

Minutes

Executive Committee of Kalamazoo Area Wild Ones.

November 13, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. The Minutes of October 16, 2024 were unanimously approved. Moved by Kathy;
Seconded by Quyen.
3. The Treasurer's Reports for November 2024 and Third Quarter 2024 were unanimously approved, pending correction of a date on the Excel spreadsheet. Moved by Kathy;
Seconded by Beth. There was extensive discussion of the 2025 proposed budget, which was passed unanimously via email following the meeting, and which is attached.
4. Old Business
 - a. Elections for 2024 closed on Nov. 18, after the date of this meeting.
 - i. UPDATE: The following are the results of the elections:

1. President: Noel Ocen	41 votes
2. Vice President: Quyen Edwards	41 votes
3. Secretary: Kathy McGoff	36 votes
4. Treasurer: Margo Rebar	39 votes
5. At-Large: Jessica Hagen	36 votes
Mel Luna	36 votes*
Mike Weis	36 votes
Cameron Lockwood	23 votes
Carole Offerman	16 votes
5. New Business
 - a. Mel presented the 2025 proposed programs, and a document containing them was circulated to the EC following the meeting. The EC voted via email, unanimously, to accept the slate of programs for 2025, and the list is attached.
 - b. Beth Bradburn was unanimously elected as Chair of the Publications Committee, moved by Mel, seconded by Kathy.
 - c. The EC unanimously approved a thank you gift of \$500 for Portage District Library, which hosts our programs. The motion was made by Gail and seconded by Kathy.
 - d. Noel has been in discussions with Chad at Hidden Savanna to host our Spring Plant Sale as he did this past year.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Membership (Claudia, Noel) -- We have had 10 renewals, 7 expirations, and 2 new members. Total active membership stands at 256.
 - b. Program Committee (Mel) – reported under New Business
 - c. Outreach and Education (Jessica) – Jessica has a new job as Volunteer Coordinator at SWMLC, which will synergize well with her role at KAWO.
 - d. Monarch Group (Mike) – The WMU greenhouse may have space to grow milkweed for our giveaways, now that Mike and Carol will no longer be able to do so. More information will be available in January.
 - e. Hospitality (Kathy) – Kathy proposed purchasing FiestaWare items with environmental themes that might be used as raffle items. Discussion was tabled until the EC has made decisions about what to do with the new artwork from Olivia Mendoza.
 - f. Community Projects (Paul O./Paul L.) no report
 - g. Mentorship/Site Visit Committee (Dave and Ann K.) – no report.
 - h. Publications (Mel) – KAWO's first article in Spark Magazine has appeared.
7. UPCOMING EVENTS and ACTION ITEMS
- a. NeoNics Zoom Presentation upcoming December 12
 - b. Noel proposed, Beth moved, and Kathy seconded, that the EC will not meet in December 2024. The motion passed unanimously.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

The Next Meeting: January 15, 2025 on Zoom