



## **BUSINESS PORTION OF MEETING**

### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sharon reported on our net income from Sunbelt's payment, Amazon.com, memberships and residential walking tour sign-ups. Paul received the first check from CafePress for \$42.07 in calendar sales, and Steve will deposit it. Sharon reviewed the NPHS accounting in Quickbooks to determine how to enter the history book inventory. Since the money from the initial sales was received before NPHS began, it would be confusing to try to include the remaining inventory in the accounting. We decided to continue to track the sales and inventory outside of the Quickbooks accounting. Whenever we do a reprint of the history book (or a new book), we will be able to include the inventory in the Quickbooks, because the value of the books will be balanced by a clear expenditure for their printing. As of March 5, the remaining supply of books with NPHS is 42 coil-bound and 160 perfect-bound.

### **5. 2009 BUDGET**

Steve prepared a draft Budget which was reviewed by Sharon and George before being circulated to the NPHS Board for their review and comment. We discussed the possibility of incorporating money into the budget to buy a number of next year's calendars from CafePress to sell, because the calendars would be much cheaper if we ordered a bunch of them. Also, we may create cards through CafePress that we could then order to sell. We will budget \$1,100 for 100 calendars next year, and \$400 for cards. George moved to approve the budget as amended, and Bill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

This closes the business portion of the meeting.

## **ACTIVITIES PORTION OF MEETING**

### **6. CALENDAR PROJECT**

The Calendar Working Group will begin meeting again in March to start the process for the 2010 calendar. Paul explained the set of photos making each calendar will be available for a new calendar (in other words, if someone wanted the 2009 photos in a 2010 calendar, CafePress could do that). Jody would like to join the Calendar Working Group.

### **7. WALKING TOURS**

Dates for the next tours are March 21 for the commercial tour, and April 18 for the residential tour. The flyers have been distributed and are on the website. Tour guides for the commercial tour will be George, Michael, and Patrick Edwards. Tour guides for the residential tour will be Michael and Bill with Ed in training. We have received one sign-up check so far for the residential tour. Liz has gotten good interest for the commercial tour.

For the commercial tour, we will meet at the North Park Theatre, but may have to stay in the lobby because the La Jolla Music Society will be getting ready for their performance

that night. For the residential tour, Jack Illes has sold his house, and we set up in his driveway at the Portal the last time. So we need to figure out how best to set up our table at the Portal.

We set the date of April 11 for the weeding party if the Portal needs it. Paul and Jody have volunteered to help Sharon, Katherine and Steve.

We should ask Manny with the North Park News about putting in an announcement for the walking tour in the Craftsman part of the paper. *Update: As of March 12, we have 7 paid sign-ups for the residential tour.*

#### **8. DRYDEN DISTRICT UPDATE**

No news at this time. Katherine will ask Kelley Saunders with the City for an update. We can send an update letter to the district homeowners. Bill can help us update the mailing list.

#### **9. KLICKA SCHOLARSHIPS**

Louise mailed the packets. She submitted a reimbursement request for a total of \$55 for printing and \$25.20 in postage. The flyer and application are on our website. Liz put the announcement in the North Park Main Street newsletter. Louise will take flyers to the North Park library and other places. The judging group needs to decide on evaluation criteria. The Klicka Scholarship Working Group is Louise, Hilda, and Jody.

#### **10. ONCE UPON A TIME ARTICLE**

The *North Park News* ran Larry Hall's streetcar article at the Top of the Tank! It looked great. Larry wrote another story about a 1949 fire in a building at 2929 Meade, and he is working on getting a photo, maybe of a fire engine of the time. Interestingly enough, this building is now the home of a YMCA Youth Center, the same group that recently contacted Katherine for input from the North Park Historical Society for a mural project for the building that the YMCA got a grant to pursue.

#### **11. OTHER BUSINESS**

Liz and Katherine met to coordinate a history section on the North Park Main Street website.

Bill, Ed, Louise, and Katherine met with the Hillquest group to discuss North Park articles for their 2009 Urban Guide. Katherine provided Hillquest with articles about the Georgia Street Bridge, Morley Field, the Toyland Parade (from George Franck's article), and the Dryden District. She also compiled a CD with 27 photos that are not controlled by the San Diego Historical Society.

Ed, Jody, Hilda, Bill, George, and Vince met with Steve and Katherine to review materials that could be posted on our website as a Virtual Library. The group agreed there is a lot of good material that could be useful to researchers if it could be compiled electronically in some kind of searchable database. The material includes many lists of building permit information from the *Daily Transcript* that Don Covington hand wrote,

which include address, permit date, who pulled the permit, and the cost of the structure. Access is a potential software program. Steve, Katherine, and Ed also met with a friend of Ed's who is a trained archivist. He works at the National City Public Library. He had some useful advice about preservation of materials. Paul noted that GoDaddy has a database function that might be usable. We also have a lot of slides that we should start having converted to digital format. *Ed will research the utility of Access. Katherine will show Paul the lists of building permits that Don Covington hand wrote, to strategize more about how this information could be compiled for the website.*

The HBO Sports channel is preparing a documentary TV special about Ted Williams, and contacted NPHS for help in getting photos and interviews with local folks. Katherine sent them a complimentary copy of the history book and a DVD of the 1928 movie about the making of the North Park Theatre. She also gave them contact information for Joe Schloss, the North Park Theatre, and Noah with Wonderland. They appreciated the information. Watch for the show in the summer. Maybe we will get a mention!

Paul noted that the LED signs recently mounted on the Sterns Gym building detract significantly from the appearance of this historically important North Park building. The problem is that many of the important buildings in the commercial core are not historically designated so there is not a lot that can be done to protect them. But the alteration of these buildings affects their integrity for historical tours and photographs for our calendars and cards, to say the least. We should think about helping to get key buildings designated where owners would be in favor (or could be educated to understand how beneficial that would be).

Bill noted that he is planning to create a "snow day" in Bird Park in December on the Saturday of the Toyland Parade. This could be a venue for us to sell the history book and calendars. We look forward to that fun event!

NPHS will have a table at the Congress of History conference March 6 and 7.

## **12. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **THURSDAY** March 19, 2009 at 7:00 pm, at the Masonic Lodge, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room, 3795 Utah Street.