OTRCC June Monthly Meeting Minutes
Over the Rhine Community Center
6/26/2017 Call to Order 6:25 pm

Agenda: Motion was made to approve agenda as presented. Agenda approved.

Board of Trustees Election: Peter Hames gave an overview of the election procedures (see attached.) Candidates were given 1 minute to speak each. Speakers in order were: Bill Cappel, Don Thompson, Julie Fay, Maurice Wagoner, Mike Bootes, Amy Silver, Bob Wehmeier, Danny Klingler, Kelley Strickland, Walter Carter, David Macejko, Marlene Romer, John Walter speaking for Ryan Luggen, Bob Sehlhorst, Thomas Fields, Alison Taylor, Denny Delinger, John Walter, Key Beck, Anthony Bradford, Cody Ossenbeck, John Donaldson. Final collection of ballots took place after the conclusion of all speakers.

May Membership meeting minutes: Minutes were approved, contingent upon adding Peter Hames’ list of election questions as an attachment to the meeting minutes. Peter was able to work through his concerns in a satisfactory matter with nomination committee chair Mike Basch in order to formulate the procedures for tonight’s election.

Police District One report: Officers were unable to attend the meeting.

YWCA First Course workforce development program: Matthew Long presented the details of the First Course workforce development program. YWCA Greater Cincinnati’s Workforce Development program provides free occupational training for jobs in the food service industry. The program prepares people for Server, Banquet Server, and Restaurant Server jobs. https://www.omj-cinham.org/certified-dining-room-professional-training-available/

Over the Rhine Community Festival: Cassandra Barham presented the plan for this year’s 32nd annual Over the Rhine Community Festival at Washington Park. The festival will be held August 5th 2017 from noon until 6PM. The festival is a community wide-event designed to celebrate the OTR neighborhood, our culture and the talent of the residents. Some of the activities are food, games, prizes, entertainment, talent contests, raffles, and booths from various organizations and businesses in the community. If you would like to sponsor a booth for this event please contact Cassandra at the Contact Center ASAP. 513-381-4242 or https://www.facebook.com/Contact-Center-322600141106655/

Board of Trustees Election Results: The votes were counted and the following candidates were elected to the Board of Trustees: Stefan Anthandoflis, Key Beck, Mike Bootes, Anthony Bradford, Bill Cappel, Walter Carter, Julie Fay, Thomas Fields, Danny Klingler, Robert Sehlhorst, Amy Silver, Kelly Strickland, Maurice Wagoner.

Ratification of Election Results: Motion to ratify election results. Motion passes.

Josh Spring requested the vote tallies be read aloud and contested the 12th and 13th place finishers as not having received a majority of the ballots cast per Robert’s Rules. It was noted the Robert’s Rules only come into effect in cases where the bylaws are unclear and where they are not inconsistent with the bylaws (see Article XII of the bylaws.) Bill Cappel noted that the bylaws clearly delegate the nomination committee to set the rules of the election and Rule 3 of the nomination committee’s election rules declares “The top 13 vote getters will be declared as winners.”
**Meeting Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned.

Attachment 1:

**Over-the-Rhine Community Council Board of Trustees Election**

**Voting Procedures and Rules**

**June 26, 2017**

1. Voting opens at 6:00 and closes at 7:00.

2. Members register and receive a member’s wristband and ballot with candidates’ names in random order.

3. To vote, print the names of up to 13 candidates in the right-hand column of the ballot. Any ballot with more than 13 names will be disqualified. You may not vote more than once for the same candidate. For example, if you enter Pete Rose twice it will only be counted once.

   You may print the candidate’s first name and first initial of the last name. For example, Aretha Franklin becomes Aretha F. Andy Dalton becomes Andy D. LaBron James becomes LaBron J. Be sure to include the last name’s initial.

4. After voting, place your ballot in the ballot box.

**Candidate and Voting Rules**

1. Each candidate will have one minute to present information about themselves, his/her history, priorities if elected, hours she/he will devote to community council, why he/she should be elected, etc. There will not be a period of questions and answers with the candidates.

2. Ballots will be counted after voting closes at 7:00. There will be two teams of ballot counters.

3. The top 13 vote getters will be declared as winners.

4. In the unlikely event of a tie vote for two or more candidates, in the top 12 places (that is, first place through twelfth place) both candidates will be elected. For example, suppose two candidates each has 50 votes, tying them for first place. The next highest vote getter has 40 votes. Then, the two tied candidates will be declared winners for first and second place. The candidate with 40 votes will be in third place.

   If there is a tie for thirteenth place, the winner will be determined by the tied candidates cutting a deck of cards. The one with the highest card—with ace* being highest and two being lowest—will be the winner.
5. The newly elected trustees assume their office immediately after the meeting ends. The new board of trustees will hold an organizational meeting, convened by the current president, in July to elect officers and begin to prepare a work program.

6. The elected officers’ names will be submitted to the membership for approval at the July 24, 2017 membership meeting.

* In rank order: A, K, Q, J, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2.