

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, April 14, 2021 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:35 pm. March 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, , Caryn Meyers, Jennifer Herren, Beverly Padratzik, and Ewa Ryan

Absent: Jerome Witte

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff praised everyone for the successful Easter Egg Hunt. Thought is being given to conducting two hunts next year and giving preference to ECA members for the earlier hunt. Michelle's daughter did an amazing job as the Easter bunny. A Fourth of July planning meeting will be scheduled in the next few weeks to get things started. Jeff called for a vote to approve a new board member Sonya Shidenko to fill a vacant position. A unanimous vote approved Sonya to join the board and help Tim Weiske in Forest Preserves and Parks.

Vice President's Report: Nancy deferred her report until committee reports

Treasurer's Report: Jeff presented the budget recap

Secretary's Report: Mary reported the email response from the ECA to the mail delivery problems being experienced by our residents. Links to Representative Mike Quigley and Alderman Samantha Nugent were posted by Justin on Nextdoor. In addition, Jeff M. and Justin will be attending a feedback session with WBEZ reporters on issues affecting our neighborhood. And finally, Mary requested that any board member interested in participating in the redistricting map can contact her.

Director's Reports

Community Development: Anita reported that the shredding event was very successful. Thanks to the volunteers that helped out. The only issue was the lack of communication by the alderman's office in closing the St. Eugene site early and redirecting residents to our site.

Beautification: Caryn reported that with help from several Notre Dame High school students, they cleaned up the triangle and Metra area. She was also planning a mulching day before school ended for the year to get additional help from students needing service hours. She also

reminded directors of the need for newspapers and cardboard to suffocate the weeds and invasive species before putting the mulch down.

Website: Tony and Caryn are continuing to update the website and Caryn has asked for photos from the Easter Egg Hunt. Tony is doing an outstanding job in learning the coding aspects of the website.

Marketing/Membership: Michele has suggested highlighting an ECA member each week on social media.

Special Events: The Easter Egg Hunt was very successful (see Jeff's comments above). Special kudos to Nancy, Lorrie, and Kathy for successfully planning and organizing. Thanks also to the directors that volunteered the day of the event to help set up and help with our members and residents that participated.

Membership: There are currently 353 members that have renewed for 2021 with dues totaling \$15,740. The second quarter mailing in March generated a 21% return rate. Overall this year, there has been a 41% return rate on 740 mailings.

Media and Publicity: Justin and Steve are working together to coordinate ECA publicity. Steven is also working with the library on upcoming ECA sponsored events including a presentation on Kiddyland.

Police/Fire and Snowplowing: Nothing to report

Programs: A General Meeting was held on March 16th and the featured speaker was Kevin Koonz from the Cook County Forest Preserve District. Cook County. Cook County Board Commissioner, Bridget Gainer was also present and informed the residents that she was working with Alderman Samantha Nugent to purchase cameras for the corner of Cicero and Peterson to assist police in identifying suspects in police investigations. Jan has planned the next General Meeting for Tuesday, May 4th and will feature both Alderman (Nugent and Napolitano) and US representative Mike Quigley.

Philanthropy: A donation was made to the Chamber of Commerce to match funds previously given to Everyday Edgebrook. A donation was also being given to the Sauganash Sounds.

Schools: Jennifer will be working with the schools on the Fourth of July poster contest.

Old Business:

New Business:

Meeting adjourned 7:35pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12th 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)

June 9th

No meetings in July and August

September 8th

October 13th

November 10th

December 8th

Special Events

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)

March 16