

Old Town Battle Ground Association
Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 13, 2008

In Attendance:

Dan Mueller, OTBGA President
Diane Harris, OTBGA Vice President
Nola Cross, OTBGA Secretary
Judy Ost, OTBGA Treasurer
Jane Elder Wulff, member
Jill Kurtz, member (Jackson, Jackson and Kurtz)
Kara McGhee, member

Treasurer's Report

As of 1/31/08, our checking balance is \$1819.25, savings balance is \$803.28
Checks totaling \$100 were just received for two more renewing members

Old Business

Membership drive. With the dues received today, we now have 26 regular members and 22 supporting members paid for 2008. Nola will provide a list to Dan of all businesses invoiced who have not responded, and will also send follow up invoices.

Spring Fling Committee: There was a discussion about the timing of our flower basket promotion. It was pointed out that May is a busy time for florists due to Mothers Day and Memorial Day. We also discussed who should supply our baskets this year, as the baskets last year were not very colorful and were somewhat sparse and hard to take care of. Diane and Judy will bring these issues to the committee, which will be meeting soon. There are currently four or five people interested in serving on the committee. The main intent of the promotion is to decorate and call attention to Old Town; fund raising is a secondary purpose.

Mural Committee: Dan has developed a rough budget of \$22,575; with typical project overages, we should plan to raise donations of \$30,000. The metal "photo" panels will be 4' x 4' and can be pieced together to form larger panels. The panels will be mounted on a grid of threaded tubing imbedded in the building facade; this will allow for ease of installation and portability. There was a discussion about featuring long time businesses in the panel paintings in exchange for financial support, versus separately mounted metal plaques recognizing supporters. The idea came up of having the panels on display in BG businesses (such as banks), with collection boxes for public donations. The issue of legal understanding with Andersen's also was discussed. Some kind of agreement will need to be formalized. The mural committee will continue to consider all these issues.

New Business

Battle Ground Art Alliance is asking for donations to fund its spring art show. It was moved and seconded that OTBGA will donate \$100. We will also offer them a reciprocal membership in OTBGA, and invite them to partner with us in some way on the mural project in order to assure that the mural is cared for over time. The mural committee will decide how best the Art Alliance can help.

The State of the City Address will be next Thursday, February 21st. OTBGA officers received invitations to the address and reception. Please RSVP to Bonnie Gilberti by the 15th.

There will be a Business After Hours networking opportunity next Wednesday, February 20th at 7:00 at Battle Ground Senior Center. Host is Bonnie Franklin of Riverview Bank. Kara said she would go as a representative of OTBGA.

We discussed builder Curtis Wharton's new project on NE 1st street as well as possible future development plans he has for properties on East Main. Dan will talk with him and invite him to our next meeting.