



## **Mt. Washington Community Council**

### **Board Meeting Minutes of October 4, 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 7:02pm.

#### **Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum**

Board members in attendance were Jaime Castle, Sophie Roberto, Karen Luken, Priscilla Elgersma, Kristina Kew, Rick Meador, and Julie Rimer. Michael Gray was absent. Teddy Morgan-Jablonski was a guest.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

Julie made a motion to approve the meeting agenda, Karen seconded, and the meeting agenda was adopted.

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

Sophie made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2023 board meeting, Rick seconded, and the minutes were approved.

#### **Unfinished Business**

##### **Pumpkin Chuck**

Priscilla gave a status report of the Pumpkin Chuck planning. Key points to note include the following:

- The permitting process is well underway with the liquor permit still in progress. Priscilla stated that the permitting process should be started earlier next year since there are so many steps. It would be good to begin it in March 2024.
- Each board member must commit to working both Friday and Saturday or Saturday and Sunday of the Pumpkin Chuck weekend. Please plan ahead. On Friday, we need to set up the fencing with members of the park staff. On Sunday, everything must be cleaned up.
- The bagpipers require more money than we afford. Kristina will ask the Mt. Washington School choir if they can sing from noon to 12:30pm.
- Sophie will contact Elissa Pogue tonight to confirm that Carter Bridge is playing from 12:30 to 2 or 2:30pm and to confirm the fee they will charge. She will let Priscilla know what Elyssa says ASAP.
- Since last night, Jaime found out the cost of the balloon artist at last year's Pumpkin Chuck is too high at \$550. Instead, Jaime is checking into more reasonably priced balloon artists that Bob Wetterer knows. Last year, the fee for the balloon artist was part of the circus charge.

- Julie has written a letter to send to election candidates. The letter reminds them about the Pumpkin Chuck, welcomes them to attend, but states that no campaign literature or merchandising materials can be distributed at the Pumpkin Chuck since we have “gone green.” Jaime offered to email the letters to the candidates. Julie will change the signature to Jaime’s name and forward the email to her for distribution.
- Jaime is contacting all food vendors to fill out the paperwork that ensures they are following the fire department regulations. She will forward all completed forms to the fire department.
- Hafner hasn’t returned the calls asking for the straw bale donation. Julie will approach Motz.
- Rick will be printing the banners on October 30.
- Kristina will go to the rec center to see if we already have some of the supplies we need for the Pumpkin Chuck, such as bungee cords and zip ties.
- Julie and Priscilla will be discussing the games and deciding what we need to buy for them.
- Kristina said Pumpkin Chuck merchandise hasn’t sold well in the past. She said we have a lot of MWCC merchandise on hand that sells better. In light of that, Priscilla will talk with Maggie about merchandise with low price points, like stickers, and ask Maggie for some pricing estimates.
- Karen volunteered to be a taste-tester at Big Ash Brewing.
- Kristina plans to buy another Square app for credit card scanners.
- After the event on Saturday, we need to divvy up the recyclables and take them home to our own recycling containers.
- Rumpke can recycle plastic cups as long as they are not the red Solo cups.
- Karen was able to make arrangements to get the organic waste picked up on Saturday night without being charged the \$100 fee for a weekend pickup.
- Priscilla is trying to secure rebar for the trebuchets. Someone suggested it might be worth contacting Prus Construction on Wooster Pike to see if they would donate rebar.
- We agreed to have two pumpkin chuck registration lines. One line will be for those paying \$5 to chuck a pumpkin. These people will be allowed to chuck a pumpkin, but it won’t be the one they brought. The other line will be the Very Important Pumpkin Line where people can pay \$15 to be guaranteed they can chuck the pumpkin they brought. All registrants will have one hand stamped when they register a pumpkin and the other hand stamped when they chuck it.
- Priscilla is laying out a timeline of all the tasks and when they must be performed. She will share it with all of us on Google docs.
- Karen stressed the importance of putting all of this year’s forms and information about the Pumpkin Chuck on the MWCC Google drive to make it easier to plan in the future. We should do this shortly after the Pumpkin Chuck is over.

### **Postcard Update**

Rick has received very positive feedback about the fall events postcard. Jaime suggested this could become an annual activity.

### **New Business**

#### **Teddy Morgan-Jablonski**

Teddy Morgan-Jablonski has been a Mt. Washington resident since 2019. She is interested in being on the MWCC board. Teddy has two children and one on the way and is interested in making the community nice, as well as improving it. Teddy began a Master of Community Planning program at the University of Cincinnati this fall. She noted her spring 2024 schedule conflicts with the MWCC board and general membership meetings: a transportation class she must take is only offered every Wednesday from 6 to 9pm and our board and general membership meetings are held at the same time on Wednesdays. Therefore, she wouldn't be able to attend meetings until May 2024.

A suggestion was made that it might make more sense for Teddy to volunteer as she is able rather than be on the board right now. Jaime mentioned that, if we still have an open board position in May of 2024, we could consider appointing Teddy then. The board will discuss this further.

### **Announcements/Upcoming Events**

This Saturday, October 7, is the spaghetti dinner from 4pm to 7pm at the American Legion #484. The dinners pay for the lighting of the Mt Washington Water Tower. The dinners include salad, LaRosa's spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, drink, and a dessert. Dine in and carry-out are available. Volunteers are always needed and they qualify for a free dinner. Karen will ask Bob if we can set out some fall postcards at the dinner for anyone who would like one but didn't receive it in the mail.

The next Pumpkin Chuck planning meeting will be held in the Kyle Plush Pavilion on Thursday, October 12 at 6pm. There will be another October Pumpkin Chuck planning meeting on Thursday, October 26 at 6pm.

Jaime reminded all that our next general membership meeting is on October 18.

### **Good of the Order**

We all expressed appreciation to Priscilla for the countless tasks she has performed in preparation for the Pumpkin Chuck.

### **Adjournment**

Priscilla made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Karen. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rimer  
MWCC Secretary