



Mt. Washington Community Council
Board Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2023, 7pm

Welcome and Call to Order

A meeting of the MWCC board was held via Zoom link on this day. Jaime called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Board members in attendance were Jaime Castle, Sophie Roberto, Michael Gray, Wade Johnston, Karen Luken, Priscilla Elgersma and Julie Rimer. Kristina Kew was absent.

Adoption of the Agenda

Julie made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Sophie seconded, and the meeting agenda was approved.

Reading of and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting

Karen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2023 board meeting, Julie seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Unfinished Business

Directors' Retreat

In the interest of meeting sooner rather than later, we have tentatively decided to hold a briefer, conveniently located retreat at Tome Bookstore on Sunday, April 16 at 2pm. This will be an opportunity to set some goals for 2023.

Roving Packer Truck Update

Julie will check with Keep Cincinnati Beautiful to see if the roving packer truck's claw can pick up large items like furniture and she will also ask if there is a size limit to the pile of items that can be picked up. We discussed the possibility of having a community cleanup in which people bring items to a specific location where the packer truck can collect them. We will need to set a date for the cleanup and Julie will schedule the roving packer truck at least two weeks in advance of this date. Several board members are coaching soccer teams until the end of May. We decided June might be the best time for this event.

Updating Website

Karen has been very busy handling the NSP program for Mt. Washington but plans to update the website as soon as time allows.

New Business

Guest speakers for MWCC Membership Meeting

Ohio Voter Education would like to speak at an upcoming general membership meeting since many voting rules have changed. Jaime asked them to limit the presentation to ten minutes. They are welcome to provide a handout or a computer link with additional information.

The Greater Cincinnati Homeless Coalition would also like to speak at an upcoming membership meeting.

Karen suggested we ask Wendy O'Neal, MWCCDC, to give a presentation on how Mt. Washington's recent designation as a central entertainment district can help stores in the business district thrive. Perhaps some businesses could do a combined event since it was stated that any event serving alcohol must also serve hot food and have 3 commercial sinks, qualifications that many Mt. Washington businesses do not have. The MWCCDC is planning a pop-up beer garden with musical entertainment at the former Mt. Washington Beer and Ice location on April 29. We should inform residents of this event at the general membership meeting on April 19.

Google Drive Updating

The MWCC Google drive needs to be updated as important documents have not been consistently uploaded to the drive. This drive serves as a library for the MWCC.

Membership Growth

We agreed that Facebook Live streaming of the general membership meetings could help grow our membership and community reach. Jaime brought a microphone and set up the Live stream of the March 15 membership meeting. To-date, there have been 148 views of that meeting. Jaime wanted to make sure the Live stream worked well at that meeting. Now that she knows it does, the Facebook Live streaming of the meetings will be promoted.

School Funding Needed

Keith Schomaker, School Community Coordinator for Cincinnati Public Schools, had an NSP request for funds for art projects at Sands Montessori and Mt. Washington School. The NSP request was made too late to be considered when NSP funds were voted on and allocated at the March 15 membership meeting.

The request was for one art project at Sands Montessori and one at Mt. Washington School. The request at Sands Montessori was for painting a fence that the Sands Montessori Parent Organization plans to erect around a bird feeding area on school property. Jaime has asked Kristina to find out how much money we have been giving the schools each year and to determine how much, if any, money we can provide them in 2023.

Announcements/Upcoming Events

Michael suggested we put sign-in sheets at each table for the general membership meetings. Currently, the sign-in sheet is near the door to the meeting room in the rec center, but some people forget to sign

in, particularly if they arrive after the meeting has started. Having a sign-in sheet on each table could ensure that all attendees sign in.

Karen said the MWCURC is working with City Engineering and Transportation to get new “Welcome to Mt. Washington” signs.

Tower Optical is moving out of Mt. Washington.

Good of the Order

Julie and Karen thanked Jaime for setting up the Facebook Live stream of the membership meeting. Karen thanked Jaime for thinking of innovative ways to get people involved in our community.

Adjournment

Karen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Julie. The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rimer