

FREEMASON STREET AREA ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, February 15, 2017, Freemason Harbor Condominium

Attendance: Jack Kavanaugh, President; Sarah Whiting, Virginia Van de Water, Greta Gustavson, Jennifer Cordevana, Mike McCartney, Madeline Sly, Shirley Ward, Terry Scholl, Marie Torrans

The President called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

The President provided the **Membership Report:** 66 individual members, 14 businesses, condos pending dues payment

Treasurer's Report provided by Shirley Ward: \$3,253.94 in checking account; invoices are being forwarded to condominiums for payment. (Condo at 313 Freemason paid for 2 years.) As a result of the President's solicitation email, \$515 was donated for purchase of new holiday bows in 2016.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the January and February meeting will be posted to the FSAA website.

Pagoda Garden Tea House and Foundation Report:

Madeline Sly provided an update on the spring, 2017 opening. The new Managers will attend the May FSAA meeting and elaborate on the venue, etc. Menu selections include: coffee, tea, small plates, sunset drinks, desserts and special delights. It was noted that the Brunch has been a popular favorite.

Hand painted, classic replacement panels for the Pagoda—originally from Taiwan—via a California firm will cover the existing weathered panels. The artwork will enhance the façade and create an updated look. The Garden Lighting project is progressing. An article on the Pagoda will be featured in the March FSAA newsletter with more specifics.

It has been usual and customary for FSAA to make a contribution annually to the Pagoda. A donation will be forthcoming in 2017.

Upcoming FSAA events at The Pagoda: Memorial Day Picnic—Sunday, May 28th 5:30 to 8:30 pm—with catering by Omar's Carriage House. Independence Day Picnic—Sunday, July 2nd. Labor Day Picnic—Sunday, September 3rd. **Entertainment will be sponsored by FSAA.**

PLEASE MARK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND.

(NOTE: for the July 2nd event, reservations and payments can be made to FSAA and dropped off with Greta, Betty or Jack.)

More details on these events and on the Pagoda will be available in upcoming FSAA newsletters.

In the absence of Gerry Roth, the President provided the **Historic Oversight Committee Report.**

THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE met with Rich Robinson, Executive Chef at Voila. The Chef will be assuming management of Machismo Restaurant and offer a new fare for lunch and dinner. The restaurant will have an ABC on site only permit and hours of operation will include closure at 10:30 pm. All residents and establishments on the same street have been notified. There will not be any external changes to the building however, seating will be available outside and inside--with—a maximum limit of 14

Grant Champion, student at Norfolk Collegiate, has compiled his survey on usage of tax credits for historic home renovations/repairs. **The President has reviewed the survey and will forward same via email.**

EARNN: Sarah Whiting provided an update noting that FSAA has 30 points to date. Two events are in the works for 2017: a recycling event and The Great American Clean-Up which is slated for the March-May timeframe. The Wisconsin Square activity to be held in February will count toward EARNN points.

The President—with Board input—rolled out the program of speakers for the March FSAA meeting:

Councilwoman Andria McClellan, Superward 6

The Honorable Thelma Drake—Military Highway Proposals

Debriefing on Norfolk Harbor RACE —Ashley and Erin

Glenn Sutch, President, Waterside District—scheduled for opening April 20th

Suggestions of future speakers may include: Buddy Gadams, Norfolk Sheriff's Office rep., Stephen—Half Moon Cruise Terminal and Cruise schedule (May), Karen Scherberger—Harborfest, and The Centennial Commission. The Main was suggested as a meeting site.

The President informed the Board that The Main—in conjunction with the grand opening--will be hosting a special for the arts March 23, 24, 25. **Jack will be forwarding an email regarding Freemason opportunities as The Main desires to engage the interest of Downtown and Freemason residents.**

Board Member Reports:

D'Egg is now open with access through the Arcade. (Terry)

Mike McCarthy continues to manage the doggie response station on Freemason Green...noting that bags and refills are available in the box. Residents, guests and visitors are encouraged to walk their pups to this valued community resource.

Greta provided a unique commentary on the Peruvian vessel to be moored during Harborfest and related a Norfolk connection via a local Admiral and his prior connection with the ship and Peruvian Navy. A memorial service is scheduled at Elmwood Cemetery.

Restoration and renovations at the Boat Club have been completed. (Ginger)

Madeline and Jack attended a recent Downtown Norfolk Waterfront meeting. Glenn will report on the activities at the March meeting.

The Navy Base Centennial Commission welcomes volunteers to put up story boards and posters. (Jack)

Nominating Committee:

The President will appoint a 2017 Nominating Committee Chair. A report will be placed in the March newsletter.

The next General Meeting will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of March.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Torrans for Betty O'Garr, Secretary