

**Shea Terrace Civic League  
Minutes 9-16-13**

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

**Treasury**

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$949.91

**Old Business**

There is a vacancy for the Vice-President's position that still needs to be filled. We were asked to volunteer or to nominate a resident for this position. We discussed the need to have more residents active in the organization in order to accomplish projects and to provide on-going leadership to the neighborhood.

**Speakers**

Faith Gutierrez, Vice President of Portsmouth Community Concerts, and Ken Woolard made a presentation regarding the Community Concerts at Willett Hall which have been ongoing since 1955. The Hall was constructed in 1938 and has had serious building problems for many years. The City has committed to repairing the Hall and saving it. There will be five concerts this season. A brochure was distributed with this information and a drawing was held for free tickets.

Mitch Mitchell, the Loc Doc, talked about home security which includes installation of dead bolts, motion sensor lights and alarm systems. There are systems now that can send information directly to smart phones to immediately advise owners of any intrusion into their home.

**New Business**

Officer Hughes stated that once again, there is very little crime in Shea Terrace. In response to the rumors of wide-spread break-ins this is true in the rest of Portsmouth, but not accurate in our neighborhood as our crime issues have decreased. He did say that there was a problem with squatters in several areas but this has been taken care of, particularly on Ann Street where the building has been secured. We all need to develop a very low tolerance for blight and should know the status of houses near us. We must call 911 immediately if suspicious persons enter a vacant building.

Richard Moissant, Environmental Inspector, works very closely with Officer Hughes and the rest of the Police Department to help us keep this a safe attractive community. Mr. Moissant discussed the New Director's program fostering inter department co-operation making the city safer. This includes clearing alleys of over growth and debris, cutting overgrown bushes where vagrants may hide. The Sheriff's Department is the primary contractor for the City to clear brush and clean up neighborhoods. There is a new project called 10-10-10 which is a survey asking residents to list 10 positive things, 10 negative things and 10 things we'd like to see done in the City. Mr Moissant handed out copies of this survey and Bruce said that he would email this to residents. On 10-5-13 there is a church event fixing up houses and doing yard work for the elderly. A home at Idlewood

and Booker was identified as needing this service. Naomi and Bruce said they would get identifying information to Richard Moissant for this service.

Bruce Bremer announced that he was stepping down as President and elections for new officers will be held in December. He asked for volunteers and nominations be directed to him or any other officer by that time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Pfeiffer  
Secretary .