

OEVA BOARD MEETING 10-24-2023 MINUTES

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1. Introductions and Attendance: Kathi Obendorfer, Leslie Brown, John Majka, Judy Canero, Terry Shortt and Deborah Osburn. Jim Schepers and Joyce Colmar attended by phone. Merrill Hollinger and Les Bernstein were absent.
2. Call to Order: President Obendorfer called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.
3. Approval of Minutes of 9-19-2023 Board Meeting. Motion to approve by Leslie Brown and seconded by John Majka and passed unanimously.

4. Officer Reports

President Report: Kathi Obendorfer started off by informing the Board that Matt from Sarasota County had contact her and said that the sleigh, and chair used for Christmas Event need to be moved from the county property where it was being stored. After considerable discussion it was decided to move the items to John Majka's property as a temporary solution to the timing problem with the County. The items will be tarped there while a new storage location can be determined.

The President talked about the Seafood Festival next February. There was discussion about the accounting of the organizer and some concern from the Treasurer about previous events and activity. After more discussion, John Majka made a motion to sponsor the event and seconded by Judy Canero, the motion passed with 1 member abstaining from voting.

Vice President Report: None

Treasurer Report: Joyce Colmar submitted her report. Secretary Schepers ask about a couple of expenses but after explanation, made a motion to accept. Seconded by John Majka and a unanimous vote to approve followed.

Secretary Report: No report

Required Committees

Executive Committee: Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer

Finance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar:

Governance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar:

Membership Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown. Leslie talked about benefits of membership in OEVA. She specifically mentioned the reciprocal affiliation in NAMA, a museum association. There was talk about adding this benefit to the OEVA website. There was talk about creating a handout when approaching others to join the organization.

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:

Merchants Committee: Chaired by Leslie Brown

Diversity & Inclusion:

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5. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Halloween Safe Walk- Terry Shortt, updated the Board about the Halloween Safe Walk. He has looked over and counted the barricades that are needed to block the streets. He has secured 3 uniformed officers for the event and received a contribution from John at Quick Signs for signage at the event. The event is going to be at least twice the size of last year's event with 63 attendees as of this moment. There was discussion about soliciting donations for OEVA at this event. After discussion, it was decided just to put a bucket on the OEVA sign-in table.
2. Christmas Walk- Terry said he had some questions concerning the Christmas Safe walk since the application to the County for street closure for the parade and use of Pioneer Plaza is due November 9th. After talking about previous years and the possibility of raising some funds for the organization, it was decided to look at having a maximum of 6 vendors spots in Pioneer Plaza. The suggested

amount for each vendor was around \$150 a spot. Terry indicated he would submit a drawing representing these vendors on his application to the County.

The times for the event will be 4 to 7 p.m. followed by a movie.

3. Mullet Festival- Oeva will just promote this event on our website and Facebook page.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Water Festival- Conversation turned to the Water Festival on November 17th through the 19th. We discussed having a wine and food truck vendors on Joyce's property. After much back-and-forth conversation about various pros and cons, John Majka made a motion to skip the event which was seconded by Leslie Brown. There was additional conversation ending with a unanimous vote to skip this year.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

8. ADJOURN: Made by John Majka _____

Seconded by Leslie Brown _____

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

Approved 11-14-2023
James Acheperis