

Minutes From Here

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CALL TO ORDER

Rector Jane Hallmark called the meeting to order in the Apsis at 8:00 pm on January 5.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Violet Fowler (1A), Jane Hallmark (1B), Oliver “Snoopy” Jenkins (3A), Bob Payne-Berg (3B), Jonathan Payne-Berg (3B), Clarence Tanaka (2B), Suri McPhee Tanaka (2B), Fanny Vlanic (2A), Simon Vlanic (2A).

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chad Cavallaro (Basement).

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Jane Hallmark opened with a reading from Colossians and a prayer for the New Year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Violet Fowler presented the December minutes for approval. It was moved and seconded that they be approved as written. The motion PASSED.

RECTOR’S REPORT

Jane Hallmark thanked everyone for dismantling holiday lights and wreaths on Jan. 2 as agreed at the December meeting. She was unable to confirm the success of the Untenanted Building Holiday Security Plan since it is unclear whether Chad Cavallaro spent the holidays away or in his unit. The good news is she has finally found a frankincense potpourri basket that matches the hall tables and will be installing one on each floor this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Common Elements

Jonathan Payne-Berg suggested that due to the difficulty the Association has experienced maintaining a rotation for snow-shoveling duties, the Association might consider hiring an outside contractor next winter season. As Treasurer he agreed to look into the expense. All Members present unanimously declined Snoopy Jenkins' offer to assume all shoveling duties. Bob Payne-Berg cited in particular Snoopy Jenkins' tendency to hack at the brickwork and to pile the snow all in one corner of the garden which causes the grass to grow sideways in that corner in the spring. Snoopy Jenkins asked that it be noted in the minutes that a man likes to see the fruits of his labor and since snow-shoveling is so damn thankless he likes to make a big pile and that Bob Payne-Berg does the same damn thing with his turtlenecks in the laundry room. Bob Payne-Berg pointed out that his turtlenecks do absolutely no harm to nature and while Snoopy Jenkins clearly indicated he had something to say to this Jonathan Payne-Berg moved to close the discussion of Common Elements, thanking everyone present for keeping up with dues over the busy and expensive holiday season.

Authenticity

Suri McPhee Tanaka announced her intention to learn to play the restored organ so that future meetings of the Condo Association can open with music. Her niece in San Francisco requested an electronic keyboard for Christmas and so she purchased a second one for herself, on which she will begin her lessons. Jane Hallmark reminded her of the Quiet Clause of which we are all aware that specifies decibel limitations on any noise produced in units with walls, floors or ceilings adjoining Jane Hallmark's unit. Suri McPhee Tanaka explained that the keyboard has an earphone jack that will permit her to practice inside her head at all times.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Jane Hallmark closed with a reading from the I Ching. The next Association Meeting will be held February 3.

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CALL TO ORDER

Rector Jane Hallmark called the meeting to order in the Apsis at 8:00 pm on February 3.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Violet Fowler (1A), Jane Hallmark (1B), Oliver "Snoopy" Jenkins (3A), Bob Payne-Berg (3B), Jonathan Payne-Berg (3B), Clarence Tanaka (2B), Suri McPhee Tanaka (2B), Fanny Vlanic (2A), Simon Vlanic (2A).

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chad Cavallaro (Basement).

