

Keep Lakewood Beautiful
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2023 - 5:30 pm

In attendance: Melissa Meehan, Ruth Gillet, Tish Marshall, Mindy McGuffee, Agnes Stevenson, Shellie Sedlak, Hannah Gall, Tony Bruzas, Matt Bixenstine, Joe Stolitz and Hanna Morris (on phone). Eduart and Marcela Gjergji – community residents also attended.

Welcome & Comments: Community members introduced and welcomed. Nancy Feighan unable to make this month's meeting, Melissa to complete minutes.

Approval of Minutes: August Meeting Minutes waived.

Business:

KLB participated in the **Madison Community Festival** on 9/9/2023. Thanks to Mindy, Agnes, Megan and Tony for their support in planning, setting up and manning our booth. We provided an reusable craft project for children as well as information about KLB. A list of ~20 people were added to our email volunteer group. A need to update our tri-back board is needed and will be updated this winter.

The **Home Award Program** is ready for Oct 2 where our home award winners (7) will be awarded plaques at City Council Meeting. A reception will be held prior at 7:00. Hannah Gall has sent out invitations and has received information and RSVPs from Home Award winners. The board is encouraged to attend and help congratulate them. A cookie/drink table will be provided by Tish, Agnes, Mindy and Melissa. Melissa will send out invites to council and the mayor and arrange table set up with Nancy. Hannah will present awards. Joe to secure order with plaques. Board discussed the need to have criteria for home awards formalized for next year's program.

Milkweed Garden – Nothing to report, Mindy and Megan offered to help with care this Fall.

AAS News & Updates – Nothing to report, Melissa will contact Chris Gordan and confirm KLB will not “adopt” Clifton/117th Gateway Garden project. KLB board in agreement with this plan at this time.

August 30th **Pop Up, Pick Up** held at the corner of Riverwood and Detroit with 13 attendees and Pour Up continued at West End Tavern. Hannah M and Melissa hosted this event, 3 bags of trash collected. Next Pop Up is September 27th at Lakewood Library and then to Merry Arts. Matt to put out advertising asap. The need to have a KLB informational sheet available at these and other events is needed.

AAS Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for Nov. 4th at Cove Community Center. Ruth is looking into a speaker from Meadow City Native Plant Nursery. Details and needs to be discussed at Oct meeting. Space is confirmed. Ruth to send out invitations to AAS volunteers.

LOGO – Board is interested in obtaining shirts etc for public functions, Agnes is looking into our present logo and possibly updating logo to be represent us.

Melissa shared information about **Green Team Coalition** – a county wide group and their activities. A new facebook page was created – **Greener Together Network of Northeast Ohio**.

Next meeting is Oct 18th at Cove Community Center. A reminder that there is No November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.