

Minutes of the Civic Association Meeting,  
May meeting - held June 2, 2016

Present: Allan Carlson, Bob Wehr, Helen Maiwald, Anne Arnold, Ron Heater, Joe Pinto  
Guests: Harvey Alter, Bill Levin

The meeting was called to order and the Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Review of website: there were 133 website pageviews the last month. 438 are on the email list.

Bob Wehr prepared a report on the financial results of the May 18 general meeting

Everyone was pleased with the event featuring The Maryland School for the Deaf that was held in May. We received many compliments from those who attended, However, we were very disheartened at the low attendance - only about 34 people came.

The meetings for September and November have to be planned 3 months before the meeting dates so nothing was discussed at this meeting.

We then moved to our most pressing issue: What is the purpose of the Civic Association and how should we proceed.

Harvey Alter said that we need to decide the purpose of the group - should we only concentrate on civic matters, should programs be a mixture of civic items and those of local interest. Ron Heater emphasized that the Association should focus on civic affairs.

After much discussion, it was decided that Civic Association members need to make that choice not just Board members. Harvey volunteered to write a draft of a letter to be sent to all current and past members inviting them to a special meeting on June 23rd to discuss the options.

Bill Levin pointed out that regardless of what decision is reached, we need people to step up and volunteer to run the Association. This is probably the most critical problem facing the Association. At the end of 2016, the President (Allan Carlson), the Vice-President (Anne Arnold) and the Treasurer (Bob Wehr) are all leaving the Board. We had a very difficult time replacing Board members for 2016.

Given the current uncertainty, we decided not to discuss the presentations for 2017.