



See Our Ability

**People First Wisconsin Annual Board Meeting
March 22, 2023 Park Hotel, Madison WI and over Zoom**

Executive Board Members Present: Ginger Beuk-President, Josh Gretebeck- Member-at-Large, Larry Brown-Member-at- Large (Virtually), and Ramsey Lee- Member-at Large.

Chapter Members and Advisors Present:

Oshkosh: Ginger Beuk and Stacy Ellingen

Eau Claire: Jason Endres and Julie Endres

Ozaukee: Jane Jushka-advisor, Susan Howard-advisor, Heather Schultz, Andrew Mentzel

Madison: Julie Blasky, Chad Sobieck, Meara Holmberg, and Carrie Gartzke- future advisor

Stoughton: Tom Veek-advisor, Josh Gretebeck, Dan Blomgren

Milwaukee: Patty Byrne-advisor, Nealy Roth, and virtually Larry Brown and Mark Hubbard

Rhineland and ODC: Ramsey Lee

SOAR Fox Cities: Don Fascio, LeeAnn Stein-advisor, Robert Kuhr, Tom Haskamp

Jackson: MaryBeth Dornon-advisor, Danielle Wirsbinski, Katie Lazarus, Rachel Helland, and Kelsey Dasko

Members-at-Large: Denise Horn (virtual) and Camille DeGaz

PFW Staff and Contracted Team Present: Cindy Bentley- Executive Director, Erin Miller-Advocate Specialist, Nancy Gapinski-Office Manager, Jenny Benjamin- Support Services (virtual), and Outreach Advocates:

Sydney Badeau, Julie Blasky, Meara Holmberg, and Nathaniel Lentz (virtual).

12:40 pm: Call to Order, Ginger Beuk- President

- Ginger thanked the Wispact Foundation for the grant to fund the training and Barbara Beckert for her presentation about the April 4th election.
- Ginger highlighted the training day and goal to build stronger chapters.
- Ginger went over the rules and then called the meeting to order.

12:50 pm: Read and approve the minutes from October 15, 2022

- Ashley Mathy had a prior commitment, so Erin Miller, PFW employee, read the meeting minutes from October 15, 2022.
- Larry Brown motioned and Ramsey Lee seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
- Ginger introduced Board Members and others who joined on Zoom.

1:00 pm: Executive Director's Report, Cindy Bentley

- Cindy gave her report of what she did this year so far. She highlighted peer mentoring training with hope to get peer mentoring in Wisconsin.
- In February, Cindy was on a voting rights panelist, a keynote speaker at Marquette University, and at a resource fair at the Jewish Community Center.
- Cindy helped as part of Survival Coalition to plan for Disability Advocacy Day.
- Cindy announced that PFW moved the office, and PFW will decide if PFW will work from homes for good.

1:08 pm: Financial Update, Nancy Gapinski- PFW Office Manager

- Nancy reviewed the Financial Report.

- Josh motioned to approve the financial report, and Larry seconded the motion. The financial report was approved.

1:20 pm: Review proposed changes to the By-laws, Ginger Beuk

- Ginger read the recommended changes to the By-laws. (Change in terms limits on page 4 and change about board meetings) She oversaw the discussion.
- Ramsey motioned to approve the changes, and Larry seconded the motion. Ginger noted that changes to the By-Laws were approved.

1:30 pm: (Break for Sally Flaschberger's presentation)

2:00 pm: Questions and updates from chapters

- Ozaukee Chapter: They are meeting one time per month and the group is interested in Peer Mentoring.
- Jackson/Our Place: Cindy and Nancy did two training sessions, and they need to decide on president, vice-president, and members at large.
- Milwaukee Chapter met twice virtually and may meet at Independence First; People First can reach out to the Latino community; Larry has been reaching out to get members; Neely spoke as vice-president for Milwaukee Chapter.
- Eau Claire Chapter is working to form.
- Madison Chapter: working on getting an advisor.

2:18 pm: Meeting adjourned.