

Member Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 11, 2023
South Side Christian Church

Meeting convened at 7:35 AM

1. **Welcome:** Michael Higgins, President

2. **Board Reports**

a. Secretary report – Bill McMahon

- i. Approval of November membership meeting minutes
Moved & seconded.

b. Treasurer – Adam Cook (presented by Bill McMahon)

- i. Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2023
Moved & seconded.

3. **Speaker:** New MBA Board Member Carolyn Austin, CEO of AgeLinc (Area Agency on Aging for Lincolnland) is a nonprofit funding agency that receives federal and state money to provide a wide variety of services to older adult citizens.

- Here since 2020
- Since 1974.
- One of 13 area agencies on aging in Illinois.
- They cover 12 counties.
- Nutrition, transportation, etc.
- Goal: Keep seniors active & in their homes as long as possible.
- See website for list of AgeLinc's many services.
- During the pandemic the number of seniors contacting them went way up, but the funding for those services has ceased. So now they do fundraisers.
- Silent Auction & Mardi Gras fundraisers coming February 17, 2024.
- Helps seniors navigate various services and providers.

4. **New Board Member introductions:**

- a. Michael Lopez
- b. Sara Wojcicki-Jimenez

5. Local Government Update

- a. Ward 6 report, Jennifer Notariano
- b. Ward 8 report, Erin Conley (for Jennifer Notariano)
 - Budget season is here. Meeting last night. Continue tonight at City Hall.
 - Ambulance initiative.
 - “My First Home” initiative.
 - Strong economy. Job market strong. Not an aggressive budget.
 - Replacing old PD vehicles.
 - Hiring more police.
 - \$2.1M hit from the derecho. Applied to FEMA for a 75% reimbursement.
- c. Mayor, Village of Jerome: Michael Lopez
 - Big rise on traffic accidents & heavy traffic.
 - No news on the Shop-n-Save location.
 - Looking to get some work done on Iles Avenue.
- d. Mayor, City of Leland Grove: Mary Jo Bangert
- e. Board Member, Sangamon County: Tony Del Giorno
- f. Joe Vose – New area police officer. - 217-588-1291
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6. Announcements/Other Business.

Thanks to Julie Dirksen for the coffee sponsorship!

Meeting adjourned at 8:23