

Millers Bay Neighborhood Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 30, 2023

6:00 – 7:45 (Member Home)

Member Participants: Polly Kimball, Reni Lynch, Carolyn Edgerton, Kris Schafer and Connie Schuster

Unable to Attend: Mushe Subulwa and Linda Reiff **Guest:** Sherry Gutman

Item #1: The Board welcomes Kris Schafer to the Leadership Team

Item #2: Financial Update

Currently have \$63.07 in "Ready Cash" & \$347.39 in the Bank

Item #3 Updates & Discussion (*Events since last Board Meeting in October 2022 including Impact... Continue in the future....How to Improve.*)

- **General Membership Meeting**

Great to have a speaker and agree to engage a speaker for next November meeting. 32 neighbors and 3 guests attended.

- **Luminary Event at Washington Triangle**

New Year's Eve was ideal for the activity. 17 neighbors participated including 5 new to this event. Decision to continue.

- **Any Book Book Club**

Conducted as a remote activity again this year with some 22 neighbors submitting reading suggestions. Book list emailed to all participants and others per request. Should consider posting the list on our website and/or sending out to entire email roster. Discussed having an in-person gathering in March/April and/or initiating a traditional book club option.

- **Holiday Decorating Contest**

Very few nominations this year due to lack of interest? Inability to see house addresses? Other? Issues related to this event to be directed to the Beautification Committee.

- **Welcoming New Neighbors**

A total of 14 Welcome Bags were delivered to new residents in the last 2 quarters of 2022. Reni will obtain a current list of new homeowners from the City for this quarter. It

is suggested that we attempt to keep current with welcoming new neighbors on a timelier basis, ie Quarterly. *Note: Last delivery was in late October of 2022.*

Discussed how to improve on the contents of the bags. Decision made to pilot giving \$25 Chamber Gift Cards along with a list of participating merchants as a way of introduction to our city. Polly will request CB & E funds to purchase the cards and Carolyn will “gift wrap” them. Reni will share the number needed to cover this quarter and November/December of 2022.

Board Members are to share further ideas to make the bags more meaningful & exciting.

Item #4: Review & Planning for 2023 Events (1st & 2nd Quarters)

Hibernation Happy Hour – Polly to contact Fletch’s Local Tap House to see if February 28 starting at 5:00 pm will work for them. *(Social/Member Services)*

Morning Coffee Hour – Decision made to initiate this new event. Tentatively scheduled for February 21st beginning at 8:30 am at Elsewhere Market and Coffee House. *(Social/Member Services)*

Intent is to advertise both events at the same time so neighbors can choose between a daytime or evening outing (or both). If Coffee Hour is successful, will consider inviting members of our near neighborhoods and/or incorporating a traditional book club.

Skate the Bay – Will “sunset” this annual event now that the Parks Department has partnered with Dr. Eric to offer a skating experience at the Menominee Zoo Lagoon. We will promote this activity via our website.

Operation Clean Sweep – This annual cleaning up of debris along the shoreline of Millers Bay and fence line at E. Cook will coincide with Earth Day, April 22nd. More information to follow. *(Beautification/Member Services)*

Kites Over the Bay – Due to competing events in early May & very low participation, it was decided to consider offering this activity at another event ... Popcorn in the Park in June? Neighborhood Night Out? Other?

Welcome Bags – *(Member Services)*

Other Ideas – Popcorn in the Park, Kick Ball Event, Corn Hole Tournament, Dumpster Day. All ideas to be further researched and discussed.

Shred Event at Oshkosh Senior Center on May 20th. Details to be obtained and promoted on our Website. *(Beautification/Member Services)*

Item #5: Standing Committees Review

Discussed how membership and the work of our five (5) Standing Committees has changed since the pandemic. Decision made to pilot a different approach to our Social, Grievance, Beautification, Safety and Member Services Committees. Once the Board

has defined our activities/events, a Special Time-limited Team will be initiated by a Board Member and charged with recruiting assistance from other neighbors to make things happen & support the role of one or more of our Standing Committees. Example: See above list of events with appropriate Standing Committee(s) noted in italics.

Data to be collected r/t number of neighbors involved and their satisfaction with serving on a time-limited team vs a long-term commitment to a formal committee.

Item #6: GO-HNI & Alliance Report

Reni reported the Alliance Group is made up of representatives from each of the City's Neighborhood Associations (26) & meets on the second Monday of most months at the Senior Center from 6:00 -7:00pm. Polly represents our neighborhood as a voting member and Reni is the Liaison from the GO-HNI Board of Directors. The latter invites other Board members to consider attending one of these meetings to become further aware of the impact all neighborhoods have on our community.

Item #7: Board Leadership Structure – Shared or Officers?

By consensus of those present it was decided to continue piloting a Shared Leadership Structure. Our approach to committees is our first challenge to individual accountability while some Board Members will continue to volunteer in roles of meeting management, finance and record-keeping. Data will be collected & analyzed prior to suggesting a change in by-laws.

Item #8: Next Meeting

NO meeting date set. All updates/feedback related to the above topics/plans will be carried out via e-mail.