

## OEVA BOARD MEETING 9-19-2023 MINUTES

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1. **Introductions and Attendance:** Kathi Obendorfer, Leslie Brown, John Majka, Judy Canero and Terry Shortt. Deborah Osburn, Jim Schepers and Joyce Colmar attended by phone. Merrill Hollinger and Les Bernstein were absent.
2. **Call to Order:** President Obendorfer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
3. **Approval of Minutes of 8-22-2023 Board Meeting.** Motion to approve by John Majka and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Terry Shortt and passed unanimously.

#### 4. Officer Reports

**President Report:** Kathi Obendorfer started off by reflecting on our Board Meetings. Board Meetings are not committee meetings and probably don't need a lot of explanation of what is going on. This should reduce the time at our meeting, and they really shouldn't last more than an hour. It was noted that if we have successful events this will drive up membership of the organization.

**Vice President Report:** None

**Treasurer Report:** Joyce Colmar submitted her report. Secretary Schepers made a motion to accept. Seconded by John Majka and a unanimous vote to approve followed.

**Secretary Report:** No report

#### **Required Committees**

**Executive Committee:** Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer

**Finance Committee:** Chaired by Joyce Colmar:

**Governance Committee:** Chaired by Joyce Colmar:

**Membership Committee:** Chaired by Leslie Brown.

**Other Committees**

**Arts Committee:** Chaired by Les Bernstein

**Englewood Arts District (EAD):** Chaired by Leslie Brown

**Events Committee:** Chaired by Terry Shortt

**Government Relations Committee:** Chaired by Joyce Colmar

**IT Committee:** Chaired by Leslie Brown. Leslie noted that our annual fee for flyers was due. It is Aycee mailing and has a \$50 fee.

**Marketing Committee:** Chaired by Leslie Brown.

**Media Committee:**

**Merchants Committee:** Chaired by Leslie Brown

**Diversity & Inclusion:**

**Merchandising:**

**5. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Halloween Safe Walk- Terry Shortt, Leslie Brown and Marie LaForge met on 9/14 to begin preparations. They will met with Rebecca from the county on Thursday, 9/21 for further discussions. Leslie will send out emails to members asking for volunteers and other information on the event. Terry remarked that Ric had 2 hearses and we hoped to park on Dearborn Street.

Terry has contacted the Sheriff and there are some costs to involved depending on our scope of the event. John offered to help with further discussions with the Sheriff.

2. Christmas Walk- No plans until the Halloween Safe Walk is scheduled and structured for conclusion.
3. Director #11 vacancy- Mike Looney may be a prospect for consideration.

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. CRA Meeting 9-13-2023 – No one attended but Leslie said someone she talked to said it was a quick meeting. There was considerable discussion about the landscaping on Dearborn Street. It looks like a mess. The contract for maintenance was just closed so the county employees did the maintenance and just mowed everything down.

The President asked about Pioneer Days. Leslie remarked she was there, but the Plaza was not mowed so the grass was high and lots of weeds. The event did have a full day of activities.

2. Mullet Festival – Joyce remarked the Mullet Festival will be on her property on Dearborn, November 3 through 5. Joyce offered to co-sponsor the event with OEVA name. We will post on our website, Facebook page and Englewood Review. Blythe is doing more work with posting on Facebook. Leslie mentioned that Marie LaForge will also be posting on Facebook. Deb has keys to property for Halloween Safe Walk. We should have some T-shirts for the festival. Joyce made a motion and John 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved unanimously. Terry mentioned he was looking for safety vests and Judy will look for them also.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None

8. **ADJOURN:** Made by John Majka \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by Leslie Brown \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Adjournment: 4:45 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_

Approved 10-24-2023  
James Acheper