

ECA Board of Directors Meeting North Branch Arts

Monday, December 10, 2018, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:05pm. November minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Mary Biesty, Craig Caimi, Kevin Haran, Dennis Henley, Tom Kraft, Jeff Manuel, Tom Misiewicz, Justin Ochonicki, Beverly Padratzick, Christine Rosenberg, Nora Shea, and Nancy Williams

Absent: Jim Gillespie, Jac Charlier, Jennifer Carlson, Jennifer Herren, Jan Kupiec, Julie Marske, Caryn Meyers, Jeff Singer, and Lidia Pomaville

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff thanked all board members for their amazing contribution to the holiday stroll. The inclement weather reduced the number of participants but it was still a festive event! 110 children had an opportunity to visit Santa and about the same number of children created a craft. 39 residents either signed up or renewed their membership.

Vice President's Report: Nancy informed the board that the project to change our existing bylaws continues. She also reported that the spookiest house awards were distributed at the general meeting and the prize recipients not present at the meeting were given their awards by Jeff and Nancy.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff presented the current budget/expense report at the budget meeting held on December 8th. The new budget for 2019 was approved and copies distributed to board members.

Secretary's Report: Because of the closure of North Branch Arts, next years board meetings will be held at the library. The meeting time has been changed to 6:30pm on the second Monday of each month unless so indicated on the schedule. (attached)

Director's Reports

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee of Mary Biesty, Julie Marske, and Jan Kupiec presented the approved slate at the General meeting and all candidates were approved unanimously.

Programs: The next General Meeting is scheduled for January 26th at SMOW from 11am until 1pm. All aldermanic candidates from the 39th and 41st ward have been invited.

Beautification: Caryn has committed to completing the fall pruning by mid/late November to allow the holiday lighting to be installed during warmer weather. She is also looking to replace a poplar tree from the center of the triangle.

Special Events: There was a discussion about future plans for decorating the triangle next year. Jeff Manuel has asked interested board members obtain a written estimate from professional holiday decorating companies ASAP for planning purposes. There was a suggestion of offering local businesses a chance to financially sponsor the lighting project in exchange for publicity.

Community Development: Kevin is once again pursuing an Openlands grant for neighborhood tree plantings.

Safety & Transportation: Nothing to Report

Membership: Nora reported that our current membership is at 605 residents. Members have paid \$24,516. Nora also informed the board that this was the second-best year in terms of monies collected from the membership committee.

Newsletter and Website: Dennis has completed the onerous task of digitizing the archives. There needs to be a plan put in place of storing and updating the records. Dennis also informed the board that he would be listing all ECA members in the January newsletter posted in the Reporter.

Social Media and Publicity: Justin will be posting publicity for the upcoming events including the General Meeting in January. Lidia continues to post articles and publicity in local papers.

Charitable and Community Support: Nothing to report

Forests and Parks: Craig is continuing to work with Kevin Coon on the fitness Trail.

Snowplowing and Police/Fire: Jim Gillespie previously reported that the CAPS meeting will be moved to the Edgebrook library starting in January. The first meeting is on January 2nd at 7pm. Board members are strongly urged to attend. It was also suggested that we may consider sending out the snow plow even when the 4-inch threshold is not present. It appeared that the streets were not plowed in the 39th ward after the blizzard like snowfall in November and sending out the plow would have created some positive publicity for our membership solicitation.

Old Business: Margaret DospilJulian was voted as the ECA Volunteer of the Year. Margaret has been instrumental this past year in organizing the Edgebrook Garden Walk. Margaret has previously served on the Edgebrook Community Association Board of Directors and has been an active volunteer with neighborhood schools and churches. Margaret will be honored with a plaque and presentation at the next general meeting. We will also include a short bio in the January newsletter.

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Monday, January 14th at 6:30 pm in the community room of the Edgebrook Library. Please remember to contact Jeff if you are unable to attend.

Edgebrook Community Association

Board of Directors Meeting Dates 2019

All meeting begin at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Library

Monday	Jan 14, 2019
Monday	Feb 11, 2019
Monday	Mar 11, 2019
Monday	Apr 8, 2019
Monday	May 13, 2019
Monday	Jun 10, 2019
Monday	Sep 9, 2019
Monday	Oct 7, 2019 (first Monday)
Monday	Nov 4, 2019(first Monday)
Monday	Dec 9, 2019

Special Events 2019

Saturday, April 20th Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, July 4th Parade and Picnic

Sunday, December 1st Holiday Stroll

General Meetings 2019

Candidate Forum Saturday, January 26th 11am until 1pm SMOW

3 additional meetings dates TBD