

## OPNNA SPRING GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 5/25/2021

Thank you St. Andrews United Methodist Church for allowing us to conduct our meeting at your Fellowship Hall. All board members were in attendance: Patty Wallis, Bart Vincent, Steve Rutledge, Teena Larson, Manuel Villa, Jack Guerra, John Brenneman, Ellaine Ferioli, Jim Mysliwicz and Susan Bowman.

Bart called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm and we started off with the Pledge of Allegiance. He determined we had a quorum. Bart gave a quick overview of the board's accomplishments since the last General Fall Meeting on 10/17/2019. Little did we know that we would not hold another General Meeting until 5/25/2021 due to Covid. The Board spent countless discussions on improving membership, communications and working on the OPNNA ByLaws. Teena worked on a roster of all the OPNNA residents and Patty and Jack worked on posting information on Nextdoor and Facebook. Ellaine was hard at work improving the OPNNA Website and posting all the minutes. There were discussions with several developers wanting to change the zoning to IDZ on some properties in our community. The Board stayed informed and voiced their opposition at several of the City manager meetings. There was a replat filed for 7127 N. Vandiver. And a couple of other areas in the community that developers wanted to take small lots and add more housing. 1841 Flamingo Lot was also a topic of several meetings. In the end the neighbors wanted to allow a developer to build 19 townhomes instead of keeping it a vacant lot. It is going through the construction process now. The Board was against the re-zoning at 1206 Nacogdoches as a pet grooming business. And we were able to stop that business from coming in. Safety and Security issues were also topics of concern and discussed at length. We had to transition to Zoom meetings after Covid hit, however, several of our meetings were held outside at Teena's lovely screened in back porch. We had made plans for a Fourth of July Parade and then a Labor Day Parade, but both had to be shelved as Covid was still an issue. Our first ever Christmas Lighting Contest in 2019 was well received so we repeated it for 2020 thinking it would help bring the neighborhood closer together and create some festive moods during the Covid blues. OPNNA bought HEB gift cards for 1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$100. and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of \$25. And a Second prize gift card of \$50. donated by HEB and a 4<sup>th</sup> place gift card donated by Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt on the Austin Highway. Jack created some great signs to boost people's morale and they were posted throughout the community. We received lots of compliments on the signs.

Bart introduced the candidates running for the Board. They were as follows:

**President:**

Jack Guerra, Gina Eisenberg

**Vice President:** Steve Rutledge

**Secretary:** Jamie Eickhoff

**Treasurer:**

Lori Tipps

**Directors at Large:** Teena Larson, Chris Lowrance

John Brenneman, Manuel Villa, Jim Mysliwicz, LeQuinne Ferebee

Each candidate came to the podium and gave a brief introduction of themselves and why they wanted to serve on the board. Since there were no additional nominations from the floor, all the ballots were picked up and the counting began.

Bart asked for the OPNNA Board Minutes dated 5/18/21 to be approved. Manny made a motion to approve the Minutes and Jim second the motion. Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**Councilman Clayton Perry** was asked to say a few words. He announced that their next meeting will be in person at the Tool Yard on 6/21/21. Since Covid all their meetings had been through Web X or Videos so this will be great to get back to somewhat normal. You can go to the website [www.sanantonio.gov](http://www.sanantonio.gov) to see any new announcements. He also mentioned that 6/14/21 will be the official kickoff for Fiesta. Also the City of San Antonio has approved a grant of \$150,000 from the Police Department asset forfeiture fund . He welcomed anyone to apply for the grant which promotes safety and helps the community with any security upgrades they may need. Clayton stated that they are continuing to improve the neighborhood streets in our District 10.

**County Commissioner Trish Deberry** was then introduced and she gave a very upbeat talk about how she's identifying projects that will be here for 50 years and longer. She would like to cut the tax rate and lower property taxes. Also would like a conversation concerning Metro Health and City and County.

Bart called on the officers of the board to present any additional information

Patty, Vice President, thanked everyone for coming and said how much she enjoyed serving on the board for the past 3 years. She is stepping down.

Teena gave her treasurer's report which follows:

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**Treasurer Report for 2019, 2020 and Jan 1 to May 24, 2021**

By Teena Larson

2019: Beginning Bank Balance \$9,351.66  
Total Income from dues \$1,202.33  
Total Income from Parade sponsors \$ 250.97  
Total Expenses for parade -\$1,725.85  
Total Board expenses - \$2,153.66  
Ending Bank Balance \$6,925.45  
Net loss - \$2,426.21

2020: Beginning Bank Balance \$6,925.45  
Total Income from dues \$ 73.97  
Total Donations: (gift cards for Christmas contest)  
(HEB \$50. And Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt \$20.)  
Total Board Expenses - \$1,420.33  
Ending Bank Balance \$5,579.09  
Net loss - \$1,346.36

2021: Jan 1 thru May 24, 2021  
Beginning Bank Balance: \$5,579.09  
Total Income from Dues \$ 610.58  
Total Board Expenses - \$ 574.25  
Bank Balance on May 24, 2021 \$5,615.42  
Net plus YTD +\$ 12.36

She also thanked folks for signing up for membership and paying dues and added that it will help increase the OPNNA Budget. She gave an update on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade which will be held on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information will be posted as we get closer to the date. The Parade will be held at the Northwood Presbyterian Church.

**New Business:**

Teena passed out the document covering proposed Bylaws changes. Bart stated that only one vote for the proposed bylaws changes in their entirety would be done instead of voting on each one separately. An attendee in the room disagreed with this approach and therefore she made a motion to table the entire Proposed Bylaws changes until the new Board has a chance to review and present them at a later time. This motion was seconded and was approved.

Pat Garrison had a handout for the Strategic Development Plan Update – he is the Aviation Consultant for the Northeast Neighborhood Alliance, and if we had any questions to contact him.

Jamie Eickhoff announced that someone had been spraying deadly chemicals in yards at random. Some of the spraying, they think, is because of political signs people have in their yard. It has been taking place in Northwood, Alamo Heights, Terrell Heights and Oak Park. If anyone sees someone doing this they need to give Jamie a call.

**Winners of the Election were announced.**

President Gina Eisenburg  
VP Steve Rutledge  
Secretary Jamie Eickhoff  
Treasurer Lori Tips

Directors at Large x 6  
John Brenneman  
Manuel Villa  
Jim Mysliwicz  
LeQuinne Ferebee  
Chris Lowrance  
Teena Larson

Since there was no other business Bart adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Bowman, Secretary

Approved with corrections: June 9, 2021 -- Jamie Eickhoff, Secretary