

Minutes from EMG Ex-Com Meeting – Jan. 11, 2022

Attendees: Ken Schechtman, Tim Elwell, Caitlin Zera, John Feldman, Caroline Pufait, Stephanie Todd, Robert Roberson, Diana Oleskevich

1. Approved December minutes
2. Excom accepted the report of EMG elections committee: Excom members elected for 2022-23 term are Caitlin Zera, Ken Schechtman and Stephanie Todd. We welcomed new Ex-Com member, Stephanie Todd.
The Excom elected the following office holders unanimously: Ken Schechtman, Chair, Caitlin Zera, vice chair, Stephanie Todd Recording Secretary with Caroline Pufalt as back-up secretary, and Robert Roberson as treasurer.
3. Treasurer's Report – Robert completed the year-end report. We ended the year with an additional \$481.
Robert will continue to act as treasurer on an interim basis, but would like someone else to take the position when available.
Budget – Discussed that since there was no lemonade last year, we did not have much income. If Covid continues and we continue to have no income from Lemonade, we will start to erode our existing balance very quickly. The chapter has requested \$11,000 next year to help pay for the new communications director. However, we are under no obligation to pay this amount. After considerable discussion, we agreed to allot \$5,000 of 2022 budget to the Chapter. This will be adjusted depending on circumstances.
4. E Newsletter Planning – Caitlin will continue to handle the newsletter.
5. Chapter Bystander Planning – Caroline took the action to formalize a time for the training with Gretchen. Then Caroline will send-out a meeting notice to the EMG Ex-com and Chairs.
6. Earth Day Planning – Caitlin will be the focal and the board approved her to register EMG for a 10 x 10 area in front of the Munny for \$264. Registration deadline is Feb. 15. Earth Day is April 23 – 24.
7. Conservation Report made by Caroline with the main items below:
 - Caroline is going to send information to Kirkwood residents about a meeting Jan. 24 concerning putting in a mountain bike trail in Kirkwood City Park. EMG opposes the trail and EMG agreed that there are enough concerns about the environmental, recreational and procedural issues in this trail that we should alert our members.
 - Caroline sent a notice to Maryland Heights residents about a development that will butt against Creve Coeur Lake Park. EMG opposed the development.
 - Henry filed comments to the Federal Regulatory Commission for the Sierra club opposing approval of Spire (gas utility) new gas line.
 - Caroline is willing to remain the chair of the Conservation Committee but would like to turn it over to someone else.
8. Outings and Trails Report – John reported that there will be outings training Feb 12
9. Legislative Committee Report made by John
 - Meeting virtually Friday, Jan. 14 at 2:00. Contact Michael Berg if you would like to attend.
 - John reported that St. Louis County passed HB1584, stating that new construction has to have EV charging stations. However, an opposing bill has been introduced stating that the County, not the developer, would have to pay for the stations. Also reported is Governor Parsons is

trying to change the sunshine laws, making it more expensive to access documents and limiting what can be accessed

10. Next Meetings – Second Tuesday of every month