

Draft for DNA General Meeting – July 9, 2015

Meeting was called to order by Al Scafati, President, at 7:12 PM.

In attendance were 41 people, including board directors Paul Carder, Dan Saginario, Gina Driscoll, Marshall Seiden, George Saltsman, Gary Grooms, Jessie Landis, Joe Pugliani, Al Scafati, and Robin O'Dell.

1. An announcement was made that a discounted \$10 membership is being offered until the end of the year.
2. Programming: Gina Driscoll reported that the next porch party will be at Ruth's Chris on Monday, August 3 at 6 PM. Tickets are \$15 for members of SPDNA and \$20 for nonmembers. Also upcoming is the Tour of Homes on October 24th.
3. Paul Carder introduced the guest speaker, Chris Steinocher, President and CEO of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Steinocher gave a short personal history of his relationship to the Chamber as well as a history of the Chamber itself focusing on membership, the organization and its finances, and the advocacy for city matters. He offered views on economic development and the initiative to "grow smarter" through a combination of public and private partnerships. He then spoke to some of the issues currently of interest to the downtown including Pier Park, noise issues,

historic ordinances, recruiting companies, Williams Park, mass transit and public transportation, and the Rays baseball team and stadium.

4. After taking a few questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Minutes recorded by Robin O'Dell, secretary, July 9, 2015.