

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES 2-13-2023

A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT 501(c)4 CORPORATION

1. Introductions and Attendance

Location: Englewood's on Dearborn

Directors Present: Kathi Obendorfer, (President), John Majka, (V.P.), Jim Schepers, (Secretary), Joyce Colmar, (Treasurer), Leslie Brown, (Director), Les Bernstein, (Director), Merrill Hollinger, (Director).

Directors Absent: None.

In attendance: Janet Pilvalis, Kathy Holt, Marie LaForge, Karen Tyree, Roz Holley,

Meeting called to order at: President Kathi Obendorfer, recognizing a quorum, called the meeting to order at 5:22.

Approval of Annual Minutes: Jim Schepers, (Secretary), read the minutes from the 1-10-2022 Annual Meeting. A motion to approve was made by Les Bernstein, seconded by John Majka, and passed unanimously.

2. Officer Reports

President Report: Kathi Obendorfer talked about the changes of the past year. Although there were many challenges, several projects were accomplished. The first project was the Halloween Safe Walk. It was well attended. The second project was the Art Festival, but it was postponed due to hurricane Ian and the uncertainty of both vendors and attendees. One of the biggest successes of 2022 was the Christmas Street Event. Many contributions allowed for 26 bikes and helmets to given away to youth for the holidays. She thanked everyone for their support of this project.

She recapped the various events that OEVA sponsored throughout the year, Cruisin on Dearborn, Seafood Festival, Halloween Safe Walk and the Christmas Street Event.

She presented a Calendar of Events for 2023 and stated that moving forward OEVA would concentrate on increasing membership in the organization. Currently there is 20 members which 7 are board members.

Vice President's report: John Majka stated he is working on a actual board to record the names of businesses that support OEVA throughout the year. This board will be displayed at the events that OEVA sponsors. He is also working on flags for the streetlamps on Dearborn which will be displayed during the events and holidays. He also stated that he would be working with Les Bernstein's Events Committee on T-shirts for

OEVA to be sold at various events, thereby creating additional income for the organization.

Treasurer Report: Joyce Colmar - The Treasurer provided an annual report about the account balances of the organization. The total combined account balances was \$28,039.87.

Secretary Report: Jim Schepers – The Secretary reported that 3 seats are available for filling this year. They are seats #7,8 and 9. Currently, seat # 1 is filled by Joyce Colmar; #2 by Les Bernstein, # 3 by Leslie Brown, #4 by Kathi Obendorfer, #5 by Jim Schepers, #6 by Merrill Hollinger and number 7, which is up for election, by John Majka. The terms of these seats are 3 years. In forthcoming years 3 seats will be up for the election at the Annual Meeting. The election for this year will be under New Business.

Required Committees

Executive Committee: Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer: Reference President report.

Finance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar: Reference Treasurer Report.

Governance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar: Joyce reported on the recent CRA Board Meeting earlier in the day. Matt Oysterhoudt with Sarasota government was there, along with local CRA representative (Marcie Castaneda. Matt stated that his office is working on an application process and standards of Operation for Pioneer Plaza. CRA is in process of gathering information and nothing definite yet.

Membership Committee: Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer. Kathi repeated that Membership will be a priority this year.

Other Committees

Arts Committee: Chaired by Les Bernstein. Les reported that this report and his Events committee report will be the same. Just waiting on the powers to be to decide what the standards of operation will be for the Plaza.

Englewood Arts District (EAD): Chaired by Leslie Brown: No report.

Events Committee: Chaired by Les Bernstein. See Arts Committee report.

Government Relations Committee: It was reported that Debbie Marks would be working to be as liaison for OEVA and the CRA.

IT Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown: Leslie reported that the website has been brought up to date. We are no longer using a foreign contractor. A person has been contracted to work on OEVA's Social Media presence. This person's name is Blythe Lopez. She has been working on a few projects and has excellent skills.

3. New Business:

The Election for seats Number #7,8 & 9. Beginning with Seat #7, previously held by John Majka. Jim Schepers nominated John for another term which was seconded by Les Bernstein and passed unanimously.

Next was seat number 8. There were no additional qualified members who wish to serve, as the by-laws state that a person to be elected to the Board must be a paid member for 1 continuous year. The Board will look to fill the seats 8 and 9 at their next board meeting on 2-21-2023. Member Karen Tyree expressed interest in joining the board.

4. **Announcements:** Kathi again thanked Marie LaForge and Nicole for their help with the Christmas Walk. She also thanked all those in attendance for being at this meeting.

5. **Motion to Adjourn:**

Made by Jim Schepers _____,

Seconded by John Majka _____,

Time of adjournment was 6:07 pm.

(Process note: The approved minutes will be dated, scanned, and saved on-line as the official public record.)

Date: 2/21/2023