



“Brewing success in our community”

Notes of February 13, 2008 meeting

Meeting hosted by Omar Childress and Charles Minnafee at Max Trax Studio

Paid members in attendance: Steven Hampton, Mike Bootes, Denny Dellinger, George Hibben, Donohoo, Mike Morgan, Fred Berger, Gail Berger, Linda Ziegler

Future members in attendance: Omar Childress, Charles Minifee, Julie Fay, Debbie Mays, Linda Beerman, John McCain, Ed Ratterman, Walter Reinhaus, Adrian Carsiotis, Vermell Perkins.

Agenda items:

1 & 2 The meeting started with socializing and introductions. Omar and Charles did a terrific job of hosting the meeting and provided plenty of beer. Duane Donohoo led the meeting.

3. No one had comments on the previous months meeting notes.
4. Duane gave the treasurer’s report and said we have about \$6,500 in the bank.
5. Steve Hampton gave a membership report and reminded everyone that it is time to renew for 2008 and the annual dues are \$25. You can pay on the website using pay pal. and a credit card. Steve said so far about 30 people have paid dues for this year and there has been lots of activity on the website.
6. Steve also reported on the Prohibition Resistance Tour. Friday March 7, is the date of the parade, departing from Arnolds around 6pm. The tours will be on Saturday and Sunday, March 8 and 9. There will be several tour times and each tour is expected to take about 3 hours. The Hauck house and the Guild Haus on Vine St will be part of the tour. The Museum Center is also having an exhibit on Cincinnati Brewing History and admission to the Museum Center will be included as part of the tour. People could attend the tour and attend the museum on a different date, any day within a year.. Tickets will be available on line. Volunteers are needed this coming Saturday and Sunday to help prepare the Guild Haus as well as the weekend of the tour.. Please check the website and contact Steve Hampton to volunteer and get additional information. Lots of other fun activities are planned for Bockfest Weekend. Bockfest Hall will be at the old Red Cheeth lounge. Mike Morgan said the hall will be open Friday from 4pm to 1am, Saturday from 11am to 1am and Sunday from 11am til 9 or 10pm. He said he could use some volunteer bartenders. The Sausage Queen contest is also part of Bockfest Weekend. George Hibben will display beer memorabilia and some items will be for sale. The home brewers will also be involved. Tickets are on sale for \$30 each and so far almost 10% have been sold. Lots of advertising and publicity are lined up and we expect to sell out the 500 tickets available. For more info check out www.bockfest.com

This Friday evening at 4:30 to 6:30 will be the poster signing event, then from 6:30 to 9:30pm the Bockfest Blow will take place at River City Works at 530 E. 12th St. This is a really fun event where you can watch the making of the glass trophy for the Bockfest Parade. Following the Blow, both Kaldi’s and Arnold’s will have drink and food specials as well as live music.

7. Steve also reported that the Historic Review Board denied the Free Store Food Bank’s application to demolish historic buildings on Walnut St. to make room for a loading dock and the proposed demolition of additional contributing buildings on Corwin St. The OTR Community Council also opposed this and our combined efforts have so far been effective. Steve said he expects the Free Store to continue to pursue this and it is not a done deal yet.

8. Steve also gave a report on Rothenberg School. The School Board finally agreed that the school would be restored. There is an upcoming meeting at Peaslee school to get neighborhood input. The meeting was Thursday Feb 14.
9. Steve also reported that City Council Finance Committee will be meeting to discuss the Streetcar on Feb. 25th at 1:00pm. This is a critical stage in the process and anyone who is able to attend the meeting and speak in favor of the streetcar is encouraged to do so.
10. Steve discussed the possibility of the Brewery District sponsoring a soap box derby car in the June 21st race. He suggested that the Brewery District consider donating part of the \$500 entry and kit fee and that we get the Foundation and The OTR Chamber to also make contributions as well as other sponsors.
11. Steve Hampton reported that the historical marker has been made, so there will be an unvailing ceremony scheduled at a later date.
12. Charles Minnafee discussed Max Trax studio. They have recording studio space as well as two computer labs. They have a program to teach kids how to repair computers and also how to work with music software. They offer a 12 week course and if students turn in a gun, they get to take the course for free. After the course they get a computer to take home with them. So far one student has turned in a gun. They are also partnering with a group called Full Circle.

The meeting adjourned around 7:00pm. Following the meeting, Omar and Charles gave tours of Maxx Trax studio.

The next meeting will be held at 5:30pm, Wednesday, March 12, 2008. Location and host to be determined. A volunteer to host the next meeting will be appreciated.

Please visit the website www.otrbrewerydistrict.org for additional and updated information.

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Denny Dellinger, February 15, 2008.