



**SoWe Lead Board Meeting
Agenda**

December 16, 2019 5:30 PM

St. Joseph Church

St. Francis Room

418 St. Joseph St

Lancaster, PA 17603

(Audio from meetings are recorded to establish accurate meeting minutes)

1. Public Comments: Limited to items not on tonight's agenda; limited to 3 minutes per speaker; limited to 2-3 people per topic
2. Approval of November 25th, 2019 Meeting Minutes
3. Old Business
 - SoWe Board Retreat
4. New Business
 - SoWe Board Member Vote (pg. 5)
 - 2020 SoWe Meeting Calendar
5. Community Calendar

SoWe Retreat: Saturday, 2/1/2020 – Bright Side Opportunities Center 9-3pm

Next Meeting: Mon., January 27, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Room of St. Joseph's Church



**SoWe Lead Board Meeting
Minutes**

November 25, 2019 5:30 PM

St. Joseph Church

St. Francis Room

418 St. Joseph St

Lancaster, PA 17603

(Audio from meetings are recorded to establish accurate meeting minutes)

Board Members Present: Peter Barber, Bianca Cordova, Christina DiCola, Dick Hecker, Carole Kirchner, Charles Linares, Willonda McCloud, Stu Metzler, Christina Ortega, Luis Ortega, Vicente Ramos, Karen Schloer, Audrey Skilton, Jeff Tischer

Willonda McCloud called the meeting to order on 5:32 pm.

1. Public Comments

The board thanked Michael Brenneman, who recently completed a 'welcome to Cabbage Hill' mural on his property.

2. Approval of October 28th, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Stu Metzler made a motion to approve the October 28th, 2019 minutes. Dick Hecker seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the minutes.

3. SoWe Director Report

Jake Thorsen stated the Wells Fargo Regional Foundation has reported that their strategic priorities will focus on financial sustainability, small business development, and housing affordability. The foundation is undergoing strategic planning and is engaging grantees including LHOP/SoWe.

4. Committee Reports:

- SoWe Talk

Jeff Tischer and Carole Kirchner reported on SoWe Talk Neighborly Communication and discussed future goals for the SoWe Talk series. The communications committee hopes to support other committees as they develop topics of interest.

- SoWe Business Newsletter

Jake Thorsen stated that the Economic Opportunity Committee will work to develop a quarterly newsletter for SoWe businesses about SoWe Businesses.



Peter Barber announced that SoWe will be hanging snowflakes along Manor St. on Saturday 11/30. Volunteers are needed to help.

- Tool Library, Neighborhood Connections

Jake Thorsen reported that the tool library steering committee has developed a business plan for the tool library. Committees continue to discuss the concept and will be brought the executive committee for feedback/review.

5. Old Business

- a. SoWe Board Retreat

Jake Thorsen reported that the board retreat will be held Saturday 2/1 9-3pm at Bright Side Opportunities Center. The finance committee has recommended that the retreat be open to both board members and committee members. The retreat will be facilitated by a third-party facilitator. The goals of the retreat are to celebrate achievements to date, re-energize around the SoWe Plan, brainstorm goals and ideas, and discuss sustainability.

6. New Business

- a. SoWe Board Nominations

Peter Barber nominated the following individuals to the SoWe Board for consideration at the December 16th meeting:

Ole Hongvanthong
Carole Kirchner
Marie Linares-King/ Charles Linares
Christina Ortega
Jeff Tischer
Sgt. Donald Morant

Dick Hecker seconded the nominations. The board will officially vote on these nominated individuals at the December 16th meeting for a three-year term on the SoWe board.

7. Discussion

- a. Affordable Home Repair Program

Jake Thorsen reported that the housing and the finance committee has discussed LHOP administering the Affordable Home Repair program in SoWe. This program is currently administered by Lancaster Lebanon Habitat for Humanity. LHOP has a similar repair program that is operated in Columbia and has been adapted to meet the needs of the SoWe community. LHOP expects the program to be operational in January 2020.

8. Community Calendar

SoWe Holiday Party: Monday, 12/16/2019 6pm – St. Joseph Club



Board and Committee members were invited to attend the SoWe Holiday Party. The event will have duck-pin bowling and food.

9. Adjournment

Jeff Tischer made a motion to adjourn, Dick Hecker seconded the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm

Board Nominations:

Board members are to be nominated in November and voted on at the December meeting. LHOP board have final approval of new board members.

Board Nominations for a three-year term:

Ole Hongvanthong
Carole Kirchner
Marie Linares-King/ Charles Linares
Christina Ortega
Jeff Tischer
Sgt. Donald Morant (Resume Attached)
Open
Open

Sgt. Donald Morant Experience

Born and raised in Lancaster City – attended city schools and graduating from JP. McCaskey in 1989. Resided in Lancaster City until 2013.

2000 - 2002 work patrol on street (Patrolled on bilk as community policing officer)

2002- 2004 started with the new Selective Enforcement Unit (SEU) combating nuisance and neighborhood crimes

2004-2007 – assigned as an investigator to the Drug Task Force

2007-2016 – Promoted to Detective, investigating property crimes, crimes against children and major case crime –homicide, assaults etc...

2016-2019 promoted to rank of sergeant assigned to supervise a platoon of officers.

2019 – re-assigned as the departments first ever Community Outreach Sergeant. Part of the duties of the Community Outreach Sergeant is to be the eyes and ears not just for the police but for the community. The mission is to engage with the community, stake holders, citizens and businesses and to bring that information back to the frontline officers so that they can have better interaction with the community.



SoWe Board Meetings 2020

4th Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the St. Francis Room at St. Joseph Church, unless noted otherwise

Monday, January 27, 2020

Monday, February 24, 2020

Monday, March 23, 2020

Monday, April 27, 2010

Monday, May 18, 2020 (moved to avoid Memorial Day)

Monday, June 22, 2020

Monday, July 27, 2020

Monday, August 24, 2020

Monday, September 28, 2020

Monday, October 26, 2020

Monday, November 23, 2020

Monday, December 14, 2020 (moved to avoid week of Christmas)

Committee Schedule

Communications: 3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm at LHOP/SoWe Office

Community Safety: 2nd Tuesday at 1:30 pm at LHOP/SoWe Office

Economic Opportunity: 1st Wednesday at 8:30 am at Two Dudes Painting Co.

Education: Children's Sub-Committee: 2nd Thursday at 4:00 pm at Price Elementary School

Adult's Sub-Committee: 1st Thursday at 4:00 pm at LHOP/SoWe Office

Housing: 3rd Thursday at 8:00 am at LHOP/SoWe Office

Neighborhood Connections: 3rd Monday at 6:00 pm at LHOP/SoWe Office

Parks and Public Realm: 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm at Boys and Girls Club



Important SoWe Dates and Events:

Board Retreat: Saturday February 1, 2020 Bright Side Opportunities Center

SoWe Egg Hunt: TBD based on Park Renovation Schedule

SoWe Block Party: Saturday June 20, 2020 @ Culliton Park

SoWe National Night Out: Tuesday August 4, 2020 @ St. Joseph Church

SoWe Trick-or-Treat: October 29th, 2020 @ Culliton Park

SoWe Holiday Party/Board Meeting: December 14, 2020