

OWEA General Meeting 1/16/2024

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:09pm, Collingwood Presbyterian Church Hall

Correspondence: None

Secretary's Report: Accepted as read, Mac Driscoll 1st, Laure Hammond 2nd. Carried.

Financial Report: Kim Howard provided a written report. Summary of 2023 follows:

- Net loss \$17k
- Income \$164k (Main drivers: Festival, Annual Fund, Preservation)
- Expenses \$181k (Main drivers: festival, Preservation, ARJA)

Know Your Neighbor: Rob Krain & Jen Robertson, Scottwood Garden

The transfer document has been signed. The fees are to be paid via the Garden's funds. There is a need to formalize the relationship with OWEA.

Jen, who has run/been associated with the garden for 20 years, invited neighbors to volunteer or get info about the Garden. New beds are being added, which will bring a total of 20. These plots are available to rent at \$50 (probable increase for 2024) per year via an application process. If you want to just participate but not have your own plot, you are welcome to volunteer with gardening and/or maintenance. There are no chemicals used. Pollinator beds are established. A Kickoff Meeting is being scheduled. For more information, jennrobertson619@gmail.com.

By-Laws

This was the official 2nd reading of the By-Laws for voting/acceptance. The OWEA by-laws have a good foundation. The revisions are a refinement from a most recent review. Highlights of discussion follows:

- Article V, Section 1a. "Active members are entitled to vote on all matters that come before the OWEA, provided they shall have attended two regular meetings in the six months prior to action to be voted on." It was queried of what is "two regular meetings." At present, it is attending the monthly meeting on the third Tuesday via in person or zoom. Attendance is taken from each. It was asked if committee meetings counted. It was also mentioned that some cannot make the meetings due to other commitments. The Executive Board will discuss at the next Board meeting.
- Also questioned, what defines a member. According to the map supplied with the by-laws, the east side of Collingwood is not OWE. For those who are residents abutting OWE, they are defined as "Invited Members."
- It was noted to remove OWD Security from the list of committees due to its dissolution. A move was made to accept the Revised By-Laws. Mac Driscoll 1st, Finley Gleason 2nd. Motion carried with one abstention.

Committee Reports:

ARJA Kent Illenden

Cookie sale netted \$1631.77. Finley Gleason and Mary Glasmeier offered to mow the arboretum to cut expenses.

Business/Networking (Stas Krukowski was not present. Chris Hanley reported)

There is a strategic planning session in the works. If interested, contact Stas or Chris.

Festival Kent Illenden

- Steering committee now consists of Kent Illenden, Christine Palmer, Jeremy Mahler, Joyce Singer, Ann Guyton, and Jae Morales
- Steering Committee Meeting, 1/25, Christine Palmer's home, 2443 Collingwood Blvd
- A festival treasurer is needed
- Three key positions need to be filled: Information, House Tours, Kid's Area
- Golf carts are a major issue to be reviewed due to 2023 mishaps
- **Unscheduled:** A neighbor, Karla Butler, stated that they were being harassed by neighbors, and that there were issues with closing their street, Glenwood from Bancroft to Virginia, during the 2023 festival. Ms. Butler stated that she went through the appropriate channels to have the street closed. She also stated that she would not apply for closure for the 2024 festival due to the harassment issues. Ms. Butler continued, voices were raised and they, along with several other neighbors, abruptly left the meeting. Discussion continued. It was observed that since the neighborhood does not have a place for someone to report harassment, it was determined that the Executive Board should look into possibly forming a committee to handle neighborhood problems. A suggestion was made to contact Toledo Human Relations Commission as a liaison. John Howard, Pam Johnson, Laure Hammond, and Justin Bays are interested in a potential "Neighborhood Citizens Board."

Preservation Michael Walker

There is a meeting on 2/19, 8:00 pm, the Malenda home, 2015 Scottwood.

Cushing/Utopia Addition Laure Hammond

Rock the Block is scheduled for 5/18. Sponsors and volunteers are needed. The event serves to help neighbors in need (seniors/disabled/etc.) to maintain their properties. Mac Driscoll suggested that OWEA be a sponsor.

Glenwood Park Pam Johnson

The walking path is set to go. The committee is working on a calendar for 2024.

Old Town Fannie Effler

There is a meeting on Thursday evening at 6:00 at the Kent Library. Engage Toledo is following up on projects.

Newsletter Kent Illenden

February edition deadline is 1/24. Temporary email is illendenk@gmail.com until the usual one is restored.

New Business

- Dan Finkel referred to the Ohio Revised Code 17.01 regarding non-profits and notification for special meetings.
- There was a request for Zoom to be reinstated to record meetings, and to prevent spread of illness in the winter climate. A tech(s) is/are needed to handle this each month. If interested, please contact Chris Hanley.
- Judy Stone has contacted the Arts Commission regarding the missing artwork on Collinwood Blvd. Chuck Madrigal added that the sculpture in the traffic circle has yet to be repaired from a collision. Mac Driscoll has a connection with the Commission and will work with Judy on this endeavor.

Move to Adjourn: Justin Bays 1st, Pam Johnson 2nd.

