

## Mid-Lakewood Civic Association

Meeting Minutes for Regular Board Meeting, November 12, 2024

Meeting held in person at the Gibbons Residence, 7:00pm

### In Attendance:

- Ed Black
- Chris Gibbons, President
- Joedan Hite
- John Hunter
- Geneva Locke, Treasurer
- Bobby Rinehart, Secretary
- Jasmine West

### Assignment of Officer Positions for the Next Year

- Discussion resulted in the following nominations:
  - President: Chris Gibbons (Note: Chris indicated would like for this to be his last year as President)
  - VP: Member is attendance nominated Cassie Vogel Kotter (Note: need to confirm with Cassie that she is willing to keep this role)
  - Treasurer: Geneva
  - Secretary: Bobby
- The nominations were approved via unanimous vote and will be effective, pending confirmation from Cassie that she accepts the nomination

### Regular Business

- *Membership Report*
  - Cassie not able to attend, Geneva indicated we added five new memberships at the Annual Meeting; two were at the \$50 level
  - Discussion that we need to check the PO Box - sounds like there might be a check in there that we need to cash
    - Chris has the PO Box key - to hand off to Geneva
      - *[Update provided after the meeting: Geneva checked the PO Box, 12 additional memberships were received with a total of \$270 in Membership Dues]*
- *Treasurer Report*
  - Newsletter came in under budget
  - Some outstanding expenses related to tree lighting:
    - Donation for the choir
    - Hot chocolate, etc.
    - Xcel Bill
  - Additional Revenue

- Expecting the second \$500 grant around the first of the year, will likely be reflected as a revenue in 2025
- Trending about \$600 under expense budget YTD
- Anticipating ending the year with a bank balance of ~\$1,200

### **Discussion of Past Events**

- *Annual Meeting*
  - Good turnout – approximately 30 residents in addition to board members and CO State House District 30 candidates
  - What went well:
    - Debate was good - good to have a timer in the front row
    - Agenda was appropriately sized
  - Ideas for Improvement
    - Communicate with candidates that they can bring literature
    - Could consider a reception after
  - Looking forward to next year's annual meeting:
    - How far in advance do we need to book the church?
      - Avoid Tuesdays due to yoga class
      - Tentatively plan for 10/2/2025, set for sure in January
- *Civic Committee*
  - No update available at this time – committee has not met recently

### **Upcoming Events**

- *Tree Lighting*
  - Confirmed time in newsletter is 5pm
  - Would like to have QR codes available to try and collect some donations
  - Would like to have a vinyl table cover with MLCA name, info, QR code, etc.
  - Lights are strung and tested - did not switch tree
  - Good news - the lights are already installed at the school :)
  - John confirmed he has a key to the power box in the park
  - Refreshments:
    - Joedan taking care of hot chocolate
    - Ed bringing whip cream
    - Bobby & Becky to bring cookies
      - There is a cookie exchange, but usually has light participation
  - OtherTo Do:
    - Chris and Joedan to bring propane heaters
    - Discussion about propane fire pits. Board members who have them could potentially bring them
    - Chris to bring a canopy to put over the refreshment table(s)

- Ed to look into borrowing speakers from the church
  - Jasmine has a back-up plan if we need
  - Joedan to work sound and coordinate with the choir
- Ed and Joedan to look at lights at the school and get them set up on timer, etc.
- Chris to find signs – thinks that Cassie has them
  - Bobby & Becky to put out signs and banners

**Other New Business:**

- Ed to contact the Lakewood Arts Committee
  - Would like to get something in the Balsam Park area
  - Would also like to pursue something in the island at Carr and Alameda
  - Another option is the corner at Carr and 1st - the overgrown area is the school's responsibility
- ***Next meeting: December 12, 5:30pm at Ed Black's residence***
  - Board Holiday Party