



*General Meeting Minutes
November 2, 2023
First Baptist Church of Oregon City*

- 1. Welcome/Introductions:** Tim Powell, Denise Beasley, Jesse Buss, Phil Rotrock, Carlee Brounstein, Lissa Adams, Amy Wilson, Owen Premore, Samantha Wolf, Christine Smith, Kirk Stempec, Madison Pemberton, Ben Figgins, Curt Reesor, Erika Reesor, Wendy Marshall, Shana Lowe, Damon Mabee, Willemijn Ilcisin, Didi Dahlsrud, Seth Stephenson, Matt Job, Jared Turpin, Justin Young.
- 2. Police/Fire liaison updates**

Ltd. Matt Joe, Clackamas County Fire Department www.clackamasfire.com
Thanks for supporting the fire department levy. There will be 62 added firefighters, with 28 starting this year, 4 of those in Oregon City at the 7th/Jefferson fire house. Station 16, on Mollala Ave. now has 24 hour car service. Station 13, in Clarks is now open.
Five Operation Santa Claus parades are planned for this year to collect toys and food for needy families. The focus this month is on home safety, especially with candles and heaters. An apprentice fire fighter program is available in Oregon.
Phil Rotrock asked what the rules are for backyard fires. They must be fully enclosed in a fire pit and have only seasoned firewood used.

Sgt. Jared Turpin and Sgt. Justin Young, Oregon City Police Department
The area of 6th and JQ Adams has received over 60 calls in the past week or two due to an ongoing harassment issue. There was a crash on 7th/Washington involving a school bus and an SUV that ran a stop sign. No injuries reported. The Homecoming parade went well. A domestic violence sweep resulted in 9 people being taken into custody. The annual shred event on Oct. 28 took in 109 pounds of expired prescription drugs. Nov. 4 is the 10th anniversary of the death of Robert Libke. A memorial will be held. Two officers from Prineville and Portland police departments will be joining OCPD. Four candidates attend the Police Academy in Salem and will then train with OCPD for 4-5 months. Two officers are back from injuries. John Neice has been promoted to Sergeant. There was a traffic enforcement saturation using 14 officers from 9 agencies from 7th to 12th streets between Division and Washinton that resulted in 167 stops with 4 arrests. Another sweep is planned for 5th street, and 6th/Jefferson to Monroe.
- 3. Natural Resources Committee:** Samantha Wolf, Vice Chair
Work plans include an ash tree inventory to start monitoring for emerald ash borers. If found, trees would be removed, chips would be treated and quarantined. Pollinator test strips have been planted at Promenade Park.

4. **Friends of Trees:** Christine Smith www.Friendsoftrees.org
A tree planting in our neighborhood will be held on Dec. 2 and 15.
A pruning workshop will be held in Jan. 2024. Volunteers are welcome.
5. **Oregon City Parks Foundation:** Didi Dahlsrud 503-502-0610.
This non-profit was started 6 years ago and has helped other groups with banking and labor. They were involved in the Latourette Park formation, planting drought tolerant plants on the Promenade, ivy pulls, and other projects. Didi handed out bottle return bags that are designated for OC Parks Foundation. They have received \$30,000 in 6 years from this. To receive more bags or volunteer, contact Didi.
6. **Approval of Minutes:** Denise Beasley
Jesse moved to approve, Damon 2nd, approved.
7. **Treasurer's Report: Curt Reesor**
Savings $\$3714.89 + 0.16 + 0.16 = \3715.21
Checking $\$3724.19 + \59.85 (sno cones)= $\$3784.04$
Damon moved to accept, Wil 2nd, approved.
8. **Nominations for 2024 Steering Committee:** Tim Powell
It is time to start thinking about nominations to the Steering Committee with elections to occur in January. We are developing some new committees to help make the MNA more relevant and effective. These include Outreach (social media), Social (fun events), and Retail (t-shirts, etc.).
9. **Committee Reports**
Land Use: Wendy Marshall
Nothing to report this time. A question was asked about the Public Works building on Center Street. There are still some things that must be moved, so the site will not be vacated yet.
CIC: Denise Beasley
The budget for postcards will be used up by our next meeting. There is now a notice in the Oregon City utilities bill and on the Oregon City website that directs people to their neighborhood meeting information. The McLoughlin Neighborhood has 2003 households that receive the postcard. Each mailing costs the city \$1200. All the neighborhoods are having a challenge getting people to attend meetings at pre-COVID levels. Our neighborhood Steering Committee, the Citizens Involvement Committee, and the city communications director are trying to repair this.
10. **Meeting space**
We now have three people trained to be room monitors at the library, so we can now return to that space for our general meetings. We are very grateful for the hospitality of the Baptist Church in hosting our meetings and look forward to returning to the library.
11. **Adjourned** at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Denise Beasley, Secretary
