

Narberth Civic Association

Minutes of the September 11, 2013 Board meeting

Board members present:

Deborah Lonsdorf (President)

Christine Jackson (Treasurer)

George Lonsdorf

Board members absent:

Liz Brown

Georgette DuBois

Audience:

Patsy Dent

Call to order: President Deborah Lonsdorf called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

Treasurer's Report

	last year 9/12/2012	2 mtgs ago 5/8/2013	last mtg 6/12/2013	current 9/11/2013	1 yr change
Savings	\$ 2,001.17	\$ 2,001.43	\$ 2,001.43	\$ 2,001.48	\$ 0.31
Checking	\$ 632.76	\$ 1,077.85	\$ 854.93	\$ 854.93	\$ 222.17
PayPal				\$ 120.90	\$ 120.90
				\$ 2,977.31	\$ 343.38

President's Report

Deborah is planning a holiday display for Ricklin's window with Pam Eitzen, who executed last year's "Eat, Drink, Shop Narberth" design. Currently the window has the summer display of Narberth photos by Nicolai and Avi Fox. Deborah will be seeking other "window dressers". Laura Jackson has expressed an interest in designing a window on an environmental theme, and we have set aside tentative dates for the Garden Club in February and the Library in March to promote LiBrewery.

Will there be a fall "Meet the Candidates" forum? Deborah has reached out to Liz Brown, who expressed interest in moderating it, but has not received a reply. Deborah noted that there are no contested seats. We could hand out Aaron's document, and/or post it on our website beforehand.

Communications/Website Report (George Lonsdorf)

The old website (narberthpa.org) is being archived. It will still be accessible at a narberthcivic.org address to be determined, but will no longer show up on web searches, as it now confusingly does. It would be a good idea to clearly label each page as an inactive archive. The Narberth Area Garden Club still maintains a website at narberthpa.org/nagc, and the Our Town Blog is still at blog.narberthpa.org, but the Civic Association does not own the address narberthpa.org. George spoke to Jim Speer who is not sure who does, but he reported that someone does continue to pay for it. Deborah has been keeping up the NCA's Facebook page with postings and photos.

We still need to automate e-mail notices for membership renewals (and it would be helpful for meeting notices, too) using the MailChimp email service.

We need a secretary (there have been no minutes posted since January 2013) and more board members! George volunteered to take minutes tonight, but does not want to be secretary. Using the membership and mailing list, Christine will reach to invite potential Board members.

There were questions about the procedure and schedule for elections for board members and officers needed to held. Do all board members stand for election at once every two years?

The 100th anniversary of the first meeting of the original Narberth Civic Association is March 2014, and of the first issue of the weekly NCA-published "Our Town" newspaper is October 15, 2014. What should we do to commemorate the occasion and generate interest and participation in the Civic Association? George suggested we could devote a corner of our home page to the headline of the week from the Our Town issue of 100 years ago beginning in October 2014. Chris recalled a 1990s reenactment of stories from Our Town, and will call Nancy Lotz who might still have the script. Another proposal was to cooperate on an event with the Narbrook Park Neighborhood Association, seeing how the design and development of that neighborhood was a primary goal of the original Civic Association. Could we sponsor a presentation on the history of Civic Association by Dennis Montagna or Victoria Donohoe?

Easter will be April 20, 2014, so should NarbEarth Day take place the following Saturday, April 26?

The meeting was adjourned around 8:00 pm.

— Submitted by George Lonsdorf