

OEVA BOARD MEETING 2-20-2024 MINUTES

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1. Introductions and Attendance: Kathi Obendorfer, Judy Canero, Deborah Osburn, Joyce Colmar, Jim Schepers, Terry Shortt, and Jacky Skubik. John Majka joined later.
2. Call to Order: President Obendorfer called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
3. Approval of Minutes of 1-16-2024 Board Meeting and the 1-16-2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Deb Osburn and seconded by Terry Shortt Motion passed unanimously.

4. Officer Reports

President Report: Kathi began by stating she wished to start every Board Meeting with a positive message, and she would begin today. Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement. Nothing can be done without hope and confidence. Quality is not an act; it is a habit. Expect problems and eat them for breakfast. "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." -William James She expressed her appreciation for the teamwork that continues to be displayed. We had our first year behind us with Safewalk, Christmas Walk and Cruizin on Dearborn which were all successful.

Last year's Treasurer's report indicated \$28,039.87 on hand at year-end. 2022 year's Safewalk had 32 Community Contributors and 2023 that number increased to 75.

The 2022 Christmas Walk OEVA gave away 24 bikes with very few donations. 2023 there was approximately \$8,500 and 16 bikes donated. OEVA gave 4 bikes to Venice, 15 LA Ainger, 15 to Myakka, 7 to Englewood Elementary and 25 raffled at the event for total of 66 bikes given away at Christmas event. The year finished up with \$6,000 more in the bank.

The recent Seafood Festival brought in \$5,000 and another \$5,000 is planned for the March event of Food Truck Music Festival.

The 2023 Annual Meeting had 4 attendees besides the Board. The 2024 Annual Meeting had at least 45 attendees, plus the Board. Next Year 's Meeting we will look for a larger room and have a microphone and speaker so attendees can hear better.

Vice President Report: No report

Treasurer Report: Joyce had sent the Board her report prior to the meeting. Secretary Schepers made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Director Canero and passed unanimously.

Secretary Report: the IRS has accepted our 990-N for 2023.

Required Committees

Executive Committee: Chaired by Kathi Obendorfer-See President's report

Finance Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar: Joyce talked about developing a program for different levels of sponsorship and how OEVA could raise additional funds besides Membership. Conversation about the program centered on other organizations programs. The President said that the Membership and Marketing committees were working on developing some ideas. There was some additional conversation about work that was beginning on obtaining a 501(c)3 for the organization. The discussion was tabled until that issue is more fully developed.

Governance Committee: Chaired by Jim Schepers All Directors have submitted their Conflict-of-Interest forms for 2024.

Membership Committee: Chaired by Deb Osburn: Director Osburn presented an idea for Membership Mix and Mingle Meeting. She presented a proposed budget for this meeting with a total of \$785. Secretary Schepers made a motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Director Shortt and passed unanimously.

Director Osburn continued with a brief report about Merchandizing since Director Majka had not yet arrived. She requested that a budget of \$300 be approved to secure 1000 coasters that would provide information on how to join OEVA. A motion to approve was made by Treasurer Colmar and seconded by Director Osburn. It passed unanimously.

* (On 2/26/2024 it was determined that this item would now cost \$390 so the board approved the additional \$90 increase by email vote.)

Other Committees

Arts Committee: Chaired by: There was a brief discussion about the Arts Committee and the EAD Committee. It was decided that these 2 committees would be merged and referred to as just the Art Committee.

Englewood Arts District (EAD): Chaired by: Merged to Art Committee.

Events Committee: Chaired by Terry Shortt: Director Shortt presented a proposal for a Golf Cart Drive-In Movie Night at Pioneer Plaza on April 5th. He had done some preliminary work and submitted a budget of \$2,035. There was considerable discussion about the pros and cons with several variables about the proposal. Secretary Schepers made a motion to approve the proposed budget, which was seconded by John Majka. Passed with 1 director abstaining.

Government Relations Committee: Chaired by Joyce Colmar

IT Committee: Chaired by Eric Peterson

Marketing Committee: Co-chaired by Kathi Obendorfer and Jacky Skubik

Media Committee: Chaired by Judith Canero; No report

Merchants Committee: Co-chaired by Kathi Obendorfer and Deb Osburn

Diversity & Inclusion: Chaired by Jim Schepers: Secretary Schepers reported that we should be on the lookout for an opportunity to reach out to various minorities. Several names were provided.

Merchandising: Chaired by John Majka: Previously submitted by Director Osburn.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

Seafood Festival: Very successful

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Fundraising: Previously covered in Director Reports.
- B. Drive-In Movie Night covered in Events Committee Report.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Appreciation for Les Bernstein for 6 years of service to Board. Decided to Thank Les for his previous service.

Market on Dearborn. Kathi will reach out to the CRA and inquire about use of this property.

8. ADJOURN: Made by Jim Schepers_____

Seconded by John Majka_____

Time of Adjournment: 5:19 p.m._____