

WELCA MINUTES: May 5, 2025

West Lochwood Civic Association Board Meeting

St. Joseph's Episcopal Church

I) Call to Order: This meeting opened up at 7:03

WELCA Board Members in Attendance: Andy Yarnell, Jim Foster, Anthony Vigil, Amy Vigil, Jake Rapplean, Earl Wilson, Jon Bustos, Mary Carey, Kaylee Pott, Alex Chaplin, Tim Taggart, Eric Wirtz, and Jeff Wittreich

Absent: Mike Goddard (excused)

Guests: Mike Krumm, Becky Raisch, Jennifer Sayre, Tom and Jeanne Swartwood

II) Review of April 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes: A first motion was made by Jim Foster to approve the WELCA minutes from the March 3, 2025 minutes. A second motion to approve the minutes was made by Mary Carey. The minutes were approved with corrections as noted with a unanimous vote.

III) Treasurer's Report: (Jim Foster) WELCA Treasurer's report, dated from the May 5, 2025 meeting was approved as prepared and presented by Jim Foster

The May 5, 2025 WELCA Treasury Report as follows:

- **Checking Balance: \$2,884.63**
- **Savings Balance: \$4,018.08**
- **Funds Available as of May 4, 2025 = \$6,902.71**
- **Premier Savings - \$10,027.60 – Matures 07/08/2025**
- **Total Funds Available - \$16,930.31**

Includes 246 paid members in 2025 out of 669 total members (81 members paid by Venmo)

Total Dues paid = \$9,920.00

Beginning Balance: 1/1/2025: = \$9,716.72

- **Expenses in April**
 - **\$60.00 – Candy for Easter Egg Hunt**
 - **\$120.00 - Mailing costs of the Newsletter**
 - **\$568.44 – Website + E-mail**
 - **\$2,083.00 – WELCA Liability Insurance (Board of Directors Insurance)**
 - **\$ 2,831.44 – Total Expenses in April**

- **Income from Advertisements**
 - **Total income from advertisement = + \$900.00**
- **Treasurer's Report Approved:** First motion made by Jim Foster to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jake Rapplean made a second motion to approve the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was approved as written (no changes) with a unanimous vote
- **IV) WELCA 2025 Budget:** No big expense yet this year – but the Spring Clean-up and roll-off dumpster expenses will be coming up soon. We have more in the budget than this time last year.

IV) Unfinished Business: WELCA Board of Directors Insurance

- **Easter Egg Hunt Review –**
 - Approximately 40 to 50 kids attended
 - The event gave volunteers a chance to meet new people in our Lochwood neighborhood community.
 - Event was pushed back to the Friday afternoon following Easter - due to snow on the ground at Easter.
 - Ideas for weather – have the event the weekend before Easter, or in the Irwin School parking lot.
 - Thank you to our volunteers – Becky, Kaylee, Jake, Mary, and Jennifer
- **Neighborhood Watch Sign – Found on ground**
 - Option to put up the sign ourselves?
 - Anthony Vigil to get in touch with Jefferson County (Officer Bybee) for information on the Neighborhood Watch Program in Lochwood.
- **Storage Unit Update:**
 - Has not been rented yet
- **Website Update: (Earl)**
 - Not much change - Development has started on the new website, but there is a learning curve as it is a different programming language from the current website. Problems stem from figuring out how to post the documents (covenants for each filing, governing documents, meeting minutes, and newsletters etc). Earl is seeking help from a couple different people and hope to make progress and get the new site up and running in June.

V) New Business:

- **Garage Sale:** Dates are June 5-8
 - WELCA to Advertise for the entire community – Facebook page, Website, Nextdoor, Green Mountain Moms, Craig’s List, Green Mountain Garage Sales
 - Yellow signs will be posted near entrances or intersections, and Banners hung over WELCA entrance signs.
- **Spring Clean-up:** Dates are Saturday June 14 from 7:00 am to 12:00
 - Jim Foster and Kaylee to organize the Roll-Off bins for WELCA
- **Covenant Violations:**
 - Covenant Committee to meet on Monday May 12
 - Need to focus heavy on RVs, trailers, boats, camper parking, and yards. Articles in the Lochwood newsletter to focus on these items
 - Pictures and ongoing violations are getting updated. Next step will be tracking violations, the letters sent out.
 - How to help Veterans and the Elderly with yard work and maintenance issues? How do we identify, reach out, and genuinely help those who need assistance vs someone who is just lazy?
- Lakewood – Free Mulch Program – Newsletter article (Tim Taggart) to provide information.

VI) Committee Reports:

- **Communications:** Community Party in Hoida Park in July to be sponsored by WELCA
 - Need to figure out vendors and activities - Food trucks, Cone Ice/Shaved Ice, Yard Games, Bounce House, Movie night, porta potties, shade tent
 - Need to get a park permit to reserve the space and work around scheduled ball games, mowing, maintenance, and other scheduled events.
 - Logistics – minimum costs for Food Trucks etc.

- Does WELCA buy food?
- G-Fiber sponsor the events – get the G-Fiber word out?
- Mathnasium as a sponsor?
- To be held on a Friday evening or Saturday noon?
- **Covenants Committee** – Watch for email for upcoming meeting.
- **Clean-up Committee** - Clean-up event to be scheduled for Saturday May 31st along both sides of Florida Avenue from 8:00 am to 10:00am

VII Follow-up /Guest Business:

- Mike Krumm reported – 2 stolen cars have been dumped on West Iowa drive this past month.
- Homeless Camp – There is a large homeless camp behind Irwin School, which raises the potential for car break-ins, and more trash in our neighborhoods.
- Tom Swartwood - Speeders on South Owens Street be aware! He has a Speed Camera set up and will send data captured to Jefferson County Sheriff's office.

VIII) Adjourn:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm