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Treasurer: Joe Foster
At-Large Board Members: Gerald Abbott, Drew Bertagnolli, Judy Hoyem, Richard McRee, Pauline Shaver and David Weiss

Next General Membership Meeting:
Thursday October 16, 2003
@ 7:30pm

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EVPA 2004 ELECTIONS!
General Membership Meeting
November 20, 2003
7:30pm

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NOTES FOR EVPA PRESIDENT

This is the last President's column I will be writing. For the past two years, it has been my privilege to serve EVPA and I want to thank members for this honor. The many talented individuals who have given unselfishly of themselves to our organization have made it possible for me to preside during a period in which we have accomplished much, have raised our visibility with elected officials, and have increased membership dramatically.

Of the many noteworthy achievements of the last two years—the initiation of the Castro Bubble Baths, the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the Seward Street Mini-Park and Slide, the various candidate forums we sponsored—three others stand out. In addition, the astonishing transformation of the seedy, abandoned space at the intersection of Castro, Market, and 17th Streets into the glorious Pink Triangle Park and Memorial (PTPM). Our organization worked in partnership with city agencies, primarily the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Beautification, headed by Wendy Nelder, and the Department of Public Works, to create something beautiful and spiritual. I thank them and EVPA Treasurer Joe Foster, who first envisioned the potential of the site, and Education & Recreation Committee Chair Pauline Shaver, who managed the undertaking. She not only met our expectations, but exceeded them. Few individuals know how to make dreams come true, and we are fortunate that Pauline is one of them. Thanks as well to artists Robert Bruce, Susan Martin, and landscape architect Jason Rowe for donating their remarkable talents and time to this project.

Safety Committee Chair Drew Bertagnolli took the lead on two different issues: the remodeling and redesign of the Eureka Valley Recreation Center and planning for Halloween. With EVPA's support, in less than two years, the Department of Recreation and Parks will give our neighborhood a safe, more practical, and expanded center, better suited to the needs of its many users. This has been an arduous process and Drew's dedication to it and to keeping us informed has been exceptional.

Drew, with help from Recording Secretary Mike Babbitt, also took the lead in working with Supervisor Bevan Dufty to have Halloween in the Castro become a City sponsored event, making it enjoyable for residents and visitors while keeping safety a priority. This transformation of chaos into order is every bit as noteworthy as the PTPM. Thank you, Drew, for your outstanding work on these two important undertakings and to Mike for helping with Halloween at crucial moments.

I would also like to thank Planning Committee Chair Judy Hoyem for her thoroughness and diligence; Utilities, Transportation, and Neighborhood Commerce Chair David Weiss for helping attract desirable businesses to the area; Mike for his timely and accurate meeting minutes; Corresponding Secretary Jimmer Cassiol for effectively executing his duties; Gerald Abbott for assuming responsibility for Internal Affairs so rapidly and comprehensively; Joe for streamlining the Treasury function; Pauline for her leadership in focusing on the future of PTPM, and to Richard McRee for his historical perspective. Pauline and Drew have also assumed responsibility for Eureka! which gets better with each edition. Thank you both. Thomas Kocon become our new webmaster and I thank him for restoring our site and making it easier to use.

All of this shows that we can, as an organization and as individuals, improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. At our November 20 General Membership meeting, we will be electing new officers and several board members. Please attend and please consider running for one of the open positions. Together we really can make a difference—and have fun in the process.

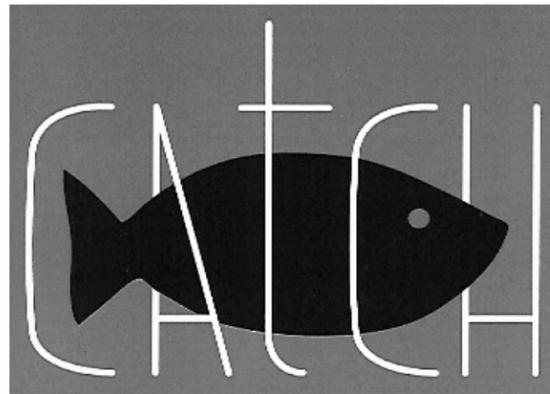
Best Regards,
Gustavo

EVPA ELECTION GUIDELINES

Anyone who has been a member in good standing for at least six months is eligible to be a candidate for any office. To be eligible to vote in the election, members must have joined and paid dues at least seven days prior to the election (existing members must not be more than three months in arrears on dues).

