



*Saturday, January 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
2pm – 3pm, Microsoft Team Meeting (viral)*

**Agenda**

1. Meeting Called to Order - 2:06 pm
2. Roll Call of Officers:  
Rochelle Marceillars, President  
Lorita Patterson, Secretary  
Mornica Jones, Corresponding Secretary  
Felicia Knight, Corresponding Secretary  
Regina Walls, Treasurer  
Yvette Pierce, Asst. Treasurer
3. Adoption of Agenda:  
*A motion was made to amend the agenda as follow; move item (EB Member Vacancy) under New Business to Unfinished Business and add 2 items (Indoor Air Quality presentation and Calumet City Youth Development Services event) under New Business; Regina Walls so moved; Lorita Patterson seconded. Motion passed.*
4. Approval of 10/21/2023 Meeting Minutes  
There were no corrections to the 10/21/2023 meeting minutes. *A motion was made to approve the 10/21/2023 meeting minutes with no amendments; Regina Walls so moved; Lorita Patterson seconded. Motion passed.*
5. Officers Report Out
  - Membership Dues - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter dues are due today.
  - Treasurers' Report/Financial Statement
    - a) As of 12/31/2023, the following is an accounting of our finances:  
Assets (dues/donations/other) = \$5,984.96  
Expenses (liabilities) = \$5,497.77  
Equity (operating profit) = \$487.19  
*A motion was made to approve the Treasurers' Report/Financial Statement subject to audit; Regina Walls so moved; Lorita Patterson seconded. Motion passed.*
    - b) All required filings for Federal and State agencies will be filed in a timely manner.
  - Annual Member Statement - Members that paid dues will receive an annual statement for their contribution as an official record for tax purposes.
  - Approval of 2024 Proposed Budget  
The 2024 proposed operating budget was presented and made available via website to the members. It includes the total projected expenses per line item and projected

income source (dues). *A motion was made to approve the 2024 Operating Budget as presented; Lorita Patterson so moved; Mornica Jones seconded. Motion passed.*

- President Report Out - 2023 Accomplishments
  - a) Investing/Giving Back to the Community and Those Less Fortunate
    - ✓ Rolling Fork Mississippi Tornado Devastation - variety of essential items donated in collaboration with Alderwoman Monet Wilson and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward residents.
    - ✓ Canned Goods Drive - 11 cases of canned goods and 1 box of mixed canned goods donated.
    - ✓ Clothing Drive - 24 bags of new & clean clothing for babies, boys, girls, women and men donated to the Epilepsy Foundation Community Center.
    - ✓ Senior Citizens - 2 cases and one bag of adult underwear donated to the Green Oaks of River Oaks assisted senior living facility.
    - ✓ Diaper Drive - Hugh box of diapers (sizes 0 to 5) in collaboration with the 40+ Double Dutch SoHo SubClub/Valley Kingdom Ministries International. Proceeds delivered to the New Life Community Church to distribute to mothers in neighboring communities.
    - ✓ Halloween - One box with a variety of candy donated to the Calumet Memorial Park District, Sandridge Community Center.
    - ✓ Toy Drive - One box of toys delivered to the Calumet Memorial Park District, Sandridge Community Center.
    - ✓ Gift of Giving to Homeless - 2 boxes of gift bags with insulated winter hats, gloves and socks delivered to the South Suburban PADS Homeless Services. In addition, handed out gift bags to those less fortunate on the street.
  - b) Website Update - In the last 30 days, our website analytic are as follow:
    - ✓ Sessions by Source
      - ✧ Direct 42%, Google 40%
      - ✧ New Visitors 79%, Returning 21%
      - ✧ Mobile 90%, Desktop 10%
    - ✓ Sessions by State
      - ✧ Illinois - 55
      - ✧ New York - 2
      - ✧ California - 2

6. Standing Committees Report Out

- Outreach Committee
  - a) Clothing Drive - Donations to be collected now until April 1st.
  - b) Canned Goods Drive - Donations to be collected from March 1st - March 31st. Mass text message to be sent to residents, partners/sponsors and posted on our website.
- Fundraising Committee

Executive Board members will be conducting our first fundraising event by selling World's Finest Chocolates. Proceeds will go toward the Robert F. McGee Scholarship, Creative Writing Competition, for 12<sup>th</sup> grade graduating Seniors. The

winner(s) will receive a \$500.00 scholarship toward expenses at a college, university or trade school.

- Event Committee

Annual Holiday Winter Social Event was a **SUCCESS!** There were about 40 - 50 attendees gathered to enjoy fine dining, friends, family and fellowship. This is how our organization brings unity into our community.

- Education Committee

Committee continues to research grants and in-kind donations for the purpose of providing many scholarships to graduating 12<sup>th</sup> grade high school students who desire to further their educational journey.

7. Unfinished Business

- Sidewalk/Curb Repairs

The President will send a mass text message to residents that requested sidewalk or curb repaired to Alderwoman Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward in 2022. It is recommended that residents follow-up with the Alderwoman to be placed on the list for 2024. The President will request residents keep her informed on the Alderwoman's response.

- EB Member Vacancy

VP position is vacant. Anyone interested should contact the President.

8. New Business

- Indoor Air Quality - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will give a presentation and Q&A session on February 24<sup>th</sup> for residents on indoor air quality.

Due to the devastating flood that occurred in September and many homes that were flooded, EPA will provide some valuable information to the community.

- Calumet City Youth Development Services will host the 2024 College & Career Exposition on January 20<sup>th</sup> at South Suburban College. Our organization will have a table setup and have an opportunity to network with participants and attendees.

- Our Organization will be added to the Calumet City Community Action Committee. The committee meets once a month to discuss a variety of community activities planned and occurring.

- The organization is seeking a grant writer. We have received 2 referrals so far. The President will contact to discuss credentials and cost.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, the President will meet with the Executive Director, Calumet Memorial Park District, to discuss our partnership and activities for 2024. We will also discuss fencing around Cleveland Park for safety purposes, additional lighting and possibility of the community and children planting flowers in the park.

9. Next Block Club Meeting - Saturday, April 13, 2024, held on the block.

10. Inspirational Message/Prayer - Lorita Patterson, Secretary, ended the meeting with prayer.

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

Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.

Rochelle Marceillars

Rochelle Marceillars, President

Lorita Patterson

Lorita Patterson, Secretary

February 12, 2024

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