

Advocacy Impact Committee Meeting

October 14 9 AM

Present: Committee Co-Chair Wendy Ryder, Dave Kuiper, Taressa Sprik, Karri Schmeihil, Staff Liaison Jodi Thelen

Membership Spotlight: Scheduled Jacklyn Humbarger for interview. Meeting with Dale and Jodi for video.

Parades: Not scheduling any parades until WMLAR purchases a new vehicle.

MDOT: 6 volunteers showed up for Clean Up date. Cleaned one mile in two hours. The vests, bags and “pinchers” are to be stored at WMLAR. Two-year commitment. Next clean Up date is April 17-25, 2022.

Habitat for Humanity: Still looking for volunteers.

Veteran’s Scholarship: Wendy to mention at General Membership Meeting.

Life Jacket Donation: Wendy is getting in contact with Sea Rescue to get information about nationwide drive. WMLAR to work with local radio stations for the next collection.

Muskegon Parks: Tabled until next meeting.

Douglas Parks: Barry Park build in October. Mary Sanders’ daughter is the contact. She needs volunteers who can work 8 hours per shift. Wendy to get information about writing a NAR grant. Taressa mentioned that she has an assistant that works on grants. Wendy to get information to her.

Coat Drive: Pick up date is by Nov. 1. Wendy is doing pick up for WMLAR. There are drop boxes in local locations as well and those are available until November 15. New or gently used coats. Wendy will get a blast to Jodi to send out to the membership.

Blood Drives: Discussed possibly adding different brokerage locations in addition to CBWS.

Fair Housing: April is Fair Housing month. Explained what we were working on with coloring contest and the WMLAR Facebook page to our new committee members.

New Business: Discussed revising our mission statement. Each committee given a copy of the current statement. Will discuss further next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday November 18, 2021 9 am. (this is a change from our normal meeting date)