

Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2023

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes – Minutes are approved
3. Officer's Reports
 - a. President's Report - none
 - b. Vice President's Report - none
 - c. Secretary's Report – none
 - d. Treasurer's Report – Julie Kilday filed our 501c3 with the state; receipts totaled \$915.50, bills totaled \$81.87 leaving a balance of \$7,933.91
 - e. Marketing Report – see attached report; audience member Glen Gerrard offered to advertise on his "Oglesby Days.." Facebook page.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Fundraiser Committee
 - i. Vegas Night – not much activity as of right now; the date has been set for April 13; deposit is not required until after the first of the year.
 - b. Insurance Committee – looking into parade and special event additional coverage; determined we do not have to have an additional coverage
 - c. Parade Committee – City approved all of the routes and street closures; additional information is mentioned in the marketing report
5. Unfinished Business – still finalizing the by-laws; reiterated for the new members what are plans are for the funds and want to create an application for the funds; several audience members spoke about other options for donations.
6. New Business – Glen Gerrard is looking to open an Oglesby Museum in the Fraternity Building looking for help from various groups to donate and maintain the history
7. Announcements – Zombie Pub Crawl is on Oct 21 after the City's Event and the same day as the Scarecrow Harvest
8. Public Comment – Lizzie will be having her golf outing on Oct 14, all are encouraged to participate.
9. Adjournment

WAO Meeting 9/20/2023

- Business Highlight for September was Heartland Bank
- New member – Oglesby American Legion
- Plastic bag recycling event runs now through end of March – if we collect 500lbs we get a Trex bench.
- Started now – locations are City Hall in the front entrance, Cortilenos' in the middle entrance, Bulldogs Bar outside the back door.
- We have collected a total of 5- 55-gallon bags vacuum sealed full. Thank you to Elaine Lance for collecting bags at a top rate! Thank you to Rich for maintaining the collection of bags.
- The first weigh in is the beginning of November and it looks like we are on track for around 100 lbs already!
- When reaching out to UNFI to verify they no longer offer the recycled bag program, they informed me that they have 2 benches they will donate on WAO behalf to the Starved Rock Dog Park. Currently waiting to schedule a time for a photo and story of the dedication.
- Scarecrow Harvest signups are being accepted now through 10/18/2023. Display must be up no later than 10/20 at 3:00pm for judging. Best award to each category – business, club, family, individual, organization, and school.
- Winter Parade – the organization is underway, and we are seeking participants as well as volunteers to help on the day of the event. A meeting was had with the City of Oglesby representatives and proper approval received. Our next committee meeting is October 11.
- Radio advertising has been approved for both events through WAJK
- We have an at home wine tasting package for Naperville winery that was donated by Brittany Hill of Brittany Beaches and a bloody Mary basket donated by Joe Lance. I am looking for suggestions on how to go about using it. Raffle or give-a-way.
- As we are collecting more items for our reoccurring events, we are in desperate need of storage. Bulldogs Bar has been very great in allowing us to store the items there. However, they need the space in the garage before winter. It should also be somewhere that rodents cannot get into. Is there anyone that has any ideas?
- ADA wheelchair Swing for City of Oglesby – we are currently waiting on a letter from the City of Oglesby to complete the requested information from the Elks to present for final approval for the purchase.
- WAO members Bulldogs Bar, Cortleno's, Lizzie's, and Mercer's are participating in the Annual Oglesby Bars Zombie Crawl along with other bars. The Zombie Crawl will be on Saturday, October 21, 5-10pm with a coverall drawing of \$500 and best zombie contest prize of \$150. City of Oglesby Harvest Fest has vendors from 11am-5pm and kids' activities from 3-5pm with a costume parade. Businesses have been contacted to participate Trick-or-treating.