

Meeting Minutes – August 24, 2023 – Compiled by Jill Dale

Called the meeting to order: 6:39 p.m.

- Joining In person: Nada, Larry, Dennis, Erik Jill, Eudice
- Joining Online: Tom Laura and Michael

Meeting Minutes: Note that the meeting did not have a quorum, so were not able to vote on the minutes. Because of this, there was no voting or motions in this meeting.

Treasurer's Report was sent out this week. Brian was not in attendance so he did not report on this.

Events Report:

Eudice gave an update Evening in the Garden:

- Please sign up for potluck.
- Email Eudice or Jill if you know of businesses to reach out to for food donation for Evening in the Garden.
- Eudice has been getting snacks for the kids.
- Please come help us set up at 4 p.m. on the day of the event
- Quigley's office reach out and want to reach out.

Eudice gave a report about Howler at Bauler

- Everything is set. We have the permit, we have insurance, we have porta pottys.
- All vendors are confirmed
- We have secured all booths with community partners as well
- Break Even or Better: We need help getting gift certificates
- Question for the board: Should we do a suggested donation this year or not?
 - We should decide if we ask for a suggested donation or not.
 - Nada: There is a quite of lot of money that is put into Howler at Bauler, so maybe we look at how much we make and how much it costs in the past.

Communications: Jill Gave an update on Communications based on the board report that was distributed.

Community Affairs: Nada Gave an Update on Community Affairs

- The Ella Jenkins Event was wonderful! Ella attended the event and it was a lovely resolution presented to her.
 - The community as a whole – There were people who traveled from out of State who traveled here for the event.

- Nada may come back to the board to help pay for certain items for the event.
- Larry attended the 18th district police meeting. They talked about police staffing and response times. The head of COPA was there as a guest of the council. She talked a lot about her role and police reform. There were 50-60 meeting. We need more outreach to raise awareness about this meeting.
- Asylum Seekers: How can we help?
 - We have the ear of our elected officials. We should be talking to them about this. We should be pushing for expedite work visas.
 - Some ideas on how we can support include board personal donations, LCA donations, GoFundMe, and also a party was discussed to welcome the asylum seekers.

The meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.