

Top of the Hill Annual meeting minutes Sept 15th, 2019.

Bill Harrington opened the meeting at 7:00pm and gave a recap of the year's events. Last Year's annual meeting, the Christmas Party at the Edward King house, the Summer Picnic and Polo. Bill went on to say that our membership is stable at around 200. Bill and Susan McCoy then proceeded to the Election of new officers.

Sandy and Maureen Neville - Co Presidents

Hank Kniskern – Vice President

Mike and Joan Beachnau – Co Recording Secretaries

Sandy Neville gave remarks as one of the new Co Presidents. He thanked Bill for his years of service and gave him a gift from the TOH. He then outlined 3 new initiatives for TOH in the coming year.

1. Enhance outreach to new neighbors with a goal of 100% contact and have a contact letter posted to the website.
2. Develop a welcome kit that includes a letter with helpful community information.
3. Host newcomer socials.

Sandy went on to say that Hank will explore reinstating a TOH newsletter and is looking for help. He also said to keep Susan McCoy and Donna Elkin informed of new members being brought in. He then introduced the committee chairs.

Community – Harry Elkin

Events – Larna and Dan Lackner

Membership – Donna Elkin

Welcome – Susan McCoy

Beautification – John Hirschbeck

Sandy thanked Dan Lackner for creating the new name tags that are reusable and said that Dan would also be working on an upgrade to the website. We are looking for input on a social registry that we can join and find more new people in our neighborhoods. John suggested we check "Newport Next Door".

Upcoming events include the Daffodil bulb give away on October 19th, the Halloween Party also on October 19th and the Holiday Party on December 8th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Sandy introduced our speaker for the night Tuni Schartner, Innovate Newport's Director of Entrepreneurship. Some of the highlights of her speech were:

Innovate Newport is a Co Project between the City and the Chamber of Commerce.

The building opened in May and features co-working spaces as well as private office spaces that can be rented.

They have talks open to the public on Tuesday's between 12:30 – 1:30pm.

All their information can be found on Innovatenewport.org

Tuni then gave tours to TOH members.

Submitted by Mike Beachnau