

Chicagoland Toys For Tots Board Meeting

November 18, 2025

Attendance:

Tom Dertz #455 – President

Sharon Choate #1798 – Vice President

Wanda Perlinski #543 – Secretary

Sandy Scheel #491 -Treasurer

Matt Ksycki #1747 - Sargent at Arms

Richard Link #1853 – Northside Coordinator

Bruce Weaver #843 – Product Coordinator

Kelly Doherty #1759 – Parade Coordinator

Kim Allen #1827 – By-Laws/Historian

Visitors:

Jack Voss #415

Jeff Simmons #2029

Chuck S. #1099

Nicole Rehak #2028

Scott Rehak #1935

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Sargent at Arms,
Matt Ksycki

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to approve the minutes from October 21, 2025 board meeting was made by Tom and 2nd by Kelly. All were in favor.

Product Coordinator: Bruce Weaver

Advised that online product orders will be up until 12-1-25. They won't be shipped until after the parade.

Vice President: Sharon Choate

There will be disciplinary action against Member Tommy Roto #12. Will send him a disciplinary action form in the mail. Mr. Roto already called Santa and resigned from his group. Richard Link inquired if he was a current member and Wanda said yes he is paid for this year. Sharon said she heard he grabbed Frank Camerino by the neck. Will add this to the disciplinary action. This will be a warning and the next offense will termination of his membership.

Meeting with City of Chicago on 11-19-25 at 1:00 p.m. The address is Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington, Chicago, IL. Room 408 4th floor. Will meet at the new warehouse and go downtown from there. Let Sharon know if you will meet at the warehouse. We will then go to the wake for member Stephen Bretz.

Kelly said she has a package with pictures of the potholes and the list of message boards for the meeting with the city. There are 172 intersections for blocking along the route. Rich wanted to know if we have a route plan and he was told that is up to

the police. Lou will escort out the slingshots. The tier plan will be followed.

Flags are needed but they are approximately \$5 a flag. Matt said he is working on flags. 77 so far plus what Kelly just gave him. He will need to get material to make the flags. Uline has throw away flags. Matt will look into them.

Wanda passed out the parade day packets for the board members to have. It had the permits in there and insurance.

Gave Sandy the receipt for the City of Chicago Permit Fee.

Advised Sandy that the Insurance bill for BBI from State Farm needs to be paid in full for the 6 months. The insurance for the Business Owner policy also needs to be paid \$2067.00.

Motion made by Sandy to pay the State Fram bill from 10-24-25 to 4-24-26 for \$450.28. 2nd by Kelly. All were in favor.

Gave Tom the form that he requested be made up for the board members to sign when they get the key for the new warehouse.

Matt said he has 5 security people at 87th St. Brian Kosinski will take 87th street with 4 others. Barricades are the City. Will contact Steve and ask questions about 87th St since he ran it for years. Thunder and Big Chuck will be in the pavilion with the product. Northside is good with security. Product people will be Michael and Marcella Russert new members in the pavilion. They will watch for trouble. Jenny will be pavilion or northside with product. Jeff A. will be at the front gate.

All tier leaders have to have rosters turned in to Sharon by the meeting on 12-5-25. Matt needs to leave someone in charge when he leaves the southside.

Northside volunteers: Rich is good and is working on some more volunteers.

Do we have Rescue Riders? No. Will see if Road Docs will be there for us. Billy may have someone.

Santa: we will ask the police for 3 squads to follow him, one to the right, left and back.

Professional Movers will have 6 trucks for us. 3 on the northside and 3 on the southside. They have our banners.

The ambulance should be at the VIP lot on the southside.

John Shefs, Motor Works for down bikes.

Command Center: Pat Jones will be there and have 3 radios with extra batteries. He has law enforcement background. Do we need 2 people?

Day after parade we need to pay for the porta potties, radios and street signs.

Lane Tech is \$22.50 plus the fee permit.

Devry is \$23.29 for the permit.

DePaul is \$1500.

Santa has cleaners for the parking lot on the northside before and after the run.

Rich said he talked to the condos management company. They will post in the building about the run so the tenants will be aware.

Northside walk thru is on 11-29-25 at 6:00 p.m.

Will not have the buses this year.

Radios will have 3 channels, 1 southside, 2 northside and 3 parade.

Sound for the southside: Lenny has a sound system to let us use.

Sign in sheet for vests.

Will need to do recognition for Bear Com, Flood Brothers, Professional Movers, Message boards and Work Zone. Put on the website and Facebook for our continued supporters. Jack will put something on Facebook.

Kelly asked Wanda to please tell the new members to see Kelly for their vests.

Treasurer: Sandy Scheel

IRS has been submitted for 2024.

We still have around \$25,200 in our account.

Visitors:

Scott Rehak: He rudely asked the secretary, Wanda about the list of members she sent out to the Board and that it is outdated. He said she isn't doing her job. Wanda advised him

that he as a member should not have the list as it is only given to the board as she is responsible to keeping the members information confidential. He said that he received it from Sharon.

Wanda advised him, if he wants to have her removed from Board, go for it and he can take over.

Wanda then packed up her stuff and left the meeting at 9:00 p.m. She will not be disrespected by anyone.

Respectfully submitted:

Wanda Perlinski, Secretary