



## **Mt. Washington Community Council**

### **Board Meeting Minutes of December 6, 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, Karen Luken, Priscilla Elgersma, Kristina Kew, Rick Meador, Michael Gray, and Julie Rimer. Sophie Roberto was absent. Marc Raab of SPAC was a guest.

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

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

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

Priscilla made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Karen seconded, and the minutes were approved.

#### **New Business**

##### **Holiday Walk Recap**

Questions about the tower lights have been asked of some board members of the MWCC. Bob Wetterer and Mark Hamad of the MWCURC plan to come to the general membership meeting in January to provide a status on the tower lights. Bob will speak because he is dealing with the issue. Bob updated me on the phone since our meeting. He is working with the company from whom the lights were purchased. That company is dealing with the manufacturer to try to get them to honor the five-year warranty.

##### **Pumpkin Chuck Recap**

Priscilla provided some insights: 1) It isn't worth having event insurance. 2) It isn't practical to set a rain date since there are far too many parts in play to reschedule the event. 3) The expense of the balloon artist isn't worth it. 4) We can cut back on the amount of live music we provide. 5) The targets that Jim Tucker painted were a big hit.

Kristina will have the final numbers of the Pumpkin Chuck by the January membership meeting. We discussed asking the membership to consider voting to put any profit into a segregated account in the MWCC budget for use in Stanbery Park.

##### **By-laws and Upcoming Board Elections**

We discussed the by-laws briefly but did not draft any changes for the membership's consideration. Seven board members plan to finish out their terms, which means we will have two openings to fill in February's election: one board seat that wasn't filled in 2023 (we had eight board members instead of the nine we ideally should have) and the seat that will open up with the end of Sophie's term. Margeaux Selig plans to run for the board and we hope Gary Noll will too. Julie will look through 2023 attendance records to see if there are other people that attended enough meetings that might be willing to run for the board.

Jaime plans to state our expectations of board members in January, that we hope anyone who runs would plan to attend all board and general membership meetings, as well as have time to do some tasks outside of the meetings. We discussed the amount of planning and time that goes into events like the Pumpkin Chuck and hope anyone that decides to run will share the burden of the time involved in those events. Jaime plans to ask anyone who is running for the board to state what they contributed to the MWCC in 2023. Jaime plans to send out the January general membership invite early to notify all of the upcoming board member election.

### **Announcements/Upcoming Events**

Kristina asked that we renew our annual memberships in January. It will make for easier bookkeeping if we renew at the beginning of 2024. We need to let the membership know that the \$7 per person membership fee is much needed. If that fee truly presents a hardship for a member, that member can join without a payment.

Karen suggested the idea of having a volunteer breakfast in which community members could learn about the many volunteer opportunities in our community. To that end, we would need to have members from MWCC, MWCURC, SPAC, the SEM Pantry and any other organizations that need volunteers to represent their organization and the types of volunteer opportunities available. Marc Raab stated a new volunteer came to the last SPAC meeting. She is retired and looking forward to volunteering. We discussed how the organizations in Mt. Washington can continue to work together and elevate each other.

Priscilla let all know that the Audubon Christmas Bird Count will be taking place in Stanbery Park on December 30. The event runs from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm. There is more information at this link: <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/cincyparks/visit-a-park/parks-events-calendar/audubon-christmas-bird-count/>

### **Good of the Order**

We thanked each other for a good year of working together and wished each other a lovely holiday season.

### **Adjournment**

Julie made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Priscilla. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rimer  
MWCC Secretary