THANK YOU

Thanks to the Castro Street Fair volunteers. While totals for gate receipts are yet to be confirmed, your efforts help EVPA improve our visibility in the neighborhood and help keep the EVPA coffers full. Thank you **Adam Hagen** for your leadership in coordinating EVPA volunteers. We'd especially like to say "thanks" to **Mike Babbitt, Lion Barnett, Joe Caruso, Jimmer Cassiol, Dave Domantas, Joe Foster, Gregg Gibbs, Drew Judge, Robert Ortega, Gustavo Serina and Carlos Vasconcelos**. We apologize if the editors of the newsletter have missed any one. Don't blame Adam, blame AOL.



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General Membership Meeting Minutes: September 18, 2003

General Membership Meeting Minutes: October 16, 2003

7:30pm: Introductions and approval of September Minutes

EVPA Board Member Judy Hoyem queried on behalf of EVPA Board Member Richard McCree regarding a vote at the September General Membership meeting. The vote was on a motion to write a letter supporting the design and remodel of the Eureka Valley Rec Center and requesting that construction begin as scheduled on October 1, 2003. Hoyem and McCree questioned status of quorum (defined in our bylaws as 10% of membership). More than 20 members attended the September meeting and voted in favor of the motion that passed. Current membership is approximately 185 members clarifying the question and the minutes were approved as written.

7:45pm: Committee Reports

Finance: EVPA members participated in the Castro Street Fair on Sunday, October 5th. This annual event is a major part of EVPA fundraising, and thanks go out to Adam Hagan who coordinated EVPA participation in the event, Lion Barnett who participated in the accounting efforts, and Patrick Batt, former MUMC President who donated his hours to EVPA.

Safety: Halloween planning continues to be the main focus. Interested EVPA members and neighbors can log onto the official web site at www.halloweensf.com <<http://www.sfhalloween.com>> for the latest information. BART has agreed to offer two late-night trains, one leaving 24th Street at 1pm for the East Bay, and the second leaving Civic Center for Daly City and Colma. Thanks go to Supervisor Bevan Dufty for his efforts to coordinate city agencies and making this event a city-sponsored event.

Ed/Rec: No report given.

Planning: Highlights of the written report on file: 39 Diamond Street is on track to be demolished. A mandatory discretionary review will be made prior to final approval of the demolition permit. The Planning Department has found the existing structure to have no architectural or historical significance. Application for a new structure is going through the planning process. The project sponsors will be meeting with the Planning Committee soon, and interested EVPA members are encouraged to contact Planning Committee Chair Judy Hoyem at 552-1259 or jhoyem@aol.com.

UTNC: No report given.

roughly \$62k last year to \$55k. EVPA's portion of these donations is dependent upon the number of hours EVPA members worked at the fair. EVPA was well represented by a number of members and friends, and everyone had a great time. Thanks to Adam Hagan for coordinating and scheduling EVPA efforts at this event. A motion was made to write a letter thanking former MUMC President Patrick Batt for the donation of his time to EVPA at the event. The motion carried.

Internal Affairs and Membership: Elections are coming up in November. As a reminder, nominations for officers and board members can be made from the floor on the night of the election. Any current EVPA member who has maintained continuous membership for at least six months can serve. Current candidates for the open positions are as follows:

EVPA President: Joe Foster
EVPA Vice President: Drew Bertagnolli
Recording Secretary: No candidate
Corresponding Secretary: No candidate
Treasurer: Mike Babbitt
At Large Board Member #1: David Weiss
At Large Board Member #2: Gerald Abbott
At Large Board Member #3: Adam Hagan

Old Business

EVPA member Lion Barnett gave a report on the Castro Street Fair and EVPA's participation. Donations were down from the **Special Guest:** Supervisor and Mayoral Candidate Gavin Newsom attended the meeting and took questions from EVPA members for about 30 minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.



Once again EVPA is contributing to MUMC's Christmas Tree located in front of the Bank of America on the corner of 18th and Castro Streets. Tree lighting ceremony is Monday November 24th. Come join fun and make merry in this Castro tradition. MUMC is also promoting *Winter Wonderland 2003* to encourage residents and visitors to shop the Castro for their holiday gifts and goodies. MUMC is coordinating a unifying decorating theme for merchant windows. EVPA hopes that you support our local merchants this holiday season.