

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, September 8, 2021 6:30 PM

Minutes

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

In attendance: Mary Biesty, Michelle Christensen, Lorrie Kennedy, Anthony Florio, Kathy Kaminski, Jan Kupiec, Jeff Manuel, Justin Ochonicki, Tim Weiske, Nancy Williams, Beverly Padratzik, Jeff Singer, and Jerome Witte,

Absent: Anita Bernacchi, Jennifer Carlson, Tom Kraft, Caryn Meyers, Tom Misiewicz, Jennifer Herren, Christine Rosenberg, Steven Peacock, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff announced the resignation of two key board members, Tom Kraft and Justin Ochonicki. The board hopes they will return to the ECA in the future. Jeff also discussed the follow up with the hazardous condition of the railings of the Metra underpass. Jerome and Anthony are following up with Metra and the alderman.

Vice President's Report: Nancy will be manning the ECA booth for the Farmer's Market in September. Nancy also has gained a commitment from last year's sponsors of the triangle lighting for 2021.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff will send out the budget update. He also reported that the ECA netted \$1571.66 from the Fourth of July. Printing costs were up from last year for the poster contest but next year we anticipate savings. Lorrie Kennedy will provide free printing that will result in a savings of \$472.00.

Secretary's Report: Mary asked for feedback on continuing Zoom meetings or returning to in person. (Subsequent emails indicated that we will offer a hybrid option). The issue of the extended hours of the nearby Skokie restaurant in Village Crossing was discussed after an ECA member wrote an email. Jerome reached out to the Skokie PD and there were no reports of problems due to the late hours. The board felt that we did not need to get involved at this point but would keep an eye if problems develop in the future.

Director's Reports

Community Development: Nothing to report

Special Events: Halloween activities will be similar to last year. Michell will work with Kathy Kaminski on the graphics that may need updating. Nancy will coordinate the Spookiest House Judging scheduled for Thursday, October 28th.

Membership: Nothing to report

Schools: A donation of \$250 was made to the Edgebrook School Golf Tournament.

Media and Publicity: There were lots of viewing of the Fourth of July event on social media.

Police/Fire and Transportation: There has been numerous reports of thefts from cars in the neighborhood. It was also brought up about the reports of gunshots on Cicero.

Beautification: Nothing to report

Website: There was a recent issue with the website but Tony and Caryn were taking care of restoring the deleted data.

Programs: Jan requested ideas for future general meetings and it was suggested to do a meeting on fire safety and library services.

Philanthropy: There is still \$400.00 available this year.

Old Business: Michelle got the Google search information about the ECA updated properly. Mary asked to delay the discussion about the ECA accepting sponsorships until the next board meeting.

New Business:

Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 13th 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)

October 13th

November 10th

December 8th

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 3rd

July 4th Parade and Picnic Sunday, July 4th

Holiday Lighting Ceremony Saturday 11/20

Holiday Stroll/Cookie Walk Sunday 11/28

General Meetings (4 per year)