

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tenth Church of Christ, Scientist
1133 South Bundy Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90049
March 24, 2011

Call to Order: President Marylin Krell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending. She briefly ran through the items on the evening's Agenda.

Present: Marylin Krell, Jackie Raymond, Elyse Arbour, Pam Taylor, Nita Cosat, Laurel Davidson, Debbie Simmons, Ray Keller, Roz Gamble, Margery Zweizig-Atkinson, Andy Raymond, Isaac Mizraki, Lynne Babbitt, Marie Lewis, Sue Hirsch, Lauren Cole, Len Blum, Jerry Lubin, Casey Forgy and Bette Harris.

The chair thanked Debbie Simmons and the Tenth Church of Christ, Scientist for hosting our meeting and sponsors Nancy Jaffe and Pam Taylor. Reginald Douglas with Jamaican bagels was acknowledged for his donation to our meeting... Marylin noted that he learned about it thru the Brentwood News.

The Chair recognized attendees in the audience: newly elected Brentwood Community Council chair Nancy Freedman and past BCC chair Ray Klein, and Joaquin Macias, Senior Field Deputy for Councilmember Bill Rosendahl. She also thanked the Board members for their assistance in preparing for our meeting, Elyse Arbour for organizing hospitality, and Lynne Babbitt for creating the beautiful floral arrangement.

The Chair then introduced the first speaker of the evening.

BRITTNEY THOMAS, Coordinator of Volunteer Services for The California Veterans Home-WLA

The Home, which opened in June 2010, has 38 residents and the first level is now full so they will be opening the 2nd level. The facility presently includes a Residential Care Facility for veterans 65 years of age and older with assisted living units, and will open a Skilled Nursing Facility including an Alzheimer's/dementia unit in the future. There are four nurses on staff. They are planning a fundraising event such as a fashion show or car show and are open to suggestions; their budget is non-existent so they have limited resources. Brittney distributed a handout with a "donation wish list" for needed items which included money to pay for trips to Universal Studios and exercise equipment. There followed a discussion of running the home and the associated expenses.

COUNCILMEMEBER BILL ROSENDAHL Representative for Council District 11 since 2005

Councilmember Rosendahl spoke about the Budget, Property Tax, and the importance of attracting new businesses that, unfortunately, increase traffic. He also spoke about the Resurfacing Potholes and Tree Trimming projects, solutions for decreasing furloughs and layoffs for city employees, and healthcare costs that are out of control. Councilmember Rosendahl told us that government employees have agreed to pay into healthcare rather than lose their jobs and are also open to paying into pensions. He said the police come first, then the fire department, parks, keeping libraries open, trimming trees and fixing potholes.

Councilmember Rosendahl discussed the homeless problem – 70% of them have drug and alcohol related problems. He is working with the VA on the issue as 20% of them are veterans. Parks and libraries are important to the community and philanthropic donations are critical to support their preservation.

Councilmember Rosendahl said he supports contiguous bus-only lanes in the 4.5 miles from the Mac Arthur Park area to the east side of Beverly Hills. The Expo line to Santa Monica is expected to be completed in 2015-2016. He encouraged our involvement in the huge Santa Monica Bergamot Transit Village Center Project as it would impact us like the proposed Bundy Village Project. He hoped South Brentwood would join with Mar Vista and other groups around Santa Monica Airport regarding noise and pollution issues. He spoke about the 5-year Bicycle Master Plan to build 40 miles of bike paths. He also noted the Baseline Mansionization Ordinance that has been approved, along with the San Vicente Parking Study which is in progress. There followed a question and answer session after which the Chair thanked Councilmember Rosendahl.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER, MIKE FEUER, 42ND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

The Chair recognized Ellen Isaacs, Field and Transportation Deputy for our next speaker, Assemblymember Mike Feuer. Assemblymember Feuer spoke about the importance of the \$80 billion budget (4 ½ years ago, it was \$105 billion.) He touched on Medicare cuts which mean that nursing homes may close. He hoped all were focused on pulling together and putting state above party. All Democrats voted for the cuts and they still need two votes from Republicans. Assemblymember Feuer is a strong supporter of automation to improve efficiencies. He spoke about pensions and believes there should be pension reform and noted that there are no pensions for elected state officials.

Assemblymember Feuer spoke about the proposed increases in health insurance rates (85.9% when he opposed them), which were withdrawn this past week. He asked for support for California Assembly Bill AB 52, which would give the Insurance Commissioner and the Department of Managed Health Care the power to oversee and regulate the costs of health insurance, the rates, the co-payments and deductibles and the changes in the policies. Another bill he is working on is what happens to children that are abused and neglected. These are usually adjudicated in closed court and Assemblymember Feuer wants them adjudicated in open proceedings. He already has significant support from the LA Times and the Orange County Register. He spoke about term limits, Measure R and the Iran Contracting Act that he coauthored which prohibits contracts between the State of California and companies with significant business in Iran's energy sector. He wants to amend the tax structure as it is too complex, and he has coauthored a bill to collect taxes from internet sales.

In closing, Assemblymember Feuer said it was a thrill to be able to represent us. Next year would be his penultimate year. He welcomed calls to his cell phone: (310) 367-9558. He said this was a defining moment in the state and we needed to enlist people to work together. The Chair thanked Assemblymember Feuer and noted how lucky our community was to have representation from such hardworking, capable elected leaders.

The Chair then moved onto regular business.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Chair read the list of nominations for positions on the 2011 Board and Advisory Board:

Officers:

Chair: Marylin Krell

Past President: Jackie Raymond

First Vice President: Pam Taylor

Second Vice President: Elyse Arbour

Secretary/Treasurer: Roz Gamble

Board of Directors:

Len Blum, Lauren Cole, Nita Cosat, Sue Hirsch and Debbie Simmons.

Advisory Board:

Lynn Babbitt, Laurel Davidson, Nancy Jaffe, Ray Keller, Sara Melzer, Isaac Mizraki, Jerry Lubin, Mark Sleeper, Margery Zweizig-Atkinson, Casey Forgy, Ron Grant, Joan and Vera Hackett, Andy Raymond, and Bette Harris.

Ric Levis-Fitzgerald: Data Base Manager

Legal Counsel: Gordon Treharne

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations. The vote was unanimous. The Chair congratulated the new Board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Roz Gamble reported the following balances as of March 24, 2011:

- Checking Account: \$1,699.37
- Savings Account: \$1,673.33
- Total Available as of March 24, 2011: \$3,372.70

Roz also reminded those present that it was time to pay the annual dues. Envelopes were available. Dues are \$35 per Individual or Single Family Home; \$20 if you are a Senior. Additional categories are Sponsor: \$50 - \$99; Benefactor: \$100+. Condos or Apartments: 15 Units or Less: \$50; 16 Units or More: \$75. Your dues are really important as they help cover our expenses.

The Chair reported that Brentwood's Senior Lead Officer Phillip Enbody had sent his regrets at not being able to attend the AGM. He had fallen ill from being in the rain during the recent LA Marathon; however, he sent a message to remind all of us that Brentwood has the most burglaries from motor vehicles. Do not leave valuables in your car!

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made and seconded, and by a unanimous vote, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. The next meeting will be April 21, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Roz Gamble, Secretary