

## **ECA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Zoom**

**Wednesday, March 10, 2021 6:30 PM**

### **Minutes**

Meeting called to order 6:30 pm. February minutes were approved with no changes.

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

**Absent:** Jennifer Herren and Beverly Padratzik

### **Officer's Reports**

**President's Report:** Jeff asked Steven Peacock to assume additional responsibilities of working with the library on the ECA funded programming and publicity. Steven agreed. Michelle will work with Google to change the location from the library to our mailbox. Jeff confirmed the general meeting time and agenda for March 16th. Attendance by directors is requested.

**Vice President's Report:** Nancy requested that directors failing to submit their conflict-of-interest forms should do so

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff presented the budget recap He spoke briefly about the snowplowing expense.

**Secretary's Report:** The secretary introduced Sonya Shidenko, an Edgebrook resident, interested in becoming a board member.

### **Director's Reports**

**Community Development:** Anita confirmed the ECA involvement in the shredding and recycling event with Napolitano's office. Directors are asked to volunteer for the event on April 10th at SMOW from 8am until 11 am. Tom Kraft is assisting in the event planning. It was also reported that the Aroma Cafe Shop has opened on Kinzua. The shop provides carry out of coffee, juices/smoothies, and sandwiches. Also reported was the conditional use permit for the Bottles and Cans business on the corner of Central and Devon.

**Special Events:** Nancy Williams went over the Easter Egg Hunt plans that were sent out previously to board members. The board vote was unanimous to hold two hunts in an effort to accommodate as many attendees as possible in a safe manner. Lorrie will be sending out a Sign-up Genius in the near future to ECA members first. After a week, the remaining slots will be opened to community members. Check in will be held the day of the event to avoid exceeding the Covid regulations on

capacity. Michelle's daughter has volunteered to be the bunny and will be driven around in a convertible. Extra eggs will be available in case of children showing up without reservations. Nancy asked for volunteers to stuff the eggs.

**Membership:** The first mailing for membership solicitation generating renewals from residents. The next mailing is scheduled for next week. Currently there are 520 current members which have generated 45% of the projected membership revenue. Justin will continue to promote membership on social media.

**Media and Publicity:** Justin and Steve are promoting the General Meeting on March 16th. Justin also sent out a correction that the Caps meeting would not be held in person at the Edgebrook Library.

**Police/Fire and Snowplowing:** Jerome reported on the use of the ECA snowplowing vendor and feels that they would still be considered for next year despite the hiccups from the recent heavy snowfall with mechanical issues. Jerome also reported that the Chicago Police Department was considering the installation of a police observation device at the corner of Cicero and Peterson due to an increase in shootings in our area. Reservations that it would not be a blue light camera were expressed.

**Beautification:** Caryn is moving forward with plans for the Spring. There will be mulch spreading scheduled and community members will be invited to help. There are also plans to replace some plantings and there will be ongoing weeding needed throughout the summer.

**Website:** Tony and Caryn continue to work on the ECA website. Tony is becoming proficient at HTML.

**Programs:** Jan has scheduled the next General Meeting for March 16th The featured speaker is Kevin Koonz from the Cook County Forest Preserve District to discuss activities in the Forest Preserves. Cook County. Cook County Board Commissioner, Bridget Gainer has also asked to present.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 14th 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)**

May 12th

June 9th

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)**

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