

OEVA BOARD MEETING 11-14-2023 MINUTES

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1. Introductions and Attendance: Kathi Obendorfer, John Majka, Judy Canero, Terry Shortt, Deborah Osburn, Jim Schepers and Joyce Colmar. Leslie Brown joined the meeting later. Merrill Hollinger and Les Bernstein were absent.

2. Call to Order: President Obendorfer called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

3. Approval of Minutes of 10-24-2023 Board Meeting. Motion to approve by John Majka seconded by Deb Osburn and passed unanimously.

4. Officer Reports

President Report: Kathi Obendorfer started by informing the Board that Director Bernstein was requesting a continuance of his leave of absence to the end of the year. The Board agreed with the President and the leave was granted. She informed the Board that she was willing to continue as President in 2024, with the Board's approval but was not certain beyond that time frame. She asked the Board if they would continue in their respective positions for 2024? This was met with approval from those in attendance.

She then thanked those who worked on the Halloween Walk as this was a very successful event although several board members were ill and one out of town. Those who attended made it a very enjoyable event for the community. Terry informed the Board he had made a planning guide for the event, and it will be helpful in future events. Talk about the county paperwork for events developed and this carried over to the storage of the holiday sleigh. The county director of planning had requested proof of ownership by the county if it was to continue to be stored at Veteran's Memorial. What information could be developed by the Board was turned over to the county for review. The sleigh is still there.

She then talked about the Annual Meeting and location. The date of January 16, 2024, was selected but the location is still to be determined. She will talk with Merrill Hollinger and see if we might use Englewood's on Dearborn as the site.

Vice President Report: John briefed us about the white Board for the car show and talked about various events at Pioneer Plaza. It was discussed how some of these recent events have made money for their sponsors. He thought a Bluegrass Festival would be a good event for OEVA in 2024. After some discussion it was decided that Terry and John would look at this possible event.

Treasurer Report: Joyce Colmar submitted her report. Secretary Schepers made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Terry Shortt. It passed unanimously. The treasurer made some remarks about expenses and questioned the value return for the person doing the Facebook postings. After some discussion about expenses in general it was decided to approach the individual about part-time work rather than the full calendar year.

Secretary Report: Secretary Schepers talked about the upcoming election in January. He started with a recap of current seats of directors and the recent establishment of seats 10 & 11. Currently only seat 10 is filled by Judy Canero. He laid out the current positions, Seat 1 is held by Joyce Colmer; Seat 2 by Les Bernstein; Seat 3 by Leslie Brown. All 3 of these are up for election along with seat 10 held by Judy Canero. Ms. Brown indicated she would not be seeking re-election to seat 3. Secretary Schepers said the Board could entertain a motion to decommission seats 10 & 11 at the year end of 2023 and revert to 9 seats. After further discussion, he laid out the remaining seats. Seat 4 held by President Obendorfer; Seat 5 held by Secretary Schepers; and seat 6 held by Merrill Hollinger. Their terms are up 12/31/2024. Seat 7 is held by John Majka; Seat 8 by Deborah Osburn; and seat 9 by Terry Shortt. Their terms expire on 12/31/2025. He also reviewed the necessary actions to remove a director caused by missing 3 consecutive meetings. It requires notice to the director and a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote by the board to remove a director. He stated he intended to make a motion at the December Board Meeting to reduce the number of directors back to 9 and decommission seats 10 & 11 until a clear necessity is presented for their establishment again.

Required Committees

Executive Committee: Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer

Finance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar:

Governance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar:

Membership Committee: Chaired by Deb Osburn

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.

Marketing Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown.

Media Committee: Chaired by Judith Canero

Merchants Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown

Diversity & Inclusion: Chaired by Jim Schepers

Merchandising: Chaired by John Majka

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Walk- Terry has made an application to the county and is going to pattern the event similar to the Halloween walk except we will have a parade and sell vendor spots in Pioneer Plaza. He will be incurring some expenses and the Board authorized him to submit them to the Treasurer for payment. The Treasurer pointed out that she would need to move money from the savings account to the checking account to cover these expenses as the rentals will not cover our costs. It was noted by the Board.

The secretary asked about a timeline and Deb Osburn has established one along with flyers for the event.

Director Canero will reach out to Englewood Review and Sun for publicity.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

8. ADJOURN: Made by Joyce Colmar _____

Seconded by John Majka _____

Time of Adjournment: 5:25 p.m. _____

James Schepers 12-18-2023