

**Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association  
and  
Neighborhood Watch #1300**

Annual Meeting  
Dove of Peace Lutheran Church  
665 W. Roller Coaster Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85704  
September 28, 2019

Minutes

**Registration and Coffee Hour** Neighbors met for registration, coffee, refreshments, conversation and informational material from 8 - 9am.

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice-President Lisa Meder.

**Officers Reports**

**Minutes** Jay DeAngeli, the Secretary, read the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting. There were no additions or corrections. It was moved, seconded and unanimously voted that the minutes be accepted as read.

**Membership Report** - Jay, Membership Chairman, reported that we concluded the 2017 fiscal year with 119 members. To date this year, we have received approximately 112 paid dues.

**President's Report** Lisa reported on the various accomplishments and challenges that OFNA has faced the past year. Document shredding took place in March and was a success. OFNA is continuing to sponsor a quarterly household hazardous waste collection, which helps keep hazardous material out of the landfill. Last October we had another successful picnic. This year's picnic will be on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is cordially invited. Illegal dumping is an ongoing problem in the neighborhood. Watch for dumpers and report any dumped material to Carole DeAngeli. A major accomplishment was eliminating the large homeless camp at Oracle/Genematas. The City of Tucson was very helpful to us. OFNA keeps tabs on any development happening in our vicinity. The Lodge still has large parcels for sale. Sterling Homes now owns the vacant property at Agave/1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to Brian Hagen for again repairing the planter at the intersection of Yvon/Nina that was recently hit by a vehicle.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jay reported income of \$5,368, expenditures of \$5,430 and cash on hand as of 8/31/19 is \$12,603.

**Speaker** – Lisa introduced Marge Pellegrino, our neighbor, as the guest speaker. Marge recounted how she came to be a writer and educator in Tucson after leaving her native New York. She has now written many books, both fiction and non-fiction, for children and adults. Her latest is Neon Words: 10 Brilliant Ways to Light Up Your Writing. She is passionate about teaching and encouraging others to put words to paper. She has been very involved in working with the refugee

community and helping them to express themselves through writing. Marge then led us in a collaborative writing exercise to describe our neighborhood. People did a wonderful job!

### **Committee Reports**

**Website, Weekly Update** – Carole asked for input for either the website or the weekly update.

**Hospitality** – Carole paid tribute to those neighbors that have passed away this year: Jean Quimby, Jim Howland, Diane Howland, Bob Coate, Rick Marimow, Betzy Clarkson, Hal Fritts, Jeannine Brookshire, Dan Boone, Roy Kyle and Joseph Vallejo. A number of neighbors have left the neighborhood this year: Jim & Lynne Hudson, Angelo & Carol Dellacona, Devin & Crystal Orr, John & Vicki Nyman, Patricia Nyman, Charlie & Karilyn Roach, Allen & Jan Williams. We also have many new neighbors, including some who joined us today: Zachary Lawrence & Paloma Ibañez; Justin & Amanda Volmerang and their son Kai. Bill Broyles suggested that there are elderly or those in poor health who would appreciate a call or visit from a neighbor. If you know someone like this, give them a call.

**Neighborhood Watch** – There has been some petty crime, like break-ins to tool sheds, rifling of unlocked cars, mail theft, etc. This has been especially prevalent in the vicinity of the homeless camp. The homeless camp is gone now, but it could spring up again. There are other homeless camps a little farther north on Oracle. Illegal dumping is an ongoing problem. Be sure to get a dump receipt before making final payment to any yard workers or landscape people.

**Streets** - Jay continues to monitor our street issues. PCDOT has made several repairs on our streets. Since reorganization, we don't have a good contact in the department anymore. Jay is considering having OFNA fill the roadside edges that have severe drop-offs.

### **Old Business**

**Household Hazardous Waste** - Carole reported that Barb Peck, Hank Peck and Clark Arnold have been holding the collections four times a year. Another neighbor on Rudasill, Brendan Carey, owns a hazardous waste disposal company, and he has graciously taken our neighborhood collection to his facility, at no cost. This is a great way to keep hazardous materials out of the landfill.

**Homeless Camps** – After many calls and letters to the owners of the property at Oracle/Genematas, the City of Tucson Code Compliance people got involved and were instrumental in having the homeless removed and getting the owners to clean up the huge mess.

**Document Shredding** – We held a document shredding event in March at the home of Scott Ruth. It was conducted by Beacon Secure, a company that does document shredding for large companies in Tucson. We had quite a few participants who all appreciated the service. At \$300 for 2 hours, it was fairly expensive. We might consider having one every other year.

**Illegal Dumping** – There were several instances of dumping in the neighborhood, some trash and some plant trimmings and debris.

### **New Business**

**Picnic** - Jay reminded everyone about the date and location of the Annual Picnic – October 27<sup>th</sup> in the wash below Bente Jensen’s house. We will be cooking ribs, brats and chicken. It is always a good time, and everyone is invited!

**Election of the Board** – Mary Jo Schwartz read the OFNA By-Laws pertaining to election of the Board of Directors. She then introduced the slate of candidates which included all the current board members, plus Maria Brandauer. Maria then introduced herself to the members. Mary Jo called for nominations from the floor. There being none, it was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted as presented. The membership unanimously approved the new slate. The directors for the 2019-2020 fiscal year are: John Battaile, Robert Bolton, Maria Brandauer, Jay DeAngeli, Delann DeBenedetti, Bente Jensen, Roxie Lopez, Lisa Meder, Stephanie Morrison, Diana Ossana, Leo Roop, Scott Ruth, Tom Scarborough, Mary Jo Schwartz and Joan Scott.

**Call for Items from the Floor** – There were no items from the floor.

**Raffle** – Jay and Stephanie conducted the raffle. Gift certificates to local restaurants were awarded several members as appreciation for their attendance.

**Adjournment** – Lisa thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.