



Campbell Avenue Block Club Organization Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2023, 2pm – 3pm, Calumet City Public Library

Agenda

1. Meeting Called to Order – 2:14 pm

2. Roll Call of Officers:

Rochelle Marceillars, President

Kenny Jones, V. President

Lorita Patterson, Secretary

Mornica Jones, Acting Corresponding Secretary

Regina Walls, Treasurer

Yvette “Tekie” Pierce, Asst. Treasurer (via virtual)

3. Adoption of Agenda

There were no changes or additions to the agenda. All in favored said “I” and no “Nays”; agenda adopted.

4. Meeting Minutes of 3/14/2023

There were no corrections to the 3/14/23 meeting minutes. *A motion was made to approve the 3/14/2023 meeting minutes with no amendments; Kenny Jones so moved; Yvette Williams seconded. Motion passed.*

5. Officers Report Out

- Rolling Fork, MS Donations - Pastor Griffin & volunteers traveled to Mississippi and delivered the donated items from Calumet City’s 2nd Ward. The donations were requested to be dropped off at the Impact Church to load into the U- Haul truck. The truck made 3 trips and each time it was filled with donations by the 2nd Ward residents. Due to the late notice for donations, many of our residents were not able to donate. However, three residents, Sharon Rucker, Joanne Wells and our President, were able to shop that morning and fill an SUV full of items to donate on behalf of the organization. We also want to thank Hugh Midderhoff who volunteered to unload our donations at the church with the President.
- Block Club Website - The Block Club website has been doing very well in the number of site visitors. The analytical report showed there were “71 site sessions” with the visitors and traffic sources at 100% for new visitors in February

and “91 site sessions” with the visitors and traffic sources for new visitors at 97% in March. The month of March bounce rate was 49%, outperforming 81% of sites in the same industry. Good job!

- Treasurer Report – Regina Walls, Treasurer reported the following for 1st quarter:

- a) Five members to be reimbursed for expenses incurred as follow:

- iPostal1 business address cost @ \$99.00 for 2 years
 - Articles of Incorporation fee @ \$51.13
 - Website domain and business email address cost @ \$63.75
 - Website application cost @ 132.00 for 2 years
 - Outreach Fliers cost @ 76.80

- b) The organization now has business checks.

- c) The Treasurer provided a detailed report on membership dues received, total expenditures, reimbursements, and the ending account balance as of 04/10/2023. *(Sensitive: The treasurer report can be reviewed by all dues paying members per request by contacting Regina Walls at 708-495-0748 or email at Rwatwalls@gmail.com).*

- d) There was a shortage on specific line item expenditures; A ***motion was made to move funds from line item 1 (L1) to the below line items leaving the remaining balance of L1 at \$404. Regina Walls so moved; Kenny Jones seconded. Motion passed.***

- ***\$49 to line item 3 (L3)***
 - ***\$31 to line item 7 (L7)***
 - ***\$115 to line item 8 (L8)***

6. Committees Report Out

- Outreach Committee - Currently, we have 15 bags of clothing and 6 canned goods collected for the outreach activity drives. April 17th is the deadline for the canned goods drive but will be extended to April 19th. All donated canned goods will be distributed to the Calumet City Resource Center. ***A motion was made to move \$30 from L1 to L8, to purchase more canned goods. Regina Walls so moved; Kenny Jones seconded. Motion passed.***
- The President had a conversation with Alderwoman Wilson, regarding the Clothing Drive after her 2nd Ward meeting. Our Outreach Chair will contact the Alderwoman to find out a location to drop off the donated clothing items.
- Donation Committee – On March 13th, the Donation Committee Chair submitted a memo to Mayor Jones, with a copy to his Chief of Staff, informing the city that our block club’s Article of Incorporation was approved and filed on February 3, 2023,

with the Illinois Secretary of State, as a Not-For-Profit organization. In addition, we provided our new website address for more details about our organization and our plans for the block, community, and city in the year 2023. The organization requested the city's support, partnership and a monetary donation to assist the block club in achieving our mission and activities. The Mayor responded and stated he would follow up on our request on Monday April 17th.

