

Oriole Park Community Club

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from October 18, 2010

President Al Firak brought the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Present: Al Firak, Pat Conlon, Esther Whitty, Natalie Zitek, Susan Arl, Patty Doherty, Laura Stamison and Emily Dankewycz

- Minutes were read by attendees. Pat Conlon moved to accept the minutes and Emily Dankewycz 2nded the motion. The motion was put to a vote and passed.
- Al Firak said the \$40 room fee raised as an issue in the August Advisory Meeting has become a "non-issue".
- Laura Stamison presented the Treasurer's Report. The August balance has been \$1,523.49. Since then, the Club has received \$120 in membership revenue and incurred a printing cost of \$84.80 for the September fliers. The new balance was \$1,558.69. Esther Whitty moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Natalie Zitek 2nded the motion. The motion carried after a vote.
- Laura Stamison presented the CAPS report. At the last CAPS meeting, Laura raised the issue of gang activity in the park. The police assured her that there are no gangs in the park. The same things are happening now as in previous CAPS discussions. Retail thefts are up at Jewel and Walgreens. Some girls were approached by men in cars. After going home and telling their parents, the police were called.
- The OPCC will host a candidate forum on November 22nd. Candidates to replace Alderman Doherty will be invited including Mary O'Connor, the Democratic candidate and Maurita Gavin, the Republican candidate. Eight other likely candidates will be invited including Jim Mullen, Richard Gonzales, Michael Hannon and Jim Soreng. The meeting will held at the school.
- The Club needs to explore avenues for fundraising. Patty Doherty spoke on her company, Treasured Memories. She offered a portion of any sale resulting from a relationship with the OPCC going back to the Club. Treasured Memories charges \$125 for transferring 100 pictures to DVD and \$25 for transferring tapes to DVD.
- The cost of printing fliers is the largest yearly expense for the Club. Natalie Zitek recommended getting companies to sponsor fliers and cover the printing cost. Patty Doherty said Treasured Memories would sponsor the November flier. Esther Whitty volunteered to go to local businesses and present the concept to them.
- Natalie Ziteck also offered other ideas to increase membership revenue such as having neighborhood children selling memberships and giving them \$1-\$2 per membership as an incentive. She also raised the possibility of having Paypal on the website to increase membership.
- Per Pat Conlon, the next Zoning Board meeting is November 10th. Builders have approached the Board about putting a drug store at Harlem and Bryn Mawr.
- Laura Stamison moved to adjourn the meeting and Susan Arl 2nded the motion.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Arl, Secretary OPCC