

## Hiltonia Association General Meeting

Minutes from January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:51 at the home of Pat Flores, with around 25 people in attendance.

Pat Flores began the meeting by talking about an upcoming Luncheon sponsored by the Garden State Storytellers League that will take place at the Mates Inn on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The luncheon will display art work created by prisoners from NJ Department of Corrections. For more information contact Carol Satz at [englearnr@aol.com](mailto:englearnr@aol.com).

A motion was made to approve election of current officers (second year in position) and passed unanimously. We have a new Treasurer; Jim Ambrosio. Bill recognized Chrystal and Dwayne new comers to Hiltonia that was in attendance, and encouraged them to join the association and volunteer.

A motion was made to approve January's minutes by Bill Merz and was unanimously approved.

Bill made a motion to approve January's Treasurer Report, which was also unanimously approved.

Bill discussed the state of foreclosure in Hiltonia, and mentioned that foreclosure are on a decline and almost gone. He also mentioned that the City's real estate assessment has resumed and that he does not expect assessments will not go up tremendously.

There was some discussion about the December Nativity activity, although it was a welcomed gesture for Hiltonia, the music was very loud. One neighbor close to the activity mentioned they had to abruptly leave their home and have dinner with friends elsewhere. A suggestion was made for future activities in the neighborhood, to inform neighbors of activities and possibly eliminate live music.

There was some discussion about the current news in the Trentonian written by David Foster which outlined a series of facts on how the City Administration selection of appointing new judges to the City courts raised concerns. The discussion led to Hiltonians wanting to raise their concern to the administration regarding the appointment of judges. A motion was made and passed, to send a "letter of concern" to the administration to gain an understanding and assurance that crime in our City and particularly our neighborhood will not be ignored. The day after this meeting, it was decided to not send a letter and recommended anyone interested in pursuing this concern, to attend the City council meetings on Tuesdays.

There was a second discussion of concern about crime in our neighborhood, particularly drug selling/buying deals becoming very common in our neighborhood in broad daylight, and what can we do to possibly request more policing in our neighborhood. A motion was made and passed, to send a "letter of concern" to the police department outlining our concerns and requesting a follow on meeting with the department, perhaps inviting them to one of our Hiltonia's Association meetings. The day after this meeting, it was decided to not send a letter and recommended anyone interested in pursuing this concern, to attend the CPAC meetings scheduled on the forth Thursdays of each month at the Hermitage Ave Police station community room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41pm

Submitted by Janet Perez, Recording Secretary Hiltonia Association