



Freemason Street Area Association

April 19, 2017
The Pagoda Restaurant
Board Meeting Minutes

Call to Order by Jack Kavanaugh at 7:00 PM at the Pagoda Restaurant.

Roll Call: Jack Kavanaugh, Shirley Ward, Betty O’Garr, Buster Wilson, Jennifer Cordovana, Spencer Darrow, Sarah Whiting, Ginger VandeWater, Madeline Sly, Greta Gustavson, Gerry Roth, Terry Scholl, Randy Lyall and Michael McCartney.

Jack opened the meeting with an introduction of Shirley Ward, Marty Mendolson and Jane Gardner from the Pierpointe Condominiums. They were representing many residents of the complex who are unhappy with the loud music and the vibrations of the buildings caused by the amplified music played at various events at the Pagoda. Despite a lengthy discussion by the Board, no resolution could be reached and a motion was made, seconded and approved that the issue be deferred to Madeline Sly, Ted Papafil the caterer, and the representatives of Pierpointe Condominiums for resolution. Ted Papafil assured the Board he would be on site for future events and would control the volume of the music.

Jack introduced Ted Papafil, owner of the Norfolk Grill, as the new caterer for the Pagoda Restaurant and private events. He presented his plans for the restaurant in general and the plan for a soft opening of the restaurant on May 2 for lunch, afternoon tea and dinner. He also plans to have Sunday Brunch, a Mother’s Day buffet and a barbecue for Memorial Day. Ted also provided food samples for the Board to enjoy.

President’s Report: Jack Kavanaugh

1. Freemason Yard Sale: It was decided September would be the best time and it would most likely be held in Freemason Park. Other details are deferred to the Committee who will report back at the next meeting.
2. Multi-Civic League Picnic: Terry Scholl reported it is to be held at Plum Park, Sunday, June 4, from 1 to 5pm. A budget of \$500 will be divided among the four leagues. The funds earned will support the Elizabeth River Trail Project. A motion was made, seconded and passed for FSAA to allocate \$150.00 toward the project.
3. The Pagoda Restaurant Annual Donation: Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed to donate \$1,500.00 to the Pagoda to help with repairs of the roof, lights, etc.
4. Membership Report: 83 individuals, 5 condos and 16 businesses.

Secretary’s Report: Betty O’Garr reported the Minutes from the November General Membership Meeting were posted on the website prior to this meeting for review; no changes were made. A motion to file the Secretary’s report was made, seconded and passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Shirley Ward reported a balance of \$4,048.98 in our account.



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Committee Reports:

- **Newsletter:** items for the next scheduled Newsletter are due May 1.

Nominating Committee: Greta Gustavson

- 2017 FSAA Nominating Committee Members:
 - Shirley Ward, Chair
 - Spencer Harris
 - Dr. Al Roper (off-Board representative)
- The following Board Members have agreed to be nominated to serve a 2 year term 2017-2019:
 - Virginia Vandewater, VP
 - Jennifer Cordovana, Historic District
 - Leslie Friedman
 - Gerry Roth, Historic District
- Spencer Darrow will replace Betty O’Garr as Secretary

Pagoda: Madeline Sly

Madeline reported on the repairs being made to the structure, roof and lights and the cost.

Historic Oversight Committee: Gerry Roth

- The house fire on Freemason Street has been determined to be arson and most likely set by homeless intruders.
- The chimney caps for the Al Roper home and landscape improvements have been completed.
- Grant Campion, a senior at Norfolk Collegiate, conducted a survey which determined home owners are not aware of and are not taking tax credits for retrofitting their homes.
- Reminder that trees are not to be cut down without the approval of the committee.
- Members are asked to report street lights that are out to Gerry.

EARNN: Sarah Whiting

- Saturday, April 22 is International Earth Day. Volunteers are needed at Wisconsin Square at 9am Saturday to clean up the area. Points will be earned.
- Adopt a Spot: The \$100 earned for Recycling of residential electronics held in November is to be used for plants for the beautification of Wisconsin Square.
- The Great American Cleanup is scheduled for May 20.

Board Member Reports:

Old Business:

New Business:

Speakers for May General Meeting:

- Karen Scherberger, Executive Officer or a staff member for Harborfest.
- Ted Papafil, caterer for the Pagoda
- Steven Kirkland, Executive Director for Nauticus and the Cruise Terminal
- Edward Mathews, Bureau Manager of Recreation and Human Development of Norfolk



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The next General Meeting is scheduled for May 17 at 7:00pm at the Harbor Club in the newly opened Waterside District.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 21 at 7:00pm at the Archers Walk Clubhouse.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty O'Garr, Secretary