been around for about 3 years and is working on getting their nonprofit status. There is currently an Abraham Lincoln plaque that was recently placed in the SW Park blocks by the Oregon Historical Society. The cost runs about \$400.00-\$1500.00. Their web site is at www.oregoncivilwar150. There are several You Tube videos also for viewing.

At this late hour the last few items of the agenda were scrapped.

New Business:

Kate requested someone assist in volunteering with her to attend the SALT meetings.

The newsletter was discussed and it was agreed to return to the former schedule so that there is more time to work out the articles, advertisements, printing and delivery issues.

Clean Up: Jane Comeault has agreed to be a co chair again this year for the Neighborhood Clean Up. This will be tabled until the February meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 05 pm

Minutes taken by Mary Cal Hanson