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Jane Hallmark opened with a reading from Erica Jong.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Violet Fowler presented the January minutes for approval. It was moved and seconded that they be approved as written. The motion PASSED.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Jane Hallmark announced that she would postpone the vote on the proposed name change of our building from Our Lady of Consolation to The Church at Pine Center until the Members addressed her ongoing suspicion that Simon Vlanic unduly influences the vote of Fanny Vlanic at Condo Association meetings. Jane Hallmark reminded us all that as Elections Supervisor overseas she was responsible for the re-education of families long subject to the tradition of paternalistic voting in which the man of the family accompanies all women of voting age into the voting booth in order to coerce wife and daughters into casting their votes according to his wishes. Jane Hallmark noted once again that Simon Vlanic always whispers in Fanny Vlanic's ear when the minutes are up for approval. Snoopy Jenkins suggested that Simon might be translating the motion to Fanny but Fanny stated she does not need any translator. Jane Hallmark asked Simon Vlanic directly if he tells his wife how to vote in matters of Association business and Simon Vlanic said no matter how it is done in his country Jane Hallmark should not get in the way of a husband and a wife. Jane Hallmark said that Simon Vlanic should not get in the way of an International Elections Supervisor who is also the elected Rector of the Condominium Association which he joined when he managed to use American Dollars to buy his one-bedroom loft-style unit she cannot imagine how. Fanny Vlanic said she does not need any supervisor. Jonathan Payne-Berg moved that the vote to rename the building be delayed until next month. Suri McPhee Tanaka objected saying that if the matter of the name is not decided this week we will no longer be

able to secure the services of Landscape and Exterior Specialist Topher Sweeney who has offered to restore the old Our Lady sign at a very good winter rate. Fanny Vlanic said It's bad enough we do all these religious stuff on the inside if we make a real sign outside the church people might want to come to pray and there is no God in American condominiums.

Jane Hallmark pointed to the fact that the topic under discussion was not signage itself but the matter of questionable voting practices. She then instituted a change in the Association's Voting Methods. All voting will take place anonymously by paper ballots which will be read aloud by the Rector. Jane Hallmark then turned the meeting over to Authenticity Chair Suri McPhee Tanaka.

NEW BUSINESS

Authenticity

Authenticity Chair Suri McPhee Tanaka rose from her seat and said, At last the time has come to determine whether our building will continue to be called Our Lady of Consolation, after the former church which now houses six loft-style units (three one-bedroom, three two-bedroom) and one basement studio, or will have its name changed to The Church at Pine Center as intended by the property's Developer but postponed by its wise Architect until the question could come up for vote among all Association Members. She distributed copies of the report co-authored by herself and Treasurer Jonathan Payne-Berg comparing costs for a renovation by Landscape and Exterior Specialist Topher Sweeney of the original Our Lady of Consolation sign versus the purchase of a new sign reading The Church at Pine Center manufactured by DeSign. If the choice is made to change the name from Our Lady there will have to be a further vote to determine whether to remove the statuette/birdbath of Our Lady which already underwent improvements during the conversion to condos. Suri McPhee Tanaka said I do not think I need to remind you which of these developments would provide a greater boost to Authenticity. She then moved for a vote.

The Association voted via paper ballot to retain the name Our Lady of Consolation and restore the Our Lady sign. The Rector read the breakdown of votes as follows. Members in favor of Our Lady: 5. Members in favor of The Church: 4.

At this time Simon Vlanic stood up very suddenly and tipped over his chair and left the Apsis even though there had been no motion to

adjourn. Fanny Vlanic who usually adjourns with Simon Vlanic sat very still and said nothing and looked at nobody. Suri McPhee Tanaka also stepped out of the Apsis in order to secure sufficient cell phone reception apparently to contact Topher Sweeney. Jane Hallmark then said Well it looks like we're done here.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The next Association Meeting will be held March 3.

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CALL TO ORDER

Rector Jane Hallmark called the meeting to order in the Apsis at 8:00 pm on March 3.

MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Violet Fowler (1A), Jane Hallmark (1B), Oliver "Snoopy" Jenkins (3A), Bob Payne-Berg (3B), Jonathan Payne-Berg (3B), Clarence Tanaka (2B), Suri McPhee Tanaka (2B), Simon Vlanic (2A).

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chad Cavallaro (Basement), Fanny Vlanic (Formerly of 2A).

