

**City of Lake Geneva Avian Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 6:00 P.M.  
City Council Chambers**

**1. Call to order:** 6:00 PM by Alderperson Flower

**2. Roll Call. The following members were present:** Cindy Flower - Alderperson, Carol Zimmermann, Jill Rodriguez, Sarah McConnell, Beverly Leonard, Kelley Happ. Karen Gallo was excused. There were no members of the public present.

**3. Approval of Avian Committee meeting minutes from October 2021**

Motion to approve minutes by Zimmermann, second by Rodriguez. The motion was passed.

**4. Comments from the Public**

There were no comments.

**5. Bird City Application:** Committee members have edited their assigned sections and Zimmermann will review and upload the document by the December meeting. At that time we will draft a resolution to present and request Council approval at their December or early January meeting. The completed packet needs to be sent, along with a check, from David Nord's computer before January 31, 2022. Also held a short discussion about our current Bird City signs and locations.

**6. Budget Update:**

Flower reported that there has been no feedback since the budget request meeting last month.

**7 & 8. World Migratory Bird Day:**

The committee decided to consider adding Youth Outreach to this topic. We would still like to do the spring birdwalk as part of World Migratory Bird Day activities and include local school students. The committee agreed to schedule a **special meeting** in January for strategic planning so that we don't overreach our time and energy. This would be the opportunity to plan activities and projects for the spring. The date for this meeting will be decided in December.

**9. Cookies for a Cause:**

The Avian Committee was the Cookies for a Cause by Simple Bakery in September. Rodriguez reported that she is awaiting a check.

**10. Park Board and Update:**

Flower reported lots of activity at the Park Board, including possible application for a grant and updating plans for Veteran's Park.

**11. Christmas Tree Walk:**

Rodriguez detailed plans for our participation in the annual Museum Christmas Tree Walk. Volunteers will meet Thursday, Nov. 18 at the Museum at 10 am to decorate.

**12. Potential Grant or Partnership Opportunities:**

McConnell described a new fundraising project for Friends of the Library. Badger High School students have made 15 birdhouses, and various organizations will be asked to paint and decorate them. The library will sell them through a silent auction. It was suggested that we help promote this venture.

**13. Next Meeting Date and Time:**  
**Tuesday December 14 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chamber**

**14. Future Agenda Items**

- Bird City Application
- Budget Recap
- Date for January Strategic Planning Meeting (activities and grants)
- World Migratory Bird Day
- Cookies for a Cause Update
- Park Board Update
- Christmas Bird Count
- Potential Grant or Partnership Opportunities

**Adjourn:** Zimmermann moved to adjourn, seconded by Leonard and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
Kelley Happ  
12/5/21