

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, November 10th 2021 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:36 pm. October minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Anita Bernacchi, Mary Biesty, Jennifer Carlson, Michelle Christensen, Jennifer Herren, Jeff Manuel, Justin Ochonicki, Nancy Williams, Jeff Singer, Steven Peacock, and Christine Rosenberg

Absent: Lorrie Kennedy, Kathy Kaminski, Anthony Florio, Jan Kupiec, Caryn Meyers, Tom Misiewicz, Beverly Padratzick, Tim Weiske Jerome Witte, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff sent a thank you note to Napolitano for his efforts in getting the underpass railing fixed. In addition, Jeff attended a Chicago Park District meeting to discuss future plans for the Edgebrook Golf Course. Future meetings will be scheduled.

Vice President's Report: Kudos were given to Michell and Lorrie for the wonderful job on the ELC Fall Festival Trunk or Treat. Thanks were also given to the ECA board members participating in the Spookiest House judging. Wonderful entries and it was difficult to pick a winner. Justin did an excellent job on promoting the contest and highlighting the winners!

Treasurer's Report: Jeff S. reported the current budget to date. Income went up upon the receipt of the sponsorship money for the triangle lighting and a check for \$250.00 from Baird and Warner (thanks Jan!). The offsite storage fee increased. It was also pointed out that although membership numbers are down, our revenue is only slightly down from the budget.

Secretary's Report: Mary gave a gentle reminder to be aware of not including board members on all communication. A new email list will go out in January.

Director's Reports

Nominating Committee: Jerome presented the slate at the November General Meeting and it was unanimously approved.

Community Development: Several issues were discussed including participatory budget ideas for the 39th ward. Christine will follow up. Steven also volunteered to help. Several ideas were brought forth from the board including a "Welcome to Edgebrook" sign at the corner of Landers and Caldwell, streetscape improvement in the business district including repair of benches and new garbage cans.

Special Events: An idea was brought forth to help sponsor a vaccination event in early December. Jenny Herren is looking into locations and dates. Information to follow.

Nancy spoke about the planning items for the Holiday Lighting on Saturday 11/20. She reminded everyone to look at Bev's email that designates board members roles and responsibilities.

Membership: As noted above in the Treasurer's report. Membership numbers are down but revenue is only down slightly.

Schools: It was announced that Edgebrook School was recently listed as the 11th best CPS elementary school in the recent U.S. News and World report. Jeff will send a congratulatory note to the principal.

Media and Publicity: Justin has done a wonderful job promoting the Halloween activities and Spookiest House Winners. He and Steven will promote the Tree Lighting.

Police/Fire and Transportation: No updates

Beautification: There will be a full report presented by Caryn at the December board meeting about Beautification progress and plans for next year.

Website: Tony and Caryn are doing an excellent job in updating the website.

Programs: Jan has scheduled the November General meeting to be held at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church on November 3rd. She and Jerome will provide a presentation on Real Estate trends and the General Membership will vote on the proposed slate of candidate for the ECA board.

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

Old Business:

New Business: Christine asked the board for feedback on how to vote on the North River Commission slate of candidates. After discussion, Christine was advised to use her best judgement in casting her vote.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 8th 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)

December 8th

Special Events

Holiday Lighting Ceremony Saturday 11/20

General Meetings (4 per year)