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Suri McPhee Tanaka played several chords on the restored organ. It was agreed that she will not approach the instrument again until she is able to play a complete song.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Violet Fowler presented the February minutes for approval. Jane Hallmark proposed that since Violet Fowler frequently receives mail addressed to Carla Fowler which the mailman sometimes leaves on top of the mailboxes instead of in them, her name should be changed on the mailbox and on all Association minutes to read Carla Fowler. Suri McPhee Tanaka suggested that on the mailbox and all future minutes Violet's name will appear as C. Violet Fowler. Though Violet is not a middle name, the compromise was accepted. It was moved and seconded that in the minutes from February and all previous months Violet Fowler's name will remain as written. The motion PASSED.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Jane Hallmark proposed the date of April 1 for spring property cleanup which was approved by all. She also asked Simon Vlanic if Fanny was ill and Simon explained that Fanny is no longer living in 2A

and should not be marked as absent at future meetings. Jane Hallmark pointed out that while the fact that she herself lives as a single person in a two-bedroom unit poses no problem to the building the fact that the Vlanics were two tenants occupying a one-bedroom unit was highly irregular and that Simon should not look so surly since this development would certainly benefit the building as a whole.

NEW BUSINESS

Authenticity

Suri McPhee Tanaka commended the work of Topher Sweeney on the restoration of the Our Lady sign. She proposed the addition of enhanced night lighting, which Snoopy Jenkins volunteered to purchase at Home Depot and install himself once Jonathan Payne-Berg determines a budget for the expense. Suri McPhee Tanaka then explained that with the completed restoration of the organ, the newly restored sign, the Lady statuette/birdbath, the frankincense potpourri, and the laundry room pews, she was recently feeling as if the Association had reached the limits of its pursuit of Authenticity. Jane Hallmark reminded her that she would not sanction a Collection Plate for Association Dues and that all discussion on the matter was officially closed. Suri McPhee Tanaka said she knew that, that's not where she was headed, she had the floor and should be allowed to finish. She explained that she recently recalled something said by former tenant Fanny Vlanic about regular people on the street thinking this is a real church and she wondered what kinds of things happen at a real church and she was thinking maybe someone might leave a baby on the steps of the building. Snoopy Jenkins said this was unlikely considering the keypad lock on the front gate. Suri McPhee Tanaka said she realized that and besides she did not think it would be productive for her as Authenticity Chair to sit around and wait for a baby to appear at the door and so she wanted to propose that the Association consider procuring an abandoned baby as the Next Phase of Building Authenticity.

Discussion of Baby Proposal

Jane Hallmark explained that in olden times certain European churches installed Lazy-Susan devices in their walls that allowed mothers to abandon their babies anonymously. Jonathan Payne-Berg pointed out that installing a Lazy Susan large enough to serve up a baby might cause a significant draft in the building and would also detract from the funds set aside for the outdoor roasting oven

planned to be built this June. Suri McPhee Tanaka requested that the discussion remain focused on how the baby would be obtained. Bob Payne-Berg wondered if we might be able to find someone interested in unloading a baby from the Bad part of the neighborhood. Jonathan Payne-Berg pointed out once again that the part of the neighborhood about which Bob Payne-Berg was speaking is starting to be Not That Bad, and that he should remain optimistic in his assessments of the surrounding area, since our street is in fact Very Good and is rapidly getting Even Better. Bob Payne-Berg said Jonnie, the fact is that there are an awful lot of babies crawling around in the yards just a few blocks from here. With this fact no one argued and so it was agreed that Bob Payne-Berg himself would look into the possibility of obtaining a baby that is not wanted in the neighborhood. Jane Hallmark volunteered to use her connections as International Elections Supervisor to look into obtaining a baby from abroad. Both will report back at the next Association Meeting on April 2.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Jane Hallmark recited by memory a poem entitled "The Bestest Angels Are The Tiniest" that she recalls hearing from her own mother.

CALL TO ORDER

Rector Jane Hallmark called the meeting to order in the Apsis at 8:00 pm on April 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Violet Fowler (1A), Jane Hallmark (1B), Oliver "Snoopy" Jenkins (3A), Bob Payne-Berg (3B), Jonathan Payne-Berg (3B), Clarence Tanaka (2B), Suri McPhee Tanaka (2B).

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chad Cavallaro (Basement), Simon Vlanic (2A).

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Jane Hallmark opened with a passage entitled "Cross-Cultural Approaches to Family: A Review" from *Introduction to Anthropology*, 6th edition, by Stanley A. Thompson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Violet Fowler presented the March minutes for approval. Jane Hallmark requested that the title of her mother's poem be corrected to read "The *Brightest* Angels are the Tiniest." C. Violet Fowler noted

that she stands behind the former transcription but would note the correction in this month's minutes. It was moved and seconded that the correction be confined to the April addendum. The motion PASSED.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Jane Hallmark requested that Snoopy Jenkins be held responsible for the rental cost of the power washer from Home Depot which she said was not required for the spring property cleanup. Snoopy Jenkins requested that he be reimbursed for the first 24 hours of the rental since by the time he was informed he would not be allowed to use the power washer the rental desk was closed and he had to wait until this morning to give it back. Jonathan Payne-Berg said he would arrange for a small reallocation of funds to accommodate the error in judgment. Snoopy Jenkins said whose error exactly but Suri McPhee Tanaka said could we please move on to Authenticity? and Jane Hallmark said yes I'll go first.

AUTHENTICITY

Jane Hallmark reported that the procurement of children from abroad is more complicated than the number of curiously mismatched mother-child pairs at the tot lot might suggest. She said that even if the Association were to resort to illegal channels (she noted that as Rector she would not abide by anything of the sort), the process could take years. Legal channels would be, her research has confirmed, even worse. Bob Payne-Berg said he was sorry to bring news that our neighbors in the Not That Bad part of town are quite steadfast in their commitment to raise all of the children they produce there, no matter how many.

The discussion was turned over again to Authenticity Chair Suri McPhee Tanaka, who explained that she had anticipated this outcome and has given much thought to other alternatives. In her estimation, the most cost-efficient, time-saving solution would be for the Association to produce its own baby which could then be abandoned easily on Our Lady's steps, since we all have access to the gate codes. Suri McPhee Tanaka also pointed out that if the baby is conceived now, in the month of April, it will arrive in time to be abandoned on or around Christmas Eve.

Jane Hallmark opened the call for nominations for each member of the breeding couple. Snoopy Jenkins nominated himself but Jane Hallmark reminded him that self-nomination is prohibited. Nominees

for Male Breeder were Chad Cavallaro and Simon Vlanic. Nominees for Female Breeder were Jane Hallmark and C. Violet Fowler. Jane Hallmark declined due to her important professional responsibilities, not to mention her position as Rector. She strongly endorsed her fellow nominee, C. Violet Fowler, pointing out that she has a great deal more time on her hands. Clarence Tanaka expressed concern that neither nominee for Male Breeder was present at the meeting. Jane Hallmark pointed out that while an Association Member cannot vote in absentia, there is no rule against being voted *for*. Suri McPhee Tanaka contributed that the Association Members rarely see Chad Cavallaro and that we therefore have no clear idea of how the baby might turn out. She also pointed out that since she lives across the hall from Simon Vlanic she is aware of the fact that he has been mopey since Fanny's departure and that he may in fact be heartened to know that the Association is thinking of him with this nomination. Chad Cavallaro was therefore stricken from the ballot. The nominees Simon Vlanic and C. Violet Fowler ran uncontested and as such the vote was called for or against each nominee. Simon Vlanic was elected Male Breeder by 7 votes, one abstaining; C. Violet Fowler was elected Female Breeder by 7 votes, one opposed.

Suri McPhee Tanaka reminded C. Violet Fowler of the proposed Christmas deadline and said she would take it upon herself to bring Simon Vlanic up to date.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Jane Hallmark recited a fertility incantation, also from *Introduction to Anthropology*.

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CALL TO ORDER

Rector Jane Hallmark called the meeting to order in the Apsis at 8:00 pm on May 4.

MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Violet Fowler (1A), Jane Hallmark (1B), Oliver "Snoopy" Jenkins (3A), Bob Payne-Berg (3B), Jonathan Payne-Berg (3B), Clarence Tanaka (2B), Suri McPhee Tanaka (2B), Simon Vlanic (2A).

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chad Cavallaro (Basement).

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Suri McPhee Tanaka opened with a brief musical medley of “Amazing Grace” and “Honeysuckle Rose” which she played upon the restored organ. She was applauded by all.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Violet Fowler presented the April minutes for approval. It was moved that they be approved as written. It was also moved that the current minutes reflect the Association’s gratitude to C. Violet Fowler, who is now serving double-duty as Secretary and Female Breeder. Both motions were seconded and PASSED.

RECTOR’S REPORT

Jane Hallmark reported that she has met separately with Simon Vlanic and C. Violet Fowler and while there is not yet anything major to report in the matter of baby procurement, she can assure the Association that there has been little in the way of feet-dragging and that there should be news of progress sometime soon. She moved that while the Association goes on Hiatus for the months of June through August it may convene for a Special Session if there is anything important to share. The motion was seconded and PASSED.

NEW BUSINESS

Snoopy Jenkins announced that he has learned how the Association may obtain a whole goat for the first Community Roast planned for July 4 weekend. Jonathan Payne-Berg suggested that we first experiment with smaller, more familiar cuts of meat before we expand to whole animals. Bob Payne-Berg explained that the Fresh Market on Main is now selling salmon pinwheels with asparagus and goat *cheese* which would at least satisfy Snoopy Jenkins’ hankering for something goat-related. Suri McPhee Tanaka pointed out that the pinwheels are a seasonal dish and suggested the menu for the Community Roast be determined once work on the oven is completed.

Simon Vlanic thanked the Association for its vote of confidence in him despite his absence in April and promised not to disappoint.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Suri McPhee Tanaka was invited to play an encore of her organ medley. Aside from Special Sessions and the Community Roast, the Association will not officially convene again until September 7.

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SPECIAL MEMO: June 16

Hi Everyone!

I volunteered to keep minutes until C. Violet is back. As you all know, we have procured our baby!!!! C. Violet is officially five weeks pregnant, which means she and Simon finally got it right only about a week after we gave them a little confidence boost at the May Association meeting. Thanks to everyone for all your positive thoughts! As far as the timeline goes, they’re a little late, but as Suri says, you never know what Santa might bring early for Christmas. As you know, we’ve decided not to talk anymore about the baby until it surprises us this winter. We’ve also decided that everyone should avoid seeing C. Violet during this period so that the abandonment goes off as authentically as possible. C. Violet will step down as Secretary for the time being and she has agreed to do her laundry during weekday hours when most of us are at the office and Mr. Jenkins is at the gym. There won’t be any more notices regarding this matter, so please refer any questions you have to Rector Jane Hallmark. And get ready for July 4: construction of the outdoor oven is complete, and Jon and Suri have a great menu planned for us!!! See you then!

Cheers,

Clarence

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CALL TO ORDER

Rector Jane Hallmark called the meeting to order in the Apsis at 8:00 pm on February 8.

MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Violet Fowler (1A), Jane Hallmark (1B), Oliver “Snoopy” Jenkins (3A), Bob Payne-Berg (3B), Jonathan Payne-Berg (3B), Clarence Tanaka (2B), Suri McPhee Tanaka (2B).

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chad Cavallaro (Basement), Simon Vlanic (2A).

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Jane Hallmark opened with a reading from Ecclesiastes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Violet Fowler explained that as she was unable to attend any of the fall Association Meetings she will need some time to review the notes

kept by Clarence Tanaka in order to make sense of them and present them for approval. The Association generously granted her a month's extension and welcomed her back as Secretary.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Jane Hallmark reiterated the Association's welcome to C. Violet Fowler, who, she reminded us, was away due to an extended illness which included a recent hospitalization. She is glad C. Violet Fowler is doing well.

NEW BUSINESS

Common Elements

Jonathan Payne-Berg explained that since the Association has already contracted Mick's Snow and Ice Management to remove snow and to grit the sidewalk for a substantial fee this year, he would appreciate it if Snoopy Jenkins would refrain from wielding his snow-blower at Mick's employees when they show up to do their work. Jonathan said that Mick himself has said that he has an opening for Snoopy behind the wheel of a plow if he's feeling a little cooped up. Snoopy Jenkins said he did not retire early and sink his savings into a goddamn condominium so that he could be a peon for some lousy contractor nor will he spend his days sitting on his ass and getting high on creepy potpourri and that if no one lets him do some work around here he'll end up like Vlanic with one hand permanently jammed in the mini-fridge and the other in his Speedo. Jane Hallmark suggested that we move on to the report on Authenticity.

Authenticity

At this time the Association Members noticed that Suri McPhee Tanaka, who was present and accounted for during Attendance, had left the Apsis. As soon as her absence was noted Suri McPhee Tanaka burst in from the hallway shouting look, look, and the Association Members looked and found that she was holding a small Baby in a blue fleece blanket that C. Violet Fowler did not recognize. Suri McPhee Tanaka said she found the Baby on the steps of Our Lady of Consolation wrapped in nothing but the blanket and a newborn-size Huggies diaper. She said: It can't be more than a few days old. She said: It's a boy.

Discussion of Abandoned Baby

All Association Members expressed their shock that a mother would leave such a beautiful child to strangers but all were pleased that this woman sought mercy from Our Lady of Consolation, since now the

child's fate lies in responsible and well-connected hands. Suri McPhee Tanaka suggested it would be no use to try to find the child's mother since the Baby had been out in the cold for some time, surely the mother had made a clean escape. C. Violet Fowler asked Suri McPhee Tanaka to clarify just what was meant by *some time* and Suri McPhee Tanaka said We talked about this Violet it was long enough.

After this, all Association Members were quiet while the Baby made some unhappy-sounding gurgling noises in Suri McPhee Tanaka's lap. Then Clarence Tanaka said Now what Suri? and Jane Hallmark did a little jump in her seat in the Apsis as if she had been napping and she said As Rector I think we should provide this child with accommodations here at Our Lady of Consolation until we can determine what is best for it. Where shall the Baby stay first. C. Violet Fowler volunteered to keep the Baby in her unit as did Suri McPhee Tanaka but Jane Hallmark reminded them of the Quiet Clause of which we are all aware. Jonathan and Bob Payne-Berg then volunteered to accommodate the child until a decision can be made.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Jane Hallmark announced that the Association would convene again on March 6, at which point she asked that each Member come with a carefully considered proposal for the Baby's future. She requested in the meantime that each Member say a private prayer for the child and for the world such that it is at this time that children are still abandoned in it.

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CALL TO ORDER

Rector Jane Hallmark called the meeting to order in the Apsis at 8:00 pm on March 6.

MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Violet Fowler (1A), Jane Hallmark (1B), Oliver "Snoopy" Jenkins (3A), Bob Payne-Berg (3B), Jonathan Payne-Berg (3B), Clarence Tanaka (2B), Suri McPhee Tanaka (2B), Simon Vlanic (2A), "Baby Boy"

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chad Cavallaro (Basement).

OPENING DEVOTIONS

Jane Hallmark opened with the passage in *The Cat In The Hat* when the cat relents and cleans the children's house for them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

C. Violet Fowler apologized for having failed to organize all minutes taken prior to the February meeting, explaining that she has not been feeling well. She presented the February minutes for approval and it was moved and seconded that they be approved as written. The motion PASSED.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Jane Hallmark thanked C. Violet Fowler for resuming her position as Secretary with relative competence despite her obvious weight gain and general inertia over the past month. She also thanked Simon Vlanic for attending this meeting even though he was clearly asleep when she knocked on his door and asked him to come and even though he must be embarrassed for having failed to pay his dues for so many months. Jane Hallmark also thanked Jonathan and Bob Payne-Berg for going beyond the call of duty and watching over the Baby while the Association worked to determine an appropriate course of action. She also announced that if anyone else would like to purchase additional outfits for Baby he is actually quite large for his age and is currently wearing Size Six Weeks. She said she has recently discovered Baby J. Crew and Baby Banana Republic online and of course there is Baby Gap right here in Pine Center. She noted that Baby Patagonia has some particularly sturdy flannel-lined windbreakers that Baby might like to wear when he ventures out in his new Schwinn Free Wheeler Jogging Stroller that she purchased for him and which Jonathan and Bob Payne-Berg have already taken out for a test run. She then asked the Payne-Bergs to report on the Baby to those of us who do not live with it even though we frequently hear it at all times of the day and night.

