

Sept. 23, 2021.

LCA Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees (virtually) Sally Drucker, Kathy Jordan, Paul Shea, Jill Dale, Tom Siracusa, Larry Sachs, Erik Heitman, Lee Merovitz, Eudice Fogel, David Free, Kelly Dotson, Nancy Morris

Guests: Nada Riley, Jessica Lach (chief of staff for Margaret Croke, state of Illinois 12 district representative)

Call to order: President Sally Drucker called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. She made a statement congratulating the board for successful Evening in the Garden. She welcomed guest attendee Jessica Lach to our meeting.

Review and approval of minutes: Minutes of the August meeting were taken by Kathy Jordan in absence of Nancy. Nancy M made the motion for approval which was seconded by Jill and the minutes were approved.

Presidents updates: Sally introduced Jessica Lach, who is attending our meeting to give information from state government and to find out more about what is happening in our neighborhood. Jessica and Rep. Croke both attended Evening in the Garden. Jessica spoke about the clean energy bill that has recently passed in Springfield. She also mentioned that the Representatives office at Belden and Sheffield is accepting items in a tolietry drive for recently arrived refugees from Afghanistan.

Treasurers Report: David reported that the tax ID number issue may be resolving soon. The total in all accounts as of today was reported at \$45, 845.65.

Committee Reports

Planning and Zoning: no report

Parks and Beautification: Erik reports the committee did not have official meeting but did meet in FSP for clean up activity. He spoke of the recent increase in vandalism and graffiti and did speak with Alderman Smith about this issue.

Arts and Culture: Donna Gallery was not in attendance no report given

Community Affairs: Nada Riley. Nada gave a special shout out to Jill and Larry who spent so much time and effort on the Public Safety Survey. There was an attachment to tonight's agenda with those results. Larry spoke but there was limited audio thus his input cannot be included herein. Nada made a motion, seconded by Jill that LCA board members to meet with CPD and Alderman's office to share results of the survey. Motion was carried.

Membership and Communication : Jill shared that at evening in the garden event LCA gained 9 new members at the event itself, and 4 since event. She will be sending membership renewals out soon. She reported that Lincoln Commons has asked LCA to be a part of their FALLfest this year. LCA will have a presence there. She states the next issue of newsletter will be out before the end of September and she is inviting new contributors of content to be in touch with her. She also reports that the new website is being built at this time.

Events: Eudice reported that the "official clicker count" of attendance at Evening in Garden was over 200. IT was successful in drawing a large and appreciative neighborhood crowd. She gave update re: Howler preparation. (DJ, balloon artist, permits insurance etc) She posed the question re: LCA getting Venmo account to receive donations at Howler- given many attendees do not carry cash but would likely donate digitally. Dave and Sally will look into this idea.

New Business: Sally started the conversation about raffles vs a “gift tree” for purchases. There was considerably more enthusiasm for implementing the gift tree, which will need donations of gift certificates from local businesses. Sally will send the board an email in the near future on how board members can help secure donations for the “tree”.

Adjournment: There being no further business before the board a motion for adjournment was made by Sally, seconded by Paul, and carried by vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.