

WELCA MINUTES: February 6, 2023

West Lochwood Board Meeting

Christian Fellowship Church

I) Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 7:40 pm. A late start was requested by our President.

In Attendance: Andy Yarnell, Mike Goddard, Jim Foster, Lucidel Smoczyk, and Steven Mc Reynolds

Guests: Sandy Kelly, Earl Wilson, Mike Iocino,

Visitor Business : A Lochwood resident requested the WELCA Board to place an article in the Newsletter concerning that we all be mindful to treat our neighbors with kindness and respect. Remember that children are watching and listening and can see how you treat your neighbor.

II) Review of December 5 2023 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Andy Yarnell to approve the December minutes as written A second motion by Mike Goddard. The minutes were approved as written with a unanimous vote.

III) Treasurer's Report: WELCA Treasurer's report, dated from the December meeting was approved as prepared by Jim Foster.

The February 6th WELCA Treasury Report as follows was presented by Jim Foster.

- **Checking Balance: \$166.45**
- **Savings Balance: \$11,813.21 includes \$ 0.40 interest in 2024**
- **Total Funds Available as of February 6, 2024 = \$11,980.06**

Includes 6 paid members in 2024 (0 members paid by Venmo)

Total Dues Collected to date: = \$185.00

Beginning Balance: **1/1/2024:** \$12,400
- **Expenses to date:**
 - **\$365.00 - Lochwood Christian Fellowship Church (Annual Donation)**
 - **\$50.00 - 1853 S. Pierson Ct – 1st place Christmas Decoration 2023**
 - **\$40.00 – 1763 S. Owens St - 2nd Place Christmas Decorations 2023**
 - **\$30.00 – 1519 S. Robb Ct - 3rd place Christmas Decorations 2023**
 - **\$50.00 – 10991 W. Louisiana Ave. – 1st place Christmas Decorations 2023**

- **\$40.00 – 10804 W. Connecticut Ave. - 2nd Place Christmas Decorations 2023**
 - **\$30.00 1243 S. Pierson Ct. – 3rd Place Christmas Decorations 2023**
 - **\$605.00 = total expenses to date**
- **Treasurer’s Report Approved:** First motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report by Jim Foster, a second motion for approval made by Mike Goddard. The Treasurer’s Report for February was approved as written with a unanimous vote.
 - **2024 WELCA Annual Budget:** Jim Foster presented the proposed budget for 2024 is \$14,078. Board discussion revolved around options to save funds if needed, i.e. having a short fall in dues. Any budget shortfall could be met by cutting the fall clean-up session, cutting legal fees, cutting improvements, or decrease the number of newsletters. Another option discussed was to increase dues amount billed, but the WELCA Board consensus was that every due hike results in fewer homes paying dues.
 - **Total budget is \$14,078 for 2024**
 - A first motion was made and passed to keep the 2024 WELCA Annual Budget as written, by Jim Foster, there was a second motion by Stephen Mac Reynolds. Motion passed by unanimously by the Board.

V) Unfinished Business:

- **Door prizes for WELCA Meeting Visitors** – Discuss about door prizes being at offered monthly or quarterly to entice more members from the community to attend Board meetings. Other ideas included having the Jefferson County Sheriff give a crime/safety report, have Firemen come in to discuss safety, or offering CPR classes in the future. These options are all still in consideration to draw our neighbors to WELCA meetings.
 - No motion was made on the issue of Door Prizes but most Board members thought a quarterly raffle open for visitors to win door prizes was a good idea.

VI) New Business:

- **2024 Dues Letter and Newsletter**
 - Andy Yarnell and Jim Foster are drafting up the Dues/Newsletter. It will be sent to the Board for review before distribution.
- **Easter Egg Hunt preliminary planning** (Event Date Saturday March 30 at Hoida Park) The goal is to target families with kids in our community for this event. Mike Iocino made the suggestion of staging children by age groups for the Easter egg hunt. An online sign-up list for RSVP will be set up to get an idea of how man may attend.

- Needs list: includes flyers, Easter eggs, volunteers for event, volunteers to stuff eggs and hide eggs, candy
- Refreshments – Juice boxes, cookies
- Advertisement – on website, flyers, WELCA Facebook page, and Nextdoor.

VII) Covenant Violations:

Violations listed are from February open cases list. Pictures for documentation have been taken on all violations.

A letter to ALL the people in violation of the parking restrictions for campers, trailers, Boats, RV's will be sent out to addresses found to be violating this covenant. The flyer will explain the covenant, and how to become compliant.

- **Case 101** – trailer in front yard, rubbish in side yard
- **Case 102** – Pallets in driveway, trash cans left out.
- **Case 103** – Landscape issue – Weeds in front yard
- **Case 104** – Landscape issue – Tall weeds in front yard
- **Case 105 - Resolved**
- **Case 106** – Lots of junk and clutter in front yard.
- **Case 107** – Trailer in driveway
- **Case 113** – Trailer and RV in Driveway
- **Case 114** - Trash Cans in Driveway, Furniture in Driveway, unkept yard – **Partial Resolved** (Furniture gone)

VIII) Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm – due to planned late start.