

Minutes of the General Meeting, October 26, 7 p.m. Lobby of 200 Clearview

Attendance at least 25 people (some came later in the meeting and weren't on the sign-in sheet.)

The meeting opened with a Welcome from Daniel Stringer and a brief overview of how this is a transition year as the old executive have all moved on and a new executive is taking over.

There was a discussion around membership and whether or not we should be paying dues. That was put off until the Membership Secretary's Report.

The acting treasurer, Kathryn Holman reported we have \$260 cash on hand and \$1364.36 in the bank. She and Daniel Stringer are joint signing authority at the bank and there are no cheques so the large cash on hand covers operating expenses.

It was requested from the group that financial statements and a budget be drawn up so that the members will have a good idea of the financial picture at all times.

The membership secretary's report was brief as we are in transition and the latest membership list was not at the meeting. Memberships sold at the meeting will be added to the list as well. The idea of the return to membership cards was raised.

The executive was elected. The first four positions approved were the slate of people handling the roles since handover of the IPTRA in July:

President: Daniel Stringer
Treasurer: Kathryn Holman
Secretary: Roz Taller
Membership Secretary: Terri Renaud

Ken Holman asked if there were any objections to that slate, and hearing none, they will serve in those roles.

The rest of the positions were declared open and have been filled as follows:

Chair of Advocacy: to be filled later? (I got lost in the conversations at that point.)
Chair of Social Activities: Co Chairs John Leger and Chris Holstead
Building Reps for 185 – Ed Ellis, Nancy Hamnes and Alfred Dao
Building Reps for 195 – Rachela Brisindi
Building Reps for 200 – Janet Cohen and, Joe and Joan Pinto
Directors at large: Joyce Clarkson and Soheil Rastan (Ras)

A wide-ranging discussion on priorities followed. The first priority is to get membership up and in order.

Another high priority is to define what benefits come from the membership and if we should keep charging for it when we already have a lot of money and no plans to spend it.

Defining the duties of each role needs to be done.

Communication is a problem and regular signage was suggested and regular reports back to the membership after meetings.

Continuing with the Christmas Party and summer bbq was mentioned. Another member suggested Casino nights and that was greeted with approval. All the ideas were noted and will be discussed by the executive but with Halloween being next Saturday the idea of handing out candy in the lobby was presented.

Roz Taller, seconded by Ed Ellis, moved that \$50 be used to buy Halloween candy to be handed out in each building. Passed. Kathryn Holman will purchase the candy. Volunteers from each building will hand it out in the lobby.

The idea of approaching management for an activities room was raised. Apparently, 200 Clearview had one at one time. But having only one doesn't necessarily give access to all residents since the room would be behind security.

The meeting ended shortly after 8 p.m.