

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:35pm. December minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Anita Bernacchi, Mary Biesty, Michelle Christensen, Anthony Florio, Tom Misiewicz, Jerome Witte, Kathy Kaminski, Steven Peacock, Caryn Meyers, Jan Kupiec, Justin Ochonicki, Beverly Padratzik Jeff Manuel, Christine Rosenberg, Jennifer Herren, Jeff Singer, Tim Weiske, Lorrie Kennedy, and Nancy Williams,

Absent: Jennifer Carlson, Tom Kraft, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff opened the meeting with a brief discussion about new committee assignments for directors. In addition, Jeff discussed the need to consolidate records, records, and other artifacts. Mary will look into the sharing of the Google Cloud account that contains documents of the ECA.

Vice President's Report: Nancy confirmed that the triangle lighting sponsors had committed to 2021 lighting sponsorship. Nancy also reminded board members to pay their dues and send her the conflict-of-interest forms. Finally, she reported that the Edgebrook Lutheran Church will allow us to use their facility once we resume in person meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff reminded board members to submit expenses to him on a timely basis for reimbursement.

Secretary's Report: Mary presented the list of new committee assignments for all current board members. The only requested change was Caryn to be added to the membership committee.

Director's Reports

Community Development: Anita indicated that she would be meeting with Alderman Napolitano in the near future. Jenny reported that a new round of small business loans was expected to be released shortly. Alderman Nugent's participatory budget options were expected to be finalized and there would be two weeks of voting by residents of the 39th Ward in the near future.

Special Events: Because the COVID-19 restrictions may still be in place for 2021's Easter Egg Hunt, the Special Events committee will be looking for alternative activities if necessary. Tom Misiewicz will hold off on obtaining permits until a final decision is made.

Membership: The membership committee is finalizing the solicitation letter to new members. Kathy and Michelle are assisting with the contents and graphics for the letter. The mailings will be sent to all residents in the ECA database.

Marketing and Membership Development: Michelle will be reaching out to board members and officers to create a document listing the tasks, contacts, ideas, and more for each position. The document will be preserved in the ECA Google Cloud.

Media and Publicity: Justin promoted the continued lighting of the triangle until the end of February to help beat the winter/Covid blues! In addition, Justin will promote when the ECA snowplowing service is activated.

Police/Fire and Snowplowing: Jerome solidified our contract with Snow America as our snowplowing vendor.

Beautification: Caryn will be working with Jennifer Herren and Tom Misiewicz on Beautification this year. Caryn and Tom are looking into the purchase of new solar lights for the Welcome to Edgebrook signage. Tom purchased a larger flag for the triangle for greater visibility.

Website: Caryn and new board member Tony Florio will be finalizing the new website and Tony will assume the responsibility of the website updating.

Newsletter: Kathy is finalizing an ad for Nadig in January highlighting the ECA projects and events from 2020 to coincide with the membership push for 2021.

Schools: Nothing to report

Programs: Jan will be scheduling Zoom meeting in the near future for residents. Suggested ideas included inviting Suzy Shultz, Executive Director of the Museum of Broadcast Communications and another suggested speaker Kevin Koonz from the Cook County Forest Preserve District to discuss winter activities in the Forest Preserves.

Old Business:

New Business:

Meeting adjourned 7:15 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30pm. Please remember to contact Jeff if you are unable to attend.

Board Meetings (every second Wednesday at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church or on Zoom)

February 10th

April 14th

June 9th

March 10th

May 12th

No meetings in July and
August

September 8th
October 13th

November 10th
December 8th

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3rd

July 4th Parade and Picnic Saturday, July 4th

Holiday Lighting Ceremony Saturday 11/20

Holiday Stroll/Cookie Walk Sunday 11/28

General Meetings (4 per year)

Dates TBD