Old Pasadena Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
October 6, 2025

Hosted by: Janet Knapp, 7111 2nd 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 6:41 pm

Kristin presented the minutes from last Board Meeting. They were approved unanimously and are now up on the website.

Janet announced that we do not yet have the approval for our non-profit status. After we file, then we will have to file with the IRS on an annual basis. There were questions and much discussion about the value of being a 501 (c)3. One of the biggest benefits is that we would be able to apply for the $20K grant from the city. Quinn mentioned that as a non-profit organization, the board will be protected should there be any contentious issues that develop. Will have to file with Dept of Revenue, the State of Florida (SunBiz) and one other.

Janet indicated that she has 2 reimbursements; one for Shannery for CONA dues, the other for Constant Contact, our email distribution system. Both reimbursements were approved.

We must keep a min. balance of $500 so we don't pay any fees. We currently have a $754.41, before paying today's voucher. In the Spring, we'll have another fund-raiser

Janet distributed a budget for 2025, indicating estimated income at $1661 and expenses at 1545.47. She talked a lot about the cost of communications, including door-hangers. We can save money per door hangers if we purchase larger quantities of paper.

Kristin asked if all reimbursements need to be approved. Janet said yes, however Kristin said that if a budget is approved, then we shouldn't have to have an additional approval.

Holly would like to add an expense for the Yard of the Season signs. Shannery said that she would like to add funds for signs to go in the Board members yards, promoting the neighborhood.

Janet mentioned the CONA meeting and said there wasn't reported that a portion of taxes go toward a downtown fund to promote downtown. She also indicated that the city is adding a bus line to go out to Eckerd College, but otherwise not too much to report.

Chloe mentioned that it might be good to partner with another association on a fund raiser, and Shannery said she would look into this.

Holly next talked about the Halloween Porch Party. She talked about the need for tables, electrical, and other equipment. She said since we are asking people to bring chili, baked goods and drinks, we should provide food. Kristin passed around maps of the backyard for the event, showing various locations, electrical, etc. We talked about the mini-grant and Kristin passed around a proposed application for the mini-grant. All agreed food should be provided, however it was determined not to provide water bottles; just use water dispensers as we have in the past.

Holly asked if there would be a special door-hanger for the Halloween event and Janet said she can get door-hangers printed but won't be around to distribute. The group agreed to help with getting the door hangers out. She has the award and Janet will get a Publix gift certificate.

Janet said the next full size doorhanger will include election information and December meeting/social.

Janet then talked about the election process. Nominations will open 2 weeks prior to final general meeting and all nominations close one day before the meeting. Nominations go to the Secretary and must include the consent signature of the person being nominated. There was discussion about the best way for continuity on the board. Holly suggested that the By Laws be changed so no one can serve as President without first serving on the board.

New Business:
Shannery brought up the need for communication. She said we can streamline events and activities in the emails by putting links from the various city emails that are available.

Shannery brought up the variance from David Downs. He is trying to get a variance on the front-loading driveway, which wasn't permitted. Our organization isn't required to get involved with this or provide information to the neighborhood. She also said people have asked her about the church development and wondered if we should provide information to our members. It was decided that since it isn't a project that the neighborhood is currently involved in, we shouldn't promote at this time.

Shannery reported on the Azalea NA meeting she attended. Their agenda included information about the Jungle Prada pier – it will be rebuilt. Also they commented on the Science Center that has been approved for development.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm