

OWEA Executive Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Attendees: Chris Hanley, Mary Glasmeier, Chuck Madrigal, Laure Hammond, Kent Illenden, Kim Howard, Stas Krukowski, Stacy Latta, Mac Driscoll, Andrew Larsen, Shelly Varelli

Call to Order: Chris Hanley, 7:06 pm Ford Mansion

Correspondence: Micheline Brewer suggested that the snack potluck be reinstated for the general OWEA meetings. It was agreed to stay with the assigned snack detail for consistency.

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept January minutes with changes to the paragraph regarding the Carla Butler incident at the January meeting to include her name and her public statement to not obtain another permit for street closure. First by Laure Hammond, seconded by Chuck Madrigal, motion approved.

Financial Report: Kim emailed financial summary, YTD activity and account information and reviewed at meeting. Copies on file. Motion to accept financial report pending audit, 1st Christine Palmer, 2nd Laure Hammond. Motion carries.

P and L 2024 YTD

- Net loss of \$8K
 - Income of \$1K - Main drivers ARJA Fundraiser \$0.8K and Annual Fund Drive \$0.5K
 - Expenses of \$9K - Main driver Preservation \$9K – 624 Delaware Heating, AC & Plumbing
- Other
- Jan 2024 Closing done for General and Preservation
 - Final stages of movement of ARJA investments to TCF – docs signed, LPL moved, working on stock
 - Final stages for 2501 Scottwood Garden closing – recorded deed on the way, Rob filing land restriction
 - Working with Preservation on insurance for 624 Delaware – currently we don't have any
 - Working with insurance agent on splitting out insurance for festival and OWEA
 - Working with Stacy and Sue on a Rental Agreement for the Mansion View Carriage House, none exists

Know Your Neighbor: Connect Toledo, Mac Driscoll

Standing Committee Reports:

Arboretum: No report

Festival: No report

Business Networking: No report

NB&I: No report

Education/Scholarship: No report

Preservation: Chuck Madrigal reported that 10 neighbors participated on Saturday, 2/10, to work on 624 Delaware. Gas & water lines are finished. With weather improvement, Land Bank demands can be fulfilled, such as doors, gutters, etc.

- There another Queen Sancha dinner with proceeds going to Preservation, as well as Jon Howard's tee & flag project. They are hoping to get these items into the TMA gift shop.
- Kathleen Kovacs is looking into underwriting for the association. One key for 501(c)3 is having paid staff.

Ad Hoc Communications: No report

Ad Hoc WGTE: No report

Ad Hoc Welcoming Committee: No report.

Ad Hoc Inclusion Initiative: No report.

Community Representatives:

Newsletter: Deadline, 2/22.

Security: No report. Suggested to invite Officer Schwab to a meeting to discuss block watch.

Libbey House: No report

HDC: No report

Glenwood Park Coalition: No report

OWE Cushing Utopia Addition: Laure Hammond stated a need for volunteers and sponsors for Rock the Block on 5/18. She asked for help with volunteering as she is still working on engaging the residents of that neighborhood. Out of about 50 homes, 40 are occupied. Food is being donated for all volunteers.

WOWE, Collingwood Arts Center, Toledo Museum of Art: No report.

Old Business:

- **Introduction column** is due 2/22. Mary Glasmeier for March issue. Kim Howard in April with a deadline of 3/24.
- **WOWE Meeting 2/14**
- **Toledo Strong** "The Back Forty" donated dinners for both fire stations. Mrs. Mancy was glad to donate as it was what her late husband would have wanted. Michael Walker delivered to station 7 and Laure Hammond delivered to station 16. Laure suggested that OWEA should occasionally deliver coffee and/or donuts to fire and police as gratitude.
- **Board Workshop** will take place 3/16 at 2492 Scottwood. Executive Board Members will begin at 9am with committee chairs joining at 1pm.
- **Mansion View** - Stacy Latta and Kim Howard are working on the lease
- **Insurance** - Kim Howard and Christine Palmer met with the insurance agent to discuss the best approach to insuring the association, festival, carts (security), home tours, alcohol, cash handling during festival, vendors, and buses. It was suggested that vendors be approached regarding insurance liability, and ensuring permission from the Sisters regarding buses.

New Business:

- **Social Committee** Shelly Varelli began organizing community events to connect neighbors and foster safety and belonging in 2016. In 2017, she requested a social committee to be an official one under the umbrella of OWEA. It was not accepted. She had asked to speak at the Board Meeting to discuss this possibility again. She since held a meeting on 2/7 with perspective committee members. As a result, she has withdrawn the request with the goal of solidifying a committee for longevity and resubmitting in 2025.
 - Discussion followed to discuss porch crawls where alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages are served along with various types of food/snacks, a ban on pets by guests due to an issue in the past, 21 and older only, and liability for homeowners and OWEA (if sanctioned as an OWEA event).
 - The Mission of the social committee is in line with the OWEA mission.
 - Pros/cons were discussed from both aspects.
 - Mac Driscoll feels there is room for a social committee under the OWEA,
 - Kim Howard will take to the insurance agent to clarify
 - Chuck Madrigal and Andrew Larsen added that there is alcohol in some form at most OWEA events, if not sold or hosted, it is BYOB.
 - Shelly stated that the mission is to get to know your neighbors, therefore, an effort is made to avoid duplicating hosts and always introducing the hosts.
 - At this time, fundraising is being done neighbor-to-neighbor at events to make it possible for all.
 - There will be discussion as to what kinds of events can be covered if the committee is included.

- **Robert's Rules of Order** The Rules have been supplied to the board members for review in light of the incident at the January meeting to determine how to better handle the meetings. Perhaps a sergeant at arms position must be assigned.
 - Andrew Larsen stated the school board Harassment allows just 3 minutes for public input at the end of the meetings.
 - Shall we limit questions to board members? Should board member sit in front as in a formal setting?
 - Mac Driscoll will request Steve Steele, a parliamentarian, to conduct a class for Robert's Rules for Officers or anyone who is interested.
- **"Dispute Resolution Committee"** Those who volunteered to look at this potential committee following the incident with Karla Butler at the January meeting investigated resources. It was agreed that neither OWEA nor residents should be governing behaviors or enforcing them. A list of resources will be supplied to those with complaints to resolve as a third party: Engage Toledo, Human Relations Commissions, or the Historic District, depending on the issue. We must engage the old Golden Rule and lead by example. Laure Hammond and Chris Hanley are determining a follow up to Karla Butler to assure her that she was heard.
- **Festival Incident Regarding a Shuttle Bus** Christine Palmer reported that one of the Lourdes donated shuttle buses hit an illegally parked car during 2023 festival. Jenni Belt settled with the car owner by personally paying \$1900 and obtaining a release from said owner. A motion was made to reimburse Jenni as a festival expense. 1st by Christine Palmer, 2nd by Mac Driscoll. Motion carried with one abstention (Chuck Madrigal).

Announcements

President Chris Hanley will be out of town for the next general meeting. Vice President Nick Malenda will chair that meeting. The board will proactively support control during the meeting to assist Nick.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Mac Driscoll, seconded by Laure Hammond, meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

General meeting Tuesday 2/20 at 7pm Collingwood Presbyterian Church.