

Menomonee Falls Neighborhood Watch, Inc

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Meeting Minutes: January 25, 2024 (By Jim Cline, Secretary MFNW)

Executive Board Present: President Priya Czubkowski, Vice President Brian Fritsch, Treasurer Lisa Taylor, Secretary Jim Cline, MFPD liaison Officer Jay Weber, MFPD Liaison Sergeant Matt Meinel, Members at Large Tom Gawronski, Don Greif, Marie Weber, and Cathy Mariscal.

Pledge of Allegiance

Executive Board Report President Priya welcomed all new board members as we begin 2024. Officer Jay Weber introduced Sergeant Matt Meinel. Sgt. Meinel will be transitioning in as our new liaison officer to MFNW. Sgt. Meinel is with the Special Investigations Bureau and has been with MFPD for about 10 years. Officer Weber will be transitioning into more responsibilities with Menomonee Falls School District as a School Resource Officer. Officer Weber has been a staunch advocate for our Neighborhood Watch Group, and we appreciate his leadership. We look forward to working with Sgt. Meinel.

Officer Weber introduced new Officer Joe Snyder to our group. Officer Snyder is 37 years old and began with the MFPD in July 2023. He recently completed his field training in December and is now on patrol. Officer Snyder resides in Oconomowoc. We welcome him and wish him well as he works to keep us safe.

There was a motion to accept the minutes of our October 19th meeting by Cathy Mariscal and seconded by Lisa Weber. The motion was passed. Priya discussed why our Halloween event was canceled, due to heavy rain. There was a motion at our December board meeting by VP Brian Fritsch to provide a \$250 award for the "Boxes for Badges" project. This is a local community project run by Bonnie Lemmer. She collects / purchases various donations from local businesses in the form of gift cards and other goodies. These gift boxes are decorated by our local elementary students and provided to new officers and other members of our police department. The check will be provided to her.

Treasures Report: Provided by Lisa Taylor. Our new bank account is now with Horicon Bank.

New Business: The Optimist Club Fishing Derby will be held on May 11th at Mill Pond Park. NW will once again handle the concessions. Our National Night Out (NNO) will be held on August 6th at Village Park. The annual Police Memorial will be held with NNO at John Taylor Park. Our NNO event has been very successful drawing several thousand attendees. There will be monthly planning meetings leading up to NNO.

Guest Speaker: We did not have a guest speaker for this meeting. The time was allotted to discuss the goals of MFNW and answer any questions. Cathy Mariscal led the discussion. It is the goal of MFNW to provide our citizens with a better quality of life. Under the Bylaws:

Section 1 – Purpose: The Organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2 – Objective: The Objective of the Organization is to work in partnership with the Menomonee Falls Police Department in a cooperative effort towards preventing and reducing crime in the Village of Menomonee Falls, to maintain the high quality of life that we all enjoy.

Police Report: Sergeant Meinel discussed the MFPD Police Aid Program. Historically, the program has employed younger adults who are considering a career in law enforcement or comparable jobs. Some worked part-time as they continued their education in law enforcement. There was always a plentiful number of applicants to choose from. That is no longer the situation. A decreased interest in law enforcement careers comes with a decreased interest in our Police Aid Program. Therefore, the department is accepting applications from a more diverse group including any interested adult. Also, the focus isn't necessarily on only hiring those interested in becoming a law enforcement officer. Police Aid duties may include, but are not limited to parking enforcement, dog bite calls, abandoned cars, assisting stranded motor vehicles, and fingerprinting. The minimum age requirement is 18. Please spread the word.

Officer Weber indicated crime has been relatively quiet except for construction equipment burglary, some retail theft, and phone scams. A reminder to always look for red flags and "If you see something, say something!" Keep the exterior lights on at night and the garage door closed when not in use.

Adjournment: Motion by Brian and seconded by Garrett.

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