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Working Bikes General Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2022; 7:15-9:00 PM

1. Call to order - 7:15 *Jim Lindsey called the meeting to order at 7:25 PM.*
 - a. Introductions/In attendance *Jim Lindsey, Eli Jackson, Nikki Patino, Trevor Clarke, Phil Kaplan, Jerry McNamara, Frank Richardson, Ellen Gibbon, Aaron Brown, Josh Korby, Mike Santomauro, Jon Fraleigh, Ed Hanlon, Jerry Cohen, Steve Irwin, Cauria Duarte, Angela Taylor, and Dave Gorman*
2. Approval of February 2, 2022 meeting minutes - 7:20 *The minutes were approved with a correction to add Jim Lindsey and Angela Taylor to those in attendance. (Phil-1, Ellen-2, unanimous)*
3. Community Partner Presentation – Community Mechanic Training Program - 7:25 *The 6-week instruction is done, and CDOT and Lyft are happy with the the program. Eli has been hired out of the program to work 3 days per week as a wrangler. He’s feeling much more confident thanks to the program to work on bikes alone.*
4. Recap / discussion of Global Impact Stories / Jane Anyango’s presentation – 7:45 *All enjoyed the event. 50 people attended, including most board members, longtime supporters, and some new ones too. Consensus to have more events like this twice each year, and to focus on women’s stories. Could use a microphone and take video. Other types of gatherings would be fine too, such as a bike ride.*
5. Operations Updates - 8:10
 - a. Storefront *Our shop hours will change to summer hours on 4/20. Will have a hybrid model for sales, using the webstore as well as 30-40 bikes solely found on the floor for walk-in sales, including test rides. Need volunteers to help with customer service. Won’t be open on Sundays.*
 - b. Service Department *Shifting to walk-in community repairs rather than more complex repairs, and have been actively referring to other neighborhood shops. Cycle of Power recipients are just asked to pay what they are able.*
 - c. Volunteering *Collette will talk at the next meeting. She’s working on kids bikes and sharing her recently learned mechanical skills with volunteers. The first Tuesdays of each month will be our main focus to bring back a vibrant volunteering atmosphere, featuring tacos. The after-work shifts have been slow since Covid since we used to routinely have 25 volunteers. Chicago Cares will do a bi-weekly volunteer shift. Angela announced that she is planning to organize a community fish fry in Garfield Park, and is working hard to bring quality food options back to Garfield Park.*
 - d. Collections and donations *Bike collection quantities had been down 20% at the first of the year, and are now 14% down. Attorney Larry Disparti has expressed a desire to provide us with some time on his electronic billboards.*
 - e. Staffing *Sophia Calvo will work one day per week at the register. Eli has also joined the team, and after a successful internship and time as a staff member, Jakura is rolling off.*
6. International Donation Updates - 8:25 *The container for Cycles for Farmers in Kampala, Uganda should arrive tomorrow. Karim’s Tour de Lunsar was very successful, and we hope he will be able to attend our meeting in October.*

7. Cycle of Power/Peace - 8:30 *The time is now 3-4 weeks per recipient. We have terrific new bike locks that have WB's logo on the keys.*
8. Brandon's & Kitchen Crew Updates - 8:35
9. Committee Updates - 8:45 *Jim explained that the Executive Committee, Volunteer Committee, Building Committee, Finance Committee, and Strategic Planning Committee have been established. The latter is gathering stakeholders to receive a questionnaire, to be interviewed, or to be included in small group discussions. The process will create the vision for the next 3-5 years. The financial audit by Desmond and Ahern is going smoothly, and the 990 will be filed in mid-May.*
10. Additional Business *Ed announced a \$5K gift from a foundation following a dinner that he attended with a foundation representative. We all need to tell friends about Working Bikes!*
11. Adjourn - 9:00 *The meeting was adjourned at 9:40. (Frank-1, Jon-2)*