

**Central Oak Park Neighborhood Association (COPNA)
Annual Meeting March 26, 2024
St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

President Michelle Anderson opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Meeting was attended by 40 people.

Officer Juliet Savageau - St. Pete Police Department

Officer Savageau gave an update on crime data in the neighborhood. She noted that all suspects in cases she reviewed have been arrested. She cautioned everyone to not leave valuables in cars. She also noted that SP PD will be holding an Enforcement Day on the Pinellas Trail from 9 a.m. until noon on April 6.

Aaron Bryce - Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA)

Aaron explained that CONA serves as an advocacy organization for city neighborhood associations and that CONA is being re-organized. The plan is for every council district to have a committee that reflects the neighborhood and that CONA will serve as a bridge between the city and neighborhood associations. CONA is a nonprofit that is able to support neighborhood events and multi-neighborhood events. CONA also has a leadership program. Michelle added that COPNA is a CONA member and that we need a COPNA representative on the CONA board.

Capt. Brad Williams, City Fire Department Station 6

Brad said he or another representative will attend our meetings regularly. He added that the fire department has free smoke detectors and has some extra child life jackets that are left over from a free giveaway event.

State of COPNA

Overview: Michelle briefly reviewed the association's history before, during and after COVID and noted that the events the association has been known for tapered off because of lack of help and some earlier board issues. But she was excited to announce that the board is now fully staffed and includes several new members. She is looking forward to continuing as president and working with a cohesive functioning board. At last count, there were 550 association members. Dues renewals are Oct. 1 and notices will be sent out.

Treasurer's Report: Phillip Baker reported the following:

Expenditures

\$181.98 – spent to change website to GoDaddy.

\$297.50 – spent on MailChimp for membership notices

Earnings

\$45 COPNA memberships

Total amount in COPNA account: \$3,4004.96

Phillip added that clearance association t-shirts are for sale for \$5 each.

Elections: Heather Chumbris reviewed the slate of board members. There was no opposition to the slate and the following were elected unanimously:

President – Michelle Anderson

Vice President – Heather Chumbris
Treasurer – Phillip Baker
Secretary – Diana Schuh
Board Member/Past President – Elaine Hartin
Board Member Sam Jenkins
Board Member David Ponte
Board Member Adam Homan

Review of Upcoming Year

- Quarterly general meetings will be held and notices will be sent out.
- COPNA has applied for a tree grant from the City and 8 people signed up to get trees.

The city is in the process of checking properties. Tree planting will be scheduled for November.

- Porch parties will start again (dates are being confirmed).
- Annual Holiday Party will also happen.
- Neighborhood Yard sale will be held on Sat. 4/27. Debbie Pollack is collecting items to sell at her home to benefit the Girl Scouts if you only have a few things to get rid of. More than 400 flyers were distributed. Deadline is 4/21 to get items to Debbie and 4/24 to let her know you'll be having a sale so addresses can be included in upcoming publicity for the neighborhood sale.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Schuh

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Secretary