



# NORTH BEACH

MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2019

We opened the meeting with Doc Livingston, a visiting speaker, who came to talk to us about how to set up a poker tournament at Tropicana, and review the procedures for our fund-raiser. He spoke and took questions for about 20 minutes. The buy-in is \$100; \$25 goes to Trop., \$25 goes to the group, and \$50 goes into the pot for the winners. (Everyone gets \$1500 in [play] chips for their \$100). He is more than happy to come back and set up a Poker party to teach everyone how to play Texas Hold'em (which is the game played at the tournament). He has been setting up these fund-raisers for the Knights of Columbus and the Ventnor Democratic Club for four years now. The tournament is truly a win/win – it costs the Association NOTHING – Trop helps promote it, will put up signs for it, and cancels their own tournament for that evening so that people looking for play will join our tournament. Also, all the drinks are free! Initially, we will look at October for a date for the tournament.

Doc also mentioned that he has just discovered another fund-raising opportunity at the Comedy Club. They will let us do a fundraising evening for a \$35 ticket price, of which they keep only \$5.

Next, we filled everyone in on the moving of the boat, the need to buy topsoil to fill it, replace the sign, and plant some early spring plants. Turns out, wonder of wonders, we had a new attendee this morning named Debbie Grize, whose son runs a landscaping company. She offered to deliver the topsoil and have her son's equipment put it in the boat, all at NO CHARGE! She also asked me to give her a list of flowers that we want and she will get them at wholesale! The angels are looking over North Beach. We also spoke of the need for a water connection, and hope to approach the condo association at the building behind the Pocket Park, to allow us to use their spigot on the back of the building for watering.

Rick brought up the need for funds in the bank (Stacey reports that there is ~\$1200 in the regular account and \$400 in the Scholarship fund). We talked about dues vs. donations. The majority preferred dues, so we established that membership dues will be \$25/year. No one is forced to pay dues, and all are still welcome. However, dues-paying members will be able to vote on important issues as they come up, and will receive a \$5 discount on things like the Meet & Greet and the Sub Tub Ride. Stacey will set up a hot link on the NB website for people to pay their dues.

At the Porch Party, every porch will have a prominently displayed donations jar, labelled clearly that the donations are for the NBRA, a 501(c)3 service organization. We will also have a donations jar at our Beach Barbecue and at any other public event we participate in (tables at Nat'l Night Out, Farmer's Market, etc.).

We explained the scholarship fund to the new attendees, and kicked around ideas for funding. Chris is going to set up a GoFundMe page for the Scholarship fund. This could be an entirely different game changer for the scholarship effort.

Next wonder of wonders: We are going to get our zippered hoodies! Paul Steinberg is going to provide the hoodies in gray sweatshirt material, fully front zippered, large full-color logo on the back, black oval NBV logo on the front left breast, for approximately \$27 each. We will sell them at \$35 to make a little profit on them. Shelly d'Orazio suggested that we set up a table or two at the Chef's Night Out to sell them and other merchandise – no charge to do so.

We confirmed a list of upcoming event dates.

**Sunday, 4/7 – Tennessee Beer Hall happy hour – 4 p.m.**

**Perhaps also in April a fund-raiser at the Comedy Club**

**Sunday, 5/19 – Chef's Night Out (tickets go on sale 4/1)**

**??? – Pick-up Posse – still dependent on date of Meet & Greet**

**Saturday, 6/1 or 6/8 – Meet & Greet. Theater won't be ready; rumor has it that Uncle Gino won't be back at 5000. There is a possibility that John could do it at the Vassar. Still up in the air.**

**Saturday, 7/6 – Beach Barbecue**

**Saturday 7/27 – Porch Party**

**Saturday, 8/3 – Go Green**

**Tuesday, 8/6 – National Night Out**

**Saturday, 9/21 – Subs on a Tub**

**Oct. date to come – Poker Tournament fund-raiser**

**Saturday, 12/7 – Holiday Parade**