



# CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF OAK RIDGE

## ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

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### MINUTES

March 28, 2024 | 6:00 pm

Meeting called to order by Rob Welton at 6:01 pm

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#### In Attendance

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The meeting took place in the Imagination Gallery. There were 27 members present.

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#### Quorum

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Confirm that there is a quorum. Yes, the Bylaws require a minimum of 20 members present.

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#### Highlights of CMOR's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and a Look Ahead

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**Welcome** – Rob Welton, President of the CMOR Board of Directors welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

**National Park Service** – Niki Nicholas, Site Manager of the Manhattan Project National Historical Park (MPNHP), talked about the relationship between CMOR and MPNHP. In summary, in November 2015 several locations within Oak Ridge were designated as the MPNHP. The MPNHP was given a small operating budget. This budget necessitated locating the MPNHP's office at an existing facility. CMOR provides space to MPNHP at zero cost. Niki provided attendees with MPNHP materials, shared a sign-up list for their newsletter, and encouraged all to visit their App.

**CMOR's 2023 Highlights and Looking Ahead to 2024** – Beth Shea, Executive Director

- **Highlights of 2023** – There were many highlights in 2023. They included: the 50th Anniversary; receipt of proclamations from the City of Oak Ridge and the State of Tennessee; a free weekend for the general public at the museum sponsored by CNS; the Gala setting a fundraising record of \$75,712; the Tennessee Arts Commission providing an \$82,000 grant; one ADA compliant ramp completed and a second almost completed ramp inside CMOR making the building more accessible to all patrons; the retirement of business manager Dawn Wyrick and departure of Administrative Assistant Jaclyn Waymire to Air National Guard training; completion of a new roof (25 year guarantee); great progress on the Weinberg Corner; and progress on the Flattop House renovation.
  - **Looking Ahead to 2024** – CMOR is undertaking many projects in 2024. They include refurbishment of the TVA Waterworks room floor with a grant from the State of Tennessee, creating a new and improved CMOR website; and launching CMOR's first point of sale system.
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#### Introduction of New Board Members

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Rob Welton, President of the Board of Directors, introduced each of the new board candidates. The slate of candidates is as follows:

Brian Sams	Business Development Consultant at Y-12 Federal Credit Union Nominated by Brian Arrington
Molly Jones	Sales and Marketing Associate at MCLinc. Nominated by Michele Sanders

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## Election of New Board Members

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A motion was made for the members of CMOR to approve the slate of candidates, as a group, to become members of the board of directors.

Motion: Michele Sanders

Discussion: None

Second: Brian Arrington

Approved: Unanimously by the membership present.

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## Closing Remarks

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**CMOR Certificate of Appreciation** – Beth presented a CMOR Certificate of Appreciation to Rob Welton for his six years of service on CMOR's Board of Directors and expressed thanks to Rob for serving as the photographer at many of CMOR's events for zero cost during that time.

**Meeting Conclusion** - Members were thanked for attending the 2024 Annual Meeting and the meeting ended.

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## Adjournment

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Rob Welton adjourned the meeting at 6:48 pm