NEW BUSINESS

State of Baby

Jonathan Payne-Berg distributed a record of Baby's expenses so far and thanked Jane Hallmark for all her generous Shopping at various Baby stores on Baby's behalf. He then said he was feeling quite tired and now that the financial stuff is done he'd turn things over to Bob, who spoke while holding the Baby in a corduroy Snugli. Bob Payne-Berg confirmed that Baby is very lively at all times of the day and night and that he has many very communicative facial expressions. He said that while Jonathan believes these are simply signs of gas and other diaper business he, Bob, read in their new manual that children are

born with an inherent body language that is universal to all peoples and that babies have an innate drive to communicate. He has charted Baby's communications and believes that his favorite late-night cable television show is the one with the live operations and autopsies. Jonathan Payne-Berg interjected that he thinks this may be due to the tendency he, Jonathan, has to play peek-a-boo during these programs but Bob Payne-Berg said he has a strong sense that Baby may be headed for a career in medicine. Simon Vlanic showed great interest in this information and asked many questions about the television programming to which Baby has been exposed so far and about Baby's various reactions. Jane Hallmark then said this is very fascinating but now we must determine what will be done with Baby as it is our responsibility as Members of the Condo Association of Our Lady of Consolation to arrange for him the Best Life possible.

Proposals for Baby's Fate

The Rector invited proposals from the Association Members. Proposals would be presented in the following order: Suri McPhee Tanaka, Snoopy Jenkins, Simon Vlanic, C. Violet Fowler. Jonathan and Bob Payne-Berg were excused from offering a proposal since they have been very occupied with the care and feeding of Baby for the past month.

Suri McPhee Tanaka said that she and Clarence think that her youngest sister, Sheila, would be a very good choice for the Baby's mother. She lives in San Francisco (but is not the one with the daughter who wanted the keyboard last Christmas which her mother says she never uses at all). Sheila has had a bad time on the dating scene for a while now and Suri McPhee Tanaka said that a Baby might help her with her healing process.

Snoopy Jenkins said I think we should contact the goddamn authorities. That's what Child Services is for.

Simon Vlanic did not wait to be called upon and said No I do not want any authorities and Jane Hallmark said what's the matter Vlanic you got visa trouble? Simon Vlanic said I would like to stake my claim on Baby. I will raise Baby to be a great science doctor. Suri McPhee Tanaka pointed out that Simon Vlanic has not shown a record of responsible behavior, for instance during spring cleanup or paying his dues and his Social Record at the roasts last summer and the Holiday Party were also very lackluster. Jane Hallmark said besides Vlanic you refused to come to the meeting when the Baby Discovery first occurred, what kind of volunteer father is that?

C. Violet Fowler then expressed her own interest in raising Baby. Jane Hallmark said have you forgotten C. Violet about the Quiet Clause and C. Violet Fowler said fine I'll sell my place and get something else. Jonathan and Bob Payne-Berg both expressed their concern that this was not a viable option as C. Violet Fowler does not seem to have steady employment or career aspirations or even insurance and who would sell her another place or even rent to her for that matter especially with an infant. Bob Payne-Berg also said that he's noticed that C. Violet is a bit of a depressive personality and he thinks Baby needs someone a bit livelier as Baby is himself quite lively and has had much stimulation in the past month especially from the challenging television programming he prefers when he's having difficulty falling asleep or staying asleep.

Jane Hallmark said okay fine it looks like we are then left with two proposals, one to have this Sheila girl adopt the Baby and one to contact the authorities, both of which involve contacting the authorities, unless Suri you were thinking your sister would just do this black-market style. Suri McPhee Tanaka said no, no, can't do that, it's got to be above-board, Sheila wants one day to be an Entertainment Reporter. So, Jane Hallmark said, it's the authorities or the authorities, and Snoopy Jenkins said Damn Right what else are we supposed to do, what idiot leaves a Baby at a condo and thinks it's a church? And Jane Hallmark said a Bad Mother type of idiot, Jenkins, but you'd better put your thinking cap on because if we go to the authorities and it's clear we've had the Baby for a whole month how's that gonna look. C. Violet Fowler asked if she might respectfully point out that there's no need to get into any trouble here, there's a Good Mother willing to lay claim on the Baby, and Jane Hallmark said C. Violet once again we have no idea what you are talking about you are much better at writing down what other people say than saying things yourself. At this time Baby started crying quite loudly and Bob and Jonathan Payne-Berg took turns attempting to calm him down but there was no quieting him and his little face against Bob Payne-Berg's chest did in fact look a bit frustrated. Jon said maybe I should go up and turn on the TV and Jane Hallmark said no, I think we should settle this with the Baby present once and for all. At that point Jane Hallmark left the Apsis and did not return for about ten minutes, during which time Clarence Tanaka allowed the Baby to look at his iPod and the Baby settled down slightly but not entirely and Suri McPhee Tanaka said Still, Thank God we found it out there at least it is

alive and healthy. Then Jane Hallmark returned and with her was a young man somewhat pale with glasses and with some kind of electronic device attached to his right ear. Jane Hallmark said, this is Chad Cavallaro of the Basement. Hello, Chad said, Sorry I don't come to these meetings but I work in water management. I've got conference calls overseas at this time of night and I travel an awful lot. I've heard the Baby whose is it? Suri McPhee Tanaka jumped in and explained how it was found here on the steps of Our Lady of Consolation and that the Association meeting was convened tonight to determine the Baby's Fate. So, Jane Hallmark said, Chad, we've reached a bit of a standstill here. We want to know, if you found an abandoned Baby alone in this difficult world, what would you do?

Chad Cavallaro looked at the Baby and then at C. Violet Fowler who was attempting to reasonably control some tears that she had at that time. Chad said, I'd call the authorities? No no authorities Simon Vlanic shouted very loudly. Jane Hallmark said Chad, the Association has considered that suggestion but it might get some people in trouble which could also cause some trouble for our building here. Do you have any other ideas? Chad thought for a bit and looked around and then said, I'd leave it at a church?

Jane Hallmark said Now that's a good man and Suri McPhee Tanaka said Why didn't I think of that. Jonathan Payne-Berg said Bobby why don't you unsnap that Snugli and give Baby to Chad and Jane Hallmark said Yes Chad you have a particular church in mind? And Chad said Well, there's that one in the neighborhood, it's kind of late but sometimes when I drive past at this hour on the way home from work there's a light on from some sort of Bingo Event. Perfect, Jane Hallmark said, Go ahead then Chad you can do your part and take Baby over to where you've seen that light. Bob Payne-Berg said well at least that part of town is Not That Bad and Jonathan said yes, and I believe that church in fact does Very Good Things for its part of town. Chad said Okay, if you insist, I'm glad to help, here you go fella, okay, hey, is Miss Fowler all right? Is she taking notes? Jane Hallmark said, Yes, this is just an emotional thing for some women but C. Violet knows she doesn't want everyone's life to go to hell so okee dokee Chad you get along and use the Schwinn Free Wheeler it's parked just outside by the Lady statuette/birdbath and we'll see you when we see you. You go ahead and take Baby to where you saw the light.

CLOSE OF MEETING

Suri McPhee Tanaka closed with an organ rendition of “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” which she said was actually quite hard to learn. The next Association Meeting will be held April 3.

