

MLCA Meeting Minutes
9/5/2023

Location: Klinsmith residence

Attendees: Chris, Cassie, Carol, Ed, JoeDan, John, Tina

Regrets: Matt

Topics:

- Treasurer report
 - Before picnic the balance was \$4548.84
 - Picnic costs \$1982.00
 - New members at picnic:
 - 13 new members paid cash = \$350
 - 4 new members paid check = \$90
 - 10 new members paid online = \$615
 - John has several checks that were mailed in recently as well
- Picnic recap
 - Great attendance despite rain and good feedback on all the changes
 - All food was consumed (perhaps less mustard and mayo needed next year) + more meat
 - Next year we will need more food which means we will need more people to help Carol shop for and store the food before the picnic
 - Next year:
 - Create a “handicap” entry into the street next year
 - Get a different type of bounce house that has a slide or obstacle course to keep kids moving through it
 - Maybe next year we can just use the new park grills + a few brought by neighbors
 - Maybe next year we will have a dance floor
- Annual tree lighting
 - South Lakewood Elementary choir has agreed to sing at the event again
 - Can we reapply for the grant again this year?
 - Ed will submit a new application
 - Company costs for hanging lights: \$741.40 for the park tree with extra lights and \$815.71 for the new lights at the school and installation.
 - The 50% deposit is due by September 25th for the 15% discount, which is already in the quote.
 - Electrical has been installed at South Lakewood Elementary - \$550.62
 - We voted on hanging lights at BOTH Meadowlark Park AND South Lakewood Elementary
 - All in favor of doing both locations except John
 - We need to make signs for both locations that say something like “lights brought to you by MLCA – happy holidays”
 - We have 26 strands of lights at 25ft each
 - We need to buy more lights for the Meadowlark tree
 - We need to buy lights for the SLE trees
 - We voted on having the company hang lights or have Ed and JoeDan hang lights instead of paying the company to do it this year (this will help offset cost of electrical at SLE and the cost of new lights for both locations)

- All in favor of Ed and JoeDan hanging lights except Carol
 - **Cassie and/or Ed** will ask Jenna Hallock about using the CCU cherry picker to hang lights.
 - If CCU can't help, **JoeDan** will rent a lift from Home Depot
- Annual meeting October 5
 - Voting on expanding boundaries
 - Voting on budget for board appreciation
 - **Cassie** will either hand-distribute or mail flyers to the new area
 - **Chris** will provide a separate QR code for membership to distinguish between the two areas
 - **Cassie** will review current members to see if any are living in that area
 - We decided we won't make special signs for this event but **Cassie** will post a few flyers in parks and small signs (reused from food trucks) at high traffic areas
 - **Joe Dan** will use "Roberts Rules" for timing the discussions
 - We need questions for the candidates
 - Bring green, yellow, red cards to help with timing
- **Ed** will ask Lakewood Parks if the grills installed can be propane
 - Eliminate the need to dispose of messy coals
 - Prevent negligent coal/fire distinguishing
 - Allow use of grills during fire bans
- **Cassie** will mail stickers to all members that paid >\$50 this year
- Briefly mentioned Jenna Hallock new CCU liason. Jihallock@cu.edu
 - Cassie is meeting with her at the end of the month
- New Business Sponsors page of the website to try and attract donations of gift cards, advertising space, volunteers, etc...
- New email account created for Google DRIVE and PHOTOS ONLY (members see agenda for details)
 - This is because some of us don't have access to the midlakewoodcivicassociation@gmail google drive.
 - John mentioned that we own a URL other than midlakewood.com?
 - We ran out of time to sort all this out but will likely transfer documents from this account to the other gmail

Upcoming Events

- Annual Meeting October 5th at LUUC at 5:30
- Sept 30th 10 am LUUC Pet Blessing
- November 26th annual tree lighting
- South of 6th
 - Energy and E-bike fair, sept 30th at South Lakewood Elementary
 - fruit gleaning October 14
 - Leaf and pumpkin recycling Nov 4th – Email So6th for pick up
 - Christmas light recycling December 10th - Email So6th for pick up
 - Christmas tree recycling Jan 7th - Email So6th for pick up