Seaside Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes May 29, 2019

# **BOARD ATTENDANCE:**

Tricia Blanco...... President

Jenna Christenson..... 1<sup>st</sup> VP, Membership

Pam Jensen..... Social Media Coordinator

Melissa Wright...... Treasurer Perry Shields..... Secretary

Approximately 40 residents in attendance

**LOCATION**: Sea-Aire Golf Course

Meeting called to order at 7:08pm

### INTRODUCTIONS

- President Tricia Blanco opened the meeting, referred to Agenda on chairs, name tags. Introduced SNA Board members, stressing that we are a "Neighborhood" association and not a "Homeowners" association. We are an information pipeline for the community.
- Introduced Torrance Mayor Pat Furey, Councilmen Aurelio Matucci, Mike Griffiths, and George Chen.

# TREASURER REPORT

- Melissa Wright presented the Treasurer's Report. The financials were posted for all to see. Total in reserves are \$1664.12 after the \$3000.00 Scholarship donation.
- Report was adopted after a motion and a second.

# 1st V.P. REPORT

- Jenna Christensen reported that out of 1666 homes in the designated Seaside neighborhood, we had 29 dues-paying members and three more acquired tonight.
- Jenna represented the Seaside Heroes Park volunteers and explained the monthly clean-up effort which she has led since 2014, the second Saturday of every month. At the last clean-up event, there were 130 volunteers.
- Tricia reported that there would be a ten-member committee to meet with the Torrance City Council on the Holiday Lights issue.

### **SAFETY**

- Melissa Wright reported on safety concerns. Five residents met with a Torrance Police officer.
- Seaside is considered the safest part of Torrance.
- It can take 3-4 months of investigations to catch one drug dealer, but they can then be on parole after 90 days.
- "See something, say something."
- Blue Ribbons up for Police Appreciation Week (May 12-19).
- Police are happy to meet with residents to discuss safety tips for your neighborhood.
- Out of 146,000 residents in Torrance, there are fewer than 200 reported homeless.
- <a href="https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/">https://www.lahsa.org/portal/apps/la-hop/</a> is a good resource for homeless outreach.

### **SECRETARY**

- Perry Shields described the history of SNA scholarships.
  - Begun by Tom Rische, former President of SNA.
  - Since the re-invigoration of SNA six years ago, Gerry Rische and her son Bruce have been major sponsors of the SNA Scholarship in Tom's memory. As a result, we are able to award two \$1500.00 scholarships.
  - To be eligible to receive an SNA scholarship, high school seniors need to live in the Seaside area, and may attend any high school.
  - This year's Scholarship committee consisted of Kelly Wedel, Julie Meenan, Lisa Nichols, Tricia Blanco, and Perry Shields.
- Pam Jensen described how scholarships are funded, and the four levels of Business Partner sponsorship (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum).
  - Pam introduced our Business Partners, and those present accepted a certificate of recognition.

# SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

- Tricia Blanco introduced the 2018 recipients, Courtney Heath, and Cole Rossi's mother standing in for Cole.
- Tricia introduced the 2019 recipients, Natalie Ibarra and Samantha Kuo.
- Certificates were presented.
- Photos of the recipients, the SNA Board, and Torrance officials were taken.

Cake was donated by Kathy Esquivel of Mexican Riviera Restaurant, 4239 Pacific Coast Highway.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Perry Shields

All information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Perry Shields