



*Campbell Avenue Block Club Organization Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2023, 2pm – 3pm, Sandridge Community Center*

Agenda

1. Meeting Called to Order - 2:16 pm
2. Roll Call of Officers:
Rochelle Marceillars, President)
Mornica Jones, Corresponding Secretary
Felicia Knight, Corresponding Secretary
Regina Walls, Treasurer
3. Adoption of Agenda:
There were no changes or additions to the agenda. All in favor say "I", no "Nays";
agenda adopted.
4. Meeting Minutes of 7/15/2023
There were no corrections to the 7/15/2023 meeting minutes. *A motion was made to approve the 7/15/2023 meeting minutes with no amendments; Regina Walls so moved; Janice Thornton seconded. Motion passed.*
5. Officers Report Out
 - Membership Dues
 - a) Last dues for the year 2023 were due October 14th.
 - b) Organization received \$1660 in dues with a remaining balance of \$140 due from members as of 10/21/2023 for the year.
 - Treasurers' Report/Financial Statement
 - a) As of 10/1/2023, the following is an accounting of our finances:
Assets (dues/donations/other) = \$3,949.96
Expenses (liabilities) = \$3,504.50
Equity (operating profit) = \$445.46
 - b) Annual Block Club Celebration Party Cost
Organization = \$2553.98
Event Committee = \$1800
EB Member = \$145
Total Cost = \$4498.98
 - 2023 Annual Member Statement - dues paying members will receive an annual statement from the organization for dues for tax deductible purposes. Vivian

- Greenwood, former IRS employee, pointed out some additional information was needed to be included in letter that she will provide.
- Approval of 2024 Proposed Budget
The 2024 proposed budget was presented to the members that included the total projected expenses per line item and projected income source (\$1800 membership dues). At this time, a motion was not made. The proposed 2024 budget will be revisited at the January 2024 membership meeting for approval..
- State of the City Address- Mayor Thaddeus Jones
The President attended the State of the City Address hosted by Mayor Jones on September 30, 2023 and reported out some of the following activities occurring in the community.
 - a) Youth Fitness Academy, former Circuit City on Torrence Avenue.
 - b) Building at 308 Torrence Avenue purchased by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; converting into a Community Center for area youths.
 - c) Former Ingalls building west of Torrence Avenue, to become a healthcare facility for seniors called PACE (“Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly”).
 - d) Opening of Wilder Fields, indoor farming facility, at the former Target location.
 - e) Former Pepe’s, River Oaks Drive, in discussion for becoming a small brewery.
 - f) Blue River Run development of a 9-acre park along the Little Calumet River including an outdoor entertainment venue, a mini Ravinia.

6. Standing Committees Report Out

- Outreach Committee
 - a) Meeting to be rescheduled with Mayor Jones, Tanqueray Jones (Jen-Care Senior Health) and our organization to discuss available resources to assist Calumet City senior citizens. We’re also looking into assisting our Veterans.
 - b) Partnership established with Calumet Memorial Park District.
- Donation Committee
The organization will continue to reach out to local businesses in the community for donations to support our mission. Currently researching grant opportunities to apply for.
- Event Committee
Annual Holiday Social Event, Saturday, December 16th, 12pm - 4pm, Theo’s Steak & Seafood, Highland, IN. Tickets will be \$45 per person which includes 3 entrees, 2 sides, salad, dinner rolls, beverage and dessert.
- Education Committee
Organization looking to apply for Walmart Local Community Grants for the purpose of providing scholarships to graduating high school seniors and/or college undergraduate freshmen. Grant funding available from \$500 - \$5000.

7. Unfinished Business

- Upkeep of Burnham Greenway Bike Trail

The President met with Mayor Jones on July 19, 2023, in which a discussion was held regarding the upkeep of the bike trail behind Campbell Avenue residential homes. The Mayor stated the reason why Cook County does not maintain the upkeep of the trees and over grown bushes/vegetation. Cook County Forest Preserves explained that it's due to pollination. Pollination is the transfer of pollen to a stigma, flower or plant to allow fertilization. The City is still working with Cook County on an Interagency Agreement and ask that the residents be patient on this issue. Cook County will be providing geographic maps to the City on the area. The Mayor also suggested possibly scheduling a meeting with Cook County and the residents for them to explain pollination.

- Cleveland Park Concerns/Issues Response

On April 18, 2023, the organization submitted an email to the Calumet Memorial Park District (CMPD) board regarding concerns/issues for Cleveland Park located at the end of Campbell Avenue. In response to our email, CMPD received a grant and will be installing new eco-friendly playground equipment in the park. The organization will continue to partner with CMPD in making improvements to the park.

- Sidewalk/Curb Repairs

The President will be sending a mass text to residents who requested their sidewalk or curb repaired to Alderwoman Wilson, 2nd Ward for them to follow-up on their request made in 2022. Hopefully, the residents will be able to get on the list for 2024.

8. New Business

- Fundraising Activities

Conducting fundraisers in 2024; fundraising ideas discussed (candy, popcorn, taffy apples, etc).

- EB Member Vacancy

VP position vacant. Asking any interested residents to contact the President.

- Audit Committee Volunteers

The organization is looking for interested members who would like to serve on the Audit Committee to conduct an internal audit of our books for 2023.

- A member suggested the organization set up a possible tool for Campbell Avenue residents to communicate among each other on the block.

- A discussion regarding a possible class action law suits against insurance companies who are turning down claims from the September 17th flood or dropping residents was presented to the Mayor at the State Of The City Address. It was placed on the City Council agenda for discussion. The City attorney will be looking into this issue.

