

Mid Lakewood Civic Association

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

Held in-person at the Black residence

Attending

- Chris Gibbons
- Eugene Rooks
- Cassie Vogel Kotter
- John Hunter
- JoeDan Hite
- Ed Black
- Matt Teeuwen

Regrets

- Carol Cook
- Tina Klismith

Treasurer's Report

John reported that the MLCA account balance is approximately \$2,700. Of interest is that the balance at the beginning of 2022 and end of 2022 were nearly identical; \$2,565 and \$2,605, respectively. Significant expenditures for 2022 include:

- \$100 paid for damage to the pickup truck window damaged while transporting the propane grill for the Summer Picnic
- \$92.30 paid for the MLCA Annual Meeting
- \$740 total paid for MLCA newsletter printing
- \$760 paid for the MLCA Tree Lightning
- \$1,937 paid for the MLCA Summer Picnic
- \$12.81/month paid to Xcel for power to the Meadowlark Park electrical box

Lastly, the Association received a grant from the City of Lakewood for the amount of \$500 towards the cost of the Picnic. This was as a result of Ed's time and efforts. Ed advised that he will inquire with the City as to the availability of the grant for 2023.

Tree Lighting Review

- Discussion regarding higher quality microphones. As well, it may be of benefit to set up microphones earlier in the evening so as to avoid issues such as feedback.
- Additional lighting was suggested. As well, the idea of battery-operated candles for the choir was discussed.
- More lights on the tree was suggested. However, the vendor that installs the lights charges by the amount of space between each row of lights, thus more light would be more expensive.
- It was noted that the provided snacks and hot chocolate did not last long. It was suggested that we provide more of each for the next event.
- MLCA will send a thank you note to the choir for their participation along with an invitation for the next event.
- There was discussion regarding a change in the venue from Meadowlark Park to (potentially) South Lakewood Elementary School.

Event Dates for 2023

- Garage Sale – June 9-10
- Summer Picnic – August 27
- MLCA Annual Meeting – September 26 (Matt will coordinate with Lakewood UCC)
- Tree Lighting – November 26
- Newsletter Content Deadlines –March 3, July 7 and October 10

New Ideas

New ideas for MLCA to explore in 2023 were discussed and are as follows:

- Partnering with South of Sixth and other groups
- Creating new signs / banners for the Summer Picnic and Tree Lighting events
- Neighborhood bike day
- Social media – Facebook, Nextdoor, etc.
- Enhancements for the Summer Picnic
- Update the Meadowlark Park playground (Ed suggested checker/chess tables)
- An ad hoc group or subcommittee to address neighborhood concerns regarding CCU
- Expansion of the MLCA boundaries to include the NE corner of the neighborhood to match the geographic boundaries of South of Sixth
- A review of the MLCA bylaws
- Organize informal events such as gatherings at our parks, sidewalk chalk art, etc.

MLCA members have volunteered for the following endeavors:

- JoeDan – Setting up for the various MLCA events / membership expansion
- Cassie – Organizing informal events and get-togethers
- Ed – Review of the MLCA bylaws / research new venues for the Tree Lighting event
- Eugene – Organizing informal events / expansion of the boundaries of the MLCA / signs and banners
- Chris – Expansion of the boundaries of the MLCA
- John –CCU Ad hoc group or subcommittee
- Matt –MLCA Facebook page / CCU ad hoc group or subcommittee

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on February 28 at 7:00 pm. Matt will host. The address is 135 Everett Street.

Minutes submitted by Matt Teeuwen, Secretary