Old Pasadena Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
September 8, 2025

Hosted by: Kristin Brett, 438 Villagrande Ave. S, St. Petersburg, FL 33707

Attending:
Shannery Barnes, President
Holly Edwards, Vice President
Kristin Brett, Secretary
Janet Knapp, Treasurer
Mary Beth Singh, Board Member
Quinn Lundquist, Board Member
Chloe Hill, Board Member

Meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm

Minutes from last Board Meeting: Janet made motion to approve; Quinn seconded; all approved

Janet announced no new donations to date. Balance still $1,121.00. Latest update on 501(c)(3) - we are waiting on amended articles with IRS 501(c)(3) specific language. The State is currently 2 months behind in processing amendments. Then we will apply to IRS. We can accept donations currently; however they are not tax-deductible. Once we can accept tax-deductible donations, we will provide receipts to donors if requested.

Janet has prepared a voucher for bill payments, Currently there is one new bill for $25.00 to Bayshore Marketing Group for the annual renewal of the Website URL. Next are four (4) requests totaling $393.94 for reimbursement of past OPNA operating expenses as follows:

Shannery Barnes	Reimbursement Website (Bay Shore Group Invoice #10109415)	$65.00
Shannery Barnes	Reimbursement Website (Bay Shore Group Invoice #101090033)	$175.00
Janet Knapp	Reimbursement Door Hangers	$58.94
Janet Knapp	Reimbursement Register OPNA State of Florida Non-Profit Articles of Incorporation 5/20/25	$70.00

Janet made a motion to approve bills and reimbursements; Quinn seconded and all approved. Holly suggested we bring a basket to next general meeting for donations. Janet also has a sign with a QR code.

Janet next brought up the By-Laws. Janet made a notion for By-Laws to be ratified, Kristin seconded and all approved.

Kristin said that she has been playing $12/month for the email communication and moving forward we may want to consider the next higher level which would include more contacts, additional users, the opportunity to schedule messaging and do surveys. The cost for the next level is $35/month.

Kristin suggested that a rough budget for the 2026 calendar year be prepared, and Janet agreed to put it together.

New Business:

Holly mentioned that we will have an election at end of the year. Elections should be promoted in November; nominations in December; and elections in January at our first general membership meeting. Kristin stressed that we need more members to get involved and that we should start promoting the election of officers and board members at our meeting this week. There was discussion about the best way to inform the neighborhood of the election for any members who do not attend but no definitive decision wase made, other than to put in on a door hanger. Janet will request a list of our residents from the City Neighborhood Relations Dept so we can do a membership drive.

Janet reported that we will need more doorhangers. At 11 cents each they are very cost efficient. Holly suggested that Janet look into costs for a year's worth of paper templates for the door hangers.

Shannery reported that we need a new Social Committee Chair. Holly offered to chair the committee and Shannery appointed her. Mary Beth agreed to continue to assist.

Shannery reported that we donated 14.5 lbs. of food for the West St. Pete Food Drive, which was next to last out of all the neighborhoods. Holly suggested we ask Aron to speak at a meeting about the Food Drive program, a CONA (Council of Neighborhood Associations) initiative. Shannery said dues to CONA are $45 per year.

Kristin suggested that we put yard signs out for meeting notices. Janet said she would investigate the cost, and we'll try to do for our next (after this one) meeting.

Holly mentioned putting together a welcome basket or welcome items for new members. Several ideas were presented.

All discussed scammer that a few board members have encountered - a guy who has tried to pull people over and asked for money. There was discussion about how to address this. It was agreed not to put on website or FB page but ask Community Officer to address at our next meeting.

Speakers; topics and neighborhood events were discussed. Shannery talked about asking people for input at meetings. Quinn suggested we have a suggestion box at meeting. It was agreed that a box would be useful for speaker, event ideas and other topics.

Shannery mentioned Alexandra Winston with PSTA as a future speaker; Kristin mentioned Holly's suggestion of having one of the mural artists come speak about the project at Sunset Park. Quinn knows the artist and will ask if they will speak at a meeting and see have a dedication of the mosaic/sidewalk mural that we can participate in.

Shannery mentioned that the Museum of History will help us record our neighborhood history and create a binder and walking tour.

All discussed ideas for events and activities, like plant swap, neighborhood clean-up, tree survey, build a bat house, etc. Quinn offered to contact Urban Forestry and see what's involved in getting a tree survey and there may be grants available.

Holly talked about the Halloween Happy Hour and Family Fun Festival. Holly will schedule a planning meeting. Adults and kids will be encouraged to costume. Holly will organize a cake walk; she also has two cornhole games. Kristin told the group that we'll need tables, chairs, and décor. Janet offered to do a craft. Janet brought up liability. It was agreed to have someone monitor the pond during the party.

Holly suggested we invite everyone to go to Vino Simpatico for a Neighborhood Meet up and we decided the 25th is the best time to do this. She will check with Vino Simpatico to see if that's a date that works for them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm