

Millers Bay Neighborhood Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 9, 2024

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Emmeline Cook Elementary School

8:30: Neighbors gathered for coffee & conversation

9:00: General Membership Meeting

Reni Lynch welcomed all neighbors & **Casey Schrage**, our District Police Office shared information related to his role, availability and contact information.

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Item#1: Let's Talk Turkey

Wendy Thompson and Dr. Bob Weston won the "Turkey" gift cards. Congrats!!

Item #2: Guest Speaker: Debbie Laffin/The Teachers' Closet

The Teachers' Closet is a nonprofit organization that provides teachers with free teaching supplies. The goal is to reach students needing assistance through their teachers and to enrich the school experience for all children.

530 Bay Shore Drive, Oshkosh, WI, United States, Wisconsin

(920) 426-5480 execdir@theteacherscloset.org Visit the website at the Teachers' Closet Oshkosh for items to donate and dates/times donations are accepted.

Members donated items (mittens/hats/socks/markers, etc.) and monies to the organization. \$81.00 in cash was collected, plus a personal check.

Item #3: Financial Update - Polly Kimball

Cash on hand: \$ 66.07

Bank Account at Old First National: \$503.52

CB&E Funds used from Nov.2023 to present: \$489.34

Item #4: Summary of Activities/Accomplishments for year 2023/24

November 2023 – General Membership Meeting

Our annual Membership Meeting was held on a Saturday morning at our neighborhood school. Our Guest Speaker Al Lareau shared insights into The Repair Café Project.

A suggestion was made to seek more volunteer help from the General Membership going forward and to continue with our yearly activities.

Total Attendance - 26.

November 2023 - Holly Jolly Happy Hour

December 2023 - Holiday Coffee Hour

December 2023 – Holiday Decorating Contest

Three neighbors received \$50.00 gift certificates for their festive sites

December 2023– Luminaries at Washington Triangle

Sixteen of us (7 members of the Leadership Team and 9 neighbor volunteers) were involved in the preparation, placement and clean- up of over 100 luminaries lighting the walkway on New Year's Eve.

January 2024 – First Chili Cook-Off

Held at St. Andrew's on January 29th. Total Participants = 24 (4 members of the Leadership Team, 17 Neighbors and 3 Guest Judges) 12 members volunteered to cook, set up and clean up.

March 2024 – Hibernation Coffee Hour and Happy Hour

March 14 2024 – Any Book Book Club

Collected the titles/authors of "Good Reads" from Neighborhood Book Lovers. Summarized the submissions and sent a listing out to participants to use and share. 16 participants

March 2024 – Welcome Bags

Delivered to 8 new homeowners over past 4 months

April 2024 – Clean Sweep

Focused on clearing the areas along Millers Bay and Emmeline Cook School. All encouraged to assure their own yards are free of winter debris. 14 Participants

July 2024 – Welcome Bags

Delivered to 4 new homeowners

August 2024 – Neighborhood Night Out

Event held on Emmeline Elementary School grounds featuring Build Your Own Sundae & "Cook E." the neighborhood rock snake. Well attended by neighbors of all ages and fire/police

departments. Attendance 69. 9 neighbors answered the call to volunteer at the event and 4 to assist the Leadership Team in distributing flyers.

September/October 2024 – Welcome Bags

Delivered to 6 new homeowners

October 2024 -Harvest Happy Hour & Coffee Hour

16 neighbors gathered at Fletch's and 7 at the New Moon Café

November 2024 – General Membership Meeting

7 neighbors volunteered to assist the Leadership Team to distribute flyers

Behind the Scenes Accomplishments

- *Facilitated the printing & distribution of flyers to all households for some events*
- *Promoted events via social media and e-mails*
- *Recorded Participation/Attendance at all events*
- *Posted photos to our Facebook page and official neighborhood website*
- *Continuously evaluating & updating our website*
- *Mentoring one new Board Members into leadership role*
- *Two members regularly participating in the Neighborhood Alliance*

Item #5: Input from Activities Review

- ✓ Continue with Coffee Hours & Happy Hours but consider a bar/restaurant venue for the latter.
- ✓ Celebrate Neighborhood Night Out on the Emmeline Cook School grounds again in 2025
- ✓ Consider Garage Sales and/or Dumpster Event
- ✓ Welcome Bags are a success with a new neighbor sharing his experience
- ✓ Consider a Trivia challenge in conjunction with the “Souper Sunday” Event being planned to replace the Chili Cook-Off.
- ✓ Members thanked for stepping forward for short-term volunteering opportunities

Item #6: Leadership Team for 2024/25

Recognized Carolyn Edgerton for her years of service to the Team

2024/25 Team introduced and accepted by members present. Sherry Gutman, Polly Kimball, Linda Kuehn, Reni Lynch, Linda Reiff, Kris Schafer, Connie Schuster

Item #7: Upcoming Events

Holiday Decorating Contest & Luminaries at the Triangle. Watch for more information.

Respectfully submitted: Reni Lynch