- Code Red (Emergency Notification for Calumet City Residents)
The President informed the residents to go on the City's website at Calumetcity.org and sign up for the notification system in cases of an emergency or community alerts.

9. Next Block Club Meeting - Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 2pm via viral.

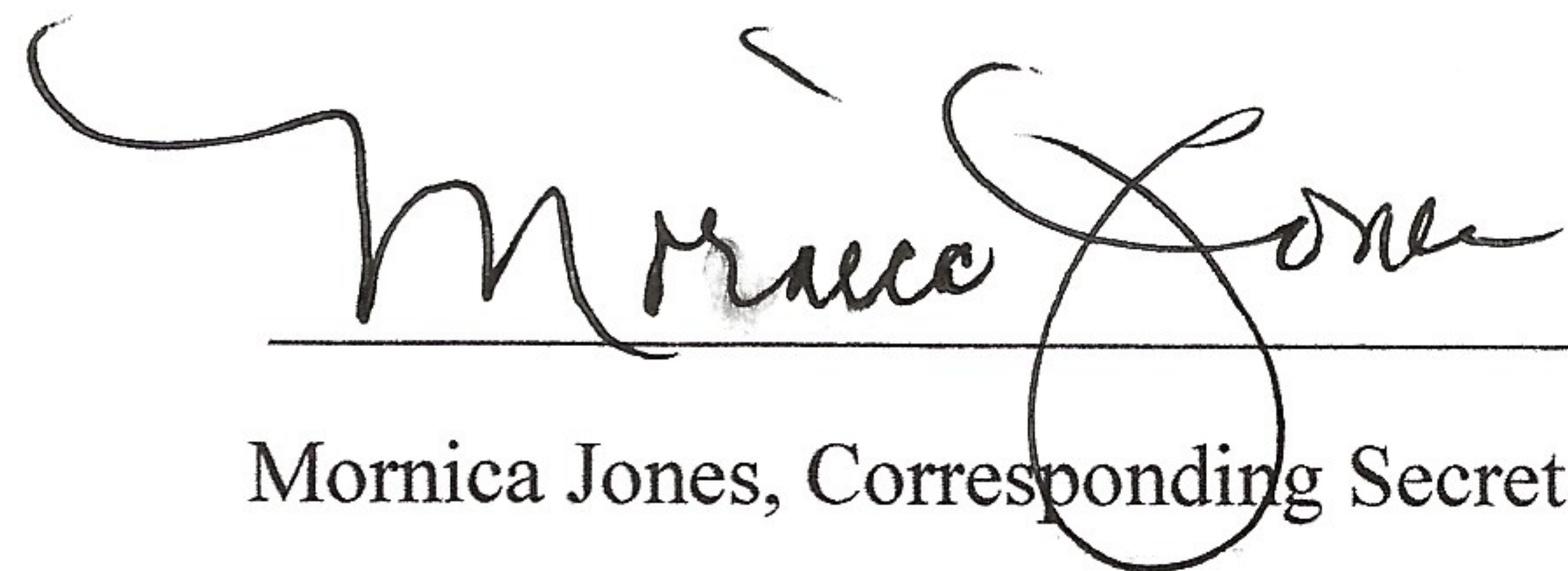
10. Inspirational Message/Prayer - Regina Walls, Treasurer, ended the meeting with prayer.

11. Adjourn - *A motion was made to adjourn the meeting; Regina Walls so moved; Vivian Greenwood seconded. Motion passed.*

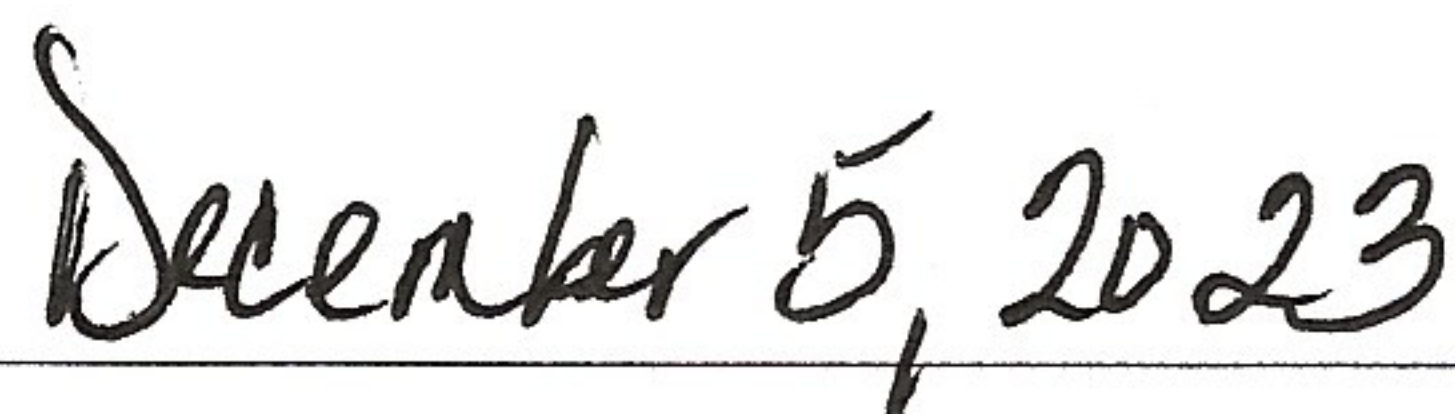
Meeting adjourned at 3:31pm.



Rochelle Marceillars, President



Mornica Jones, Corresponding Secretary



Date