

**Shea Terrace Civic League
Minutes 3-25-13**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Bruce Bremer, at the Flagship Restaurant.

Minutes

The minutes from December 2012's meeting were read and approved.

Treasury

We have a balance in the Treasury of \$1211.61

Old Business

Nancy LaMartin reported on meeting with the PCCO, the Portsmouth Coalition of Civic Organizations. They announced that the crime rate in Portsmouth is down 18% since 2008. She also stated that she had asked PCCO to donate \$500 to the NOTOLLS effort. PCCO stated that each member Civic League must vote to authorize this. Therefore, Nancy made a motion that our Civic League authorize the donation. Arden Pfeiffer seconded the motion and it was carried.

Pat Pfeiffer reported on the status of the NOTOLLS effort. Portsmouth City Council authorized a \$50,000 donation be made to the legal expenses incurred by CAPPAC lawsuit to stop the tolls. The hearing is set for May 1, 2013 in Portsmouth Circuit Court. Arden Pfeiffer motioned that the Shea Terrace Civic League support this effort by donating \$100 to the legal fund. Nancy LaMartin seconded and the motion was carried by a vote of the attendees.

The neighborhood yard sales will be Saturday May 4. Nancy LaMartin will put an announcement in the newspaper and also will put it on Craig's List. Joe Scharl will contact all the real estate agents handling homes in the neighborhood and suggest they hold open house on their for sale properties on that day. Residents are to contact Pat Pfeiffer at 397-6043 to be on the yard sale map and to pay \$5 to offset cost of the newspaper ad.

New Business

As our Treasurer, Spencer Greer, is being transferred to Oregon, we now have a vacancy in that position as well as for the position of Vice President. Members were asked to volunteer or make suggestions to fill these positions. Naomi Holt later volunteered to be Treasurer.

Bruce Bremer discussed a zoning problem regarding a resident having two pet goats. John and Amy Palmer reside at 303 Constitution Ave. The City has informed them that the goats must be removed by April 5 as it is against City Ordinances to have farm animals in the City. These are pygmy goats that have been neutered and there have been no complaints made by neighbors regarding them. Most neighbors are supportive of these pets and the local children enjoy seeing them. Pat Pfeiffer motioned and Arden Pfeiffer seconded the motion that the Civic League present a letter to the Council at their next meeting, on March 26, 2013, requesting the Palmers be allowed to retain their goats in their back yard. This motion was carried by acclamation.

Speaker

Donna Corbus discussed the City's new "Pretty Up Portsmouth" campaign. There will be a Great American Clean-up held Saturday April 28. Volunteers are needed on that day to pick up trash in the wetlands and on roadways. There will also be a recycling station for household hazardous wastes, electronics and free document shredding. This will be from 9 to 1 in the parking lot next to the City Jail. The Rotary will also be having a Paint Your Heart Out event on that date for homes

that qualify for their services.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Pat Pfeiffer, Secretary