

*Old Town Battle Ground Association  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting December 12, 2007*

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***In Attendance:***

Dan Mueller, OTBGA President  
Diane Harris, OTBGA Vice President  
Nola Cross, OTBGA Secretary  
Judy Ost, OTBGA Treasurer  
Donna Owen, Clark County Chamber of Commerce  
Mike Ciraulo, City Council, Battle Ground  
Robert Maul, City of Battle Ground (Interim City Manager)  
Jane Elder Wulff, Member  
John Hopper, Member (Hopper's Martial Arts)  
Jill Kurtz, member (Jackson, Jackson and Kurtz)  
Rebecca Harder, Member (Healing Water)  
Curtis Miller, Member (Darby Rural)

***Treasurer's Report***

As of 11/30, Checking Balance \$1,553, Savings Balance \$803  
Plus \$460 just deposited for dues and advertising receipts  
Judy announced that our bank has requested official documentation of our name change from OTBGMA to OTBGA. Dan will locate the pertinent 2006 meeting minutes and get them to Judy. Judy also requested funds for a bank endorsement stamp. Seconded and approved.

***Old Business***

Judy announced the winners of the **Holiday Lighting Contest:**

**Business Entrants:**

First Place: Bird Song  
Second Place: Hopper's Martial Arts  
Third Place: Uncovered Ruby  
Honorable Mention: Jackson, Jackson and Kurtz and Dirty Dog Gone

**Tukes Mountain Entrants:**

Mike Ciraulo  
Raymond Hill

We will definitely have another contest next year with better and earlier press

Dan brought us up to date on the **Mural Project.** The committee has not yet met with Andersen's but have heard that their position is positive. In order for people to donate to this project and receive a tax write-off, and in order for us to receive grants, we need to be a 501-C3 corporation. (We're C-6) BG Art Alliance has pledged a grant for the mural once we are a C-3, and we would also be eligible for downtown development dollars from the state. In order to be C-3, we need to clearly identify a community benefit, not just a benefit to business. The question came up whether the mural would fall under sign ordinance rules, since it is attached to the building. Robert said he did not think so but would double check for us.

***New Business***

Ballots were passed out to all voting members for **Election of Officers.** (No new nominations had been received.) Following voting, Nola tallied ballots and announced that current officers had been re-elected to another term as follows:

President – Dan Mueller  
Vice President – Diane Harris  
Secretary – Nola Cross  
Treasurer – Judy Ost

Mike announced that the ground breaking ceremony for the new **Community Center** in Fairgrounds Park would be held 12/20/07 at 2:30 pm. The new building is a copy of a beautiful community center in Boise, Idaho. The main room's capacity will be 200. The building will be open in August 2008!

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Donna spoke briefly about the role of the Clark County Chamber; its goal is to help business succeed. Meetings are every Thursday from 8:00 – 9:00 am. There will also be Monday lunch meetings beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>. All business owners are invited to take advantage of this networking resource. Visit their website at [www.clarkchamber.com](http://www.clarkchamber.com).

Dan then spoke to us about his hopes for the coming year. We know we want to do a Spring Event that coincides with and includes flower baskets. Diane and Judy will form a committee to support this event. We might want to coordinate with the BG Garden Club for the baskets. We also want to build on National Night Out success from prior years. Perhaps include a scavenger hunt that will bring new customers into the stores and businesses, instead of leaving them out in the street? Dan and John will spearhead this committee. And we need a Holiday Event committee to organize the lighting contest and other holiday activities, in addition to the Mural Committee already formed. Anyone interested in serving on the committees should contact those mentioned above.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Nola Cross, association secretary