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General Membership Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2020, 7:15PM – 9:00PM

1. Call to order - 7:15 PM
The meeting was called to order by Trevor Clarke at 7:20PM.
 - a. Introductions/In attendance
Trevor Clarke, Anna Henschel, Xail Hernandez, Marcus Thorne, Michael Trout, Ruth Rosas, Frank Richardson, Nikki Patino, Haddon Pearson, Jerry McNamara, Ed Kestin, Amy Little, Lee Ravenscroft, Jim Lindsey, Dave Gorman, Mike Santomauro and Angela Taylor.
2. Approval of August 5th, 2020 minutes
Approved as presented. (Phil-1, Nikki-2, unanimous)
3. Community Partner Presentation - Marcus Thorne from YMEN!
Marcus and Michael Trout thanked Working Bikes for helping to establish their new "Cycle Can!" bicycle lending library at 13th and Pulaski, which adds to their sport court and clubhouse. WB has donated 20 bikes thus far, and provided mechanics training. YMEN started 25 years ago to provide a safe and supportive space for young men in North Lawndale. They have 5 full-time and 5 part-time employees, and good financial support that enables youth in grades 6-8 to participate in many adventurous activities. Biking used to be unheard of in North Lawndale, but it's become very popular in recent years, much to the thanks of Working Bikes. The youth have been volunteering in Brandon's, wrenching and repairing tubes. Marcus and Michael said that additional training with Xail and Anna would be very welcome.
4. Operations updates
 - a. Storefront
 - i. Continued used parts sales on Saturdays
Sales from 10AM to 3PM, not yet allowing customers inside.
 - ii. Refurbished bike sales
The webstore is being repopulated, focusing now on making winter-type bikes available.
 - iii. Winter gear sale
 - b. Service Department
 - i. Community Repairs Table
 - ii. Instructional workshops with Xail - Tuesday evenings
Xail is leading these sessions 5-8PM. Would love to have help of others!
 - iv. Winter cycling and maintenance tips? - want feedback from folks on what could be useful information for first time winter riders
Discussed during introductions, suggestions included layering, good gloves, goggles, sturdy bike, no shame in putting your bike on the bus when weather's really bad!
 - c. Volunteers, shift scheduling check-in
Anna explained that the online calendar is back up via the volunteer portal.
 - d. Collections and incoming donations

- i. Fall Bike Drives
Phil listed the upcoming drives, which are listed in the online calendar.
- e. Staffing
 - i. Welcome Travis and JP, production mechanics / thanks and farewell Bryce and Amalia
 - ii. Welcome Lena (VeloGap Intern) and Ken (DePaul Urban Planning intern)
- 5. International Donation Updates
 - a. August & September shipments to Africycle (Malawi) & Village Bicycle Project (Sierra Leone)
 - b. Late September shipment to Africycle (Malawi)
This has been rescheduled to October 8-9.
 - c. Fall shipping estimates
Ruth is hoping to arrange 1-1/2 or 2 shipments to Fiji next year with the help of an RPCV group. Mountain biking has become very popular in Fiji.
- 6. Cycle of Power/Peace
Anna described the new process of hanging tags for orders, similar to a short-order restaurant. This identifies the order received, and volunteers are able to more easily select bikes that match the requests.
 - a. Group donations to neighborhood partners
 - i. Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation, Franciscan Outreach
We provided 15 bikes for each.
 - b. North Lawndale Cycle Can! (discussed at beginning of meeting with Marcus)
 - c. North Lawndale CCC GROWSS subcommittee and Holiday Kids' Bike Giveaway
Need to have 200-250 bikes prepped for the bike giveaway on 12/19. Might also provide more bikes to Free Bikes 4 Kids in Madison.
- 7. Community Events
 - a. Bikes, Birds, and Environmental Justice, October 17th with LVEJO and Equiticity
- 8. Brandon's & Kitchen Crew Updates
Need to limit number of volunteers to 3 or 4 maximum for safety.
- 9. Founders Facilities Fund
 - a. Solar, tuckpointing, new roof
Phil suggested a display in the shop showing the power generation.
- 10. Other Committee Updates
 - a. 21st Anniversary -- October celebration, Open House, Bike NFP ride
Trevor relayed that the fundraising has gone well considering that we're unable to have our normal event, the community ride was a lot of fun, but the open house only had 3 attendees. Thanks to Right Bee Cider for donating drinks. Let's all keep fundraising throughout this anniversary month!
- 11. Additional Business
Anna reported that we have a new partner, Big Shoulders Coffee. Nikki also suggested reaching out to Lo Rez Brewery at 21st and Carpenter. Phil noted that Target has WB listed as a charitable recipient based on sales – register beforehand on their website. Angela said that the North Lawndale market has been going surprisingly well. People have appreciated the opportunity to buy fresh vegetables in this food desert. The community is planning a Halloween mask decorating event, with the goal of encouraging kids to continue to wear the masks that they've personalized.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03. (DG-1, AH-2)

The next general membership meeting will be on 12/2/20.