

Additional SOTS Membership Meeting for the First Reading of the Proposed Amended By-Laws

Shorewood Elementary School

Tuesday, August 30 2016

7:00 – 9:00 PM

AGENDA

Call to Order – SOTSCC President Angelica Spates called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Welcome Members and Guests – Angelica welcomed those in attendance.

Members present:

Nancy Breslich

Renee Brown

Joe Cail

Trish and Dave Coleman

Jennifer and Robert Cooper

Sandy Watson

Bruce Davidson

Kevin DeLashmutt

Chestine and Bob Edgar

Ted Freemire

Rand Fullington

Rick and Karen Goroski

Gary Harris

Pat Haugen

Marv Jahnke

Patty and Barrett Knudsen

Judi and Dennis Lamb

Guy Lawrence

Craig Le

Toni Lysen

Laurie and Craig Marocco

Mary Ann and Joe Moushey

Stephen Schoenfelder

Dee Selk

Shari Sewell

Marilyn Silkworth

Angelica and Cal Spates

Masato Takahashi

Amelia Trowbridge

Michele Wagoner

Betsy and Dana Wheelock

Guests present:

Paul McClintock

Propose of Membership Meeting – Angelica explained that the purpose of the meeting was to present the proposed amendments to the SOTS bylaws and to gather input. She went on to explain the process of updating the By-Laws and that in addition to minor changes for clarity that there were fourteen substantive changes proposed by the Task Force and supported by the Board of Directors. Further, she explained that a potential fifteenth substantive change regarding the role of renters and the SOTS Community Club had been considered and that the Task Force is seeking input from the membership as to what membership benefits/privileges should be extended to renters.

Introduce By-Laws Task Force – Angelica introduced the By-Laws Task Force and commended them on their effort and experience.

Karen Tynes-Goroski

Sandy Watson

Joe Cail

Marv Jahnke

Bob Edgar

Jon Newton – not present

Introduce Facilitator for First Reading and Feedback on Proposed Amended SOTS By-Laws –

Angelica introduced Paul McClintock as the facilitator for the meeting. Paul briefly described his background and noted his website <http://www.paulmclintock.com/>.

Next Steps – Paul explained that this was the first reading of the proposed By-Laws amendments as specified in the existing SOTS By-Laws and that further discussion and voting would be accomplished at the Annual SOTSCC Meeting in November. He explained further that the Task Force was looking for feedback from this meeting and laid out basic ground rules. He asked that speakers state their name and went on to give some basic information regarding Roberts Rules of Order. He reminded that there were fourteen substantive proposed amendments to the existing By-Laws and that the focus would be placed on sections warranting comments/suggestions. He requested that the discussion be focused on the particular sections of the proposed substantive amendments that the members present had issues with. The sections identified for discussion were:

e) Article VI, Section 2, Qualifications: Amend to require only persons seeking the presidency must attend 50% of membership meetings and 50% of the Board meetings to qualify for President. Member thought that to qualify for President, the candidate should have been on the Board of Directors and to increase the attendance rate to 70% - much discussion followed.

m) Article 12 Dissolution – added language that mirrors the language in the Articles of Incorporation in the event dissolution should occur.

Members questioned why this being added was, why it refers to the Board and not the membership and how the assets would be divided. Paul M. said that the membership would decide and that there is state law that dictates the process. Karen G. said that it wasn't uncommon to have dissolution provisions as part of the Articles of Incorporation. Much discussion followed.

o) Role of renters as members – Karen G. explained that the term ‘interest therein’ used in Article 2; Purpose and Objectives, in the current By-Laws was found to be ambiguous and needed clarification and as written, there is no distinction between humans and institutions or those that own their property as opposed to a bank or other institution that carries the note or renters. She went on explain that neither the Board nor the Task Force came to a consensus and wish to receive input from the membership. Paul M. pointed out that there was list of privileges fastened to the wall that would be part of this discussion. Strong opinions supporting ranging from full membership to renters to limited membership for renters were expressed. Paul M. directed the meeting to taking a straw poll on the opinion of those in attendance regarding the list of privileges. The results are attached to these minutes.

When asked what does the Board actually votes on Dana Wheelock replied that the Board votes on items such as the budget, social events and things like that.

A member suggested that annual financial statement be sent out at the end of year – some discussion followed.

A member suggested that the SOTSCC secure a fidelity bond in order to insure the Club’s funds.

Paul M. said that the Task Force will take the information received from this meeting and update the proposed changes to the By-Laws and present them for a vote at the Annual Meeting in November.

Adjourn – 8:45 PM

Submitted by Dana Wheelock, Secretary