- Event Committee – The Event Committee Chair presented the President with a rough draft plan for the block club party. The draft plan consisted of a magician, an impersonator, a petting zoo, basketball shootout, pony rides, walking tacos and nachos and the Chair's husband wants to include a dunk-tank. The Chair will be seeking a cotton candy, nacho, sno-cone and margarita machines. The EB suggested the Chair meet with her committee to narrow down the suggested items and agree on what will actually be included for the block club party. The dates suggested were July 29th, August 12th, and August 26th. The EB agreed the August 26th date would be good because it will allow more time for planning and getting donations.
- Educational Committee - The Educational Chair discussed the scholarship, eligibility requirements, the submission guidelines and application process. The scholarship will be offered to high school graduating seniors and attending college freshmen to assist in the cost of their schooling. It will include high schools in Thornton Township. The process will be in the form of an essay competition written by the students on a specific topic selected by the Executive Board members. This is a work in progress and will probably not happen this year due to the organization being able to have the available funds in the budget.

7. Unfinished Business

- Maintenance of Bike Path - The organization is still awaiting a response from the city about who will be responsible for the upkeep of the bike path. The Mayor will provide a response on Monday, April 17th.
- Cleveland Park Concerns - The President will request the residents submit their concerns or issues regarding the park. Once received, an email will be sent to Tekie to present to the Park District Board for their meeting to discuss. Their Board meetings are held on Wednesdays.

8. New Business

- B.L.O.C. Partnership w/2nd Ward block leaders & Alderwoman Wilson
Alderwoman Wilson has created a new initiative in the 2nd Ward entitled B.L.O.C. (Building Leaders On Our Corners). Started in 2022, it is a partnership and shared vision of community development and growth that will help create networks of residents who will support our schools, parks, and the needs of families in our

community. It's a private group on the Alderwoman's Facebook page. The group has 5 rules established by the Administrator:

- If you are here to spy and be divisive – just go!
- Be kind and courteous.
- No hate speech or bullying.
- No promotions or spam.
- Respect everyone's privacy.
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- 2nd Ward Meeting Updates
 - Congratulations to Gloria White, 2nd Ward resident, who won the election for Thornton Fractional Trustee of Schools.
 - Save on Taxes-Homeowner exemption applications now open until May 1st.
 - Chicago Wings Around the World special, 1515 Sibley, 75 cent wings (limit 20); use CODE:75¢.
 - Alderwoman taking requests for streetlights; text 708-586-4990; there is an ongoing list for sidewalk/curb repairs.
 - If you're not receiving the Alderwoman's mass text messages, text her and include your name, address, and number.

9. Next Block Club Meeting – Saturday, July 15th, Calumet City Public Library, 2pm - 3pm


10. Inspirational Message/Prayer – Lorita Patterson, Secretary ended the meeting in prayer.

11. Adjourn – *A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; Kenny Jones so moved; Regina Walls seconded. Motion passed.*

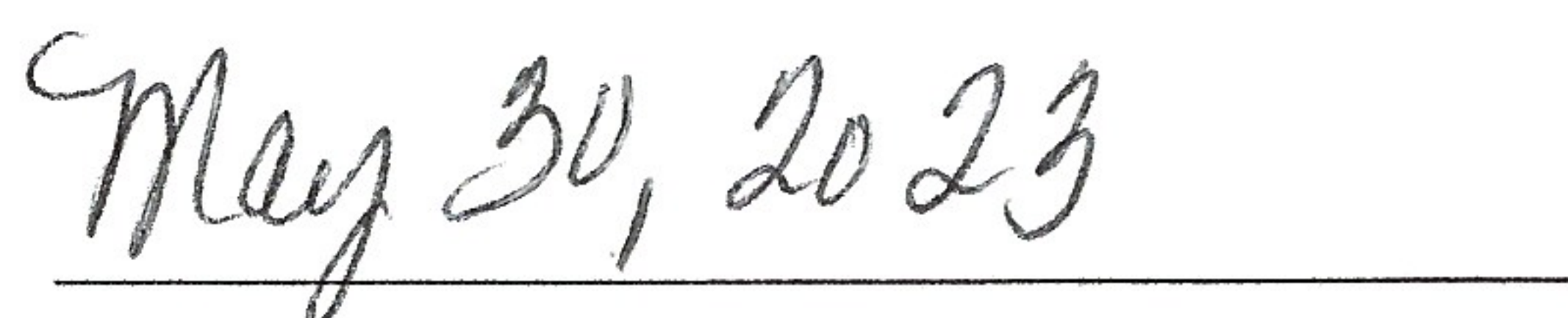
Meeting adjourned at 3:23pm.



Rochelle Marceillars, President



Lorita Patterson, Secretary



Date