

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom and In Person

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 6:30 PM

Minutes

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

In attendance: Anita Bernacchi, Mary Biesty, Jeff Manuel, Jan Kupiec, Jerome Witte, Jennifer Herren, Nancy Williams, Tom Misiewicz, Lorrie Kennedy, Beverly Padratzick, Michelle Christensen, Tim Weiske, Andrea Macino, Kathy Kaminski, Christine Rosenberg, Jeff Singer, and Caryn Meyers,

Absent: Steven Peacock, Jennifer Carlson, Anthony Florio, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff confirmed the date for our Spring Clean and Green for April 9th. Although we are getting help from Notre Dame volunteers, Jeff encouraged participation from board members. There will be a city wide Green and Clean on April 23rd.

Vice President's Report: Nancy brought the board up to speed on the Easter Egg Hunt (details in the special events report). Nancy also provided details about membership (included in the membership report). Finally, Nancy reported that the Edgebrook Lutheran Church received our donation and thanks for allowing us to use their space for our board meetings.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff presented the ECA budget recap to date. Approximately 1/3 of our revenue/income has been generated. Membership revenue is at about half of what is budgeted. Snowplowing invoices are being paid as well. There have been two donations paid. One is for Everyday Edgebrook for \$250 and Edgebrook Lutheran Church for \$100.

Secretary's Report: Mary handed out the board of directors contact sheet (in a bright orange color) and committed to send a copy to all board members not present at the meeting.

Director's Reports

Community Development: Christine and Steven will be attending the next North Park Village Meeting. Christine reported that there is a proposed ban on Airbnb in the 41st ward west of the RR tracks. Jennifer reported some highlights from 39th ward Alderman Nugent's [State of the Ward address](#).

Special Events: The special events committee met and the following are the highlights for the Saturday April 16th Easter Egg Hunt event

- There will be two hunts scheduled. One at 10 am and the second at 11 am. A Sign-up Genius will be set up to collect RSVP's and email addresses.
- There will be three areas designed for different age groups.
- Eggs will be recycled
- A hashtag will be created for social media postings
- Gift certificated from local businesses will be purchased for prizes.
- Membership solicitation will be held at the event
- There may be a fast pass land for members to visit the Easter Bunny (yet to be named!)

- Board members are asked to attend and help

Membership: Membership numbers are looking good but the committee is asking board members to reach out to neighbors. The Edgebrook Sauganash Chamber of Commerce has agreed to add information about the ECA in their welcome to the neighborhood packet.

Schools: Info about the March General Meeting was sent to the schools.

Media and Publicity: Andi and Steven will promote the Easter Egg Hunt and continue promoting membership. Caryn asked that the Easter Egg Hunt reservations require people to visit our web page to click on the signup link. She also asked that social media push out the CPD website link encouraging residents to register with the city if they have Ring type cameras to help aid them in criminal investigations.

Police/Fire and Transportation: Jerome reported that there were numerous reports of fireworks in the area that were concerning because of the gun fire issues. Tim asked that next year we inform residents that Skokie blows their sirens for alternate street parking when there is a heavy snowfall.

Snowplowing: Jerome reported that the NECA's snowplowing vendor has done a wonderful job and he will continue to use them for future snow events

Beautification: Caryn confirmed Notre Dame H.S. participation in the Green and Clean. She also asked board members to help. She reported the theft of some of our trees. Caryn is also asking the board to allow an Eagle Scout candidate Ben Williams present to the board at our April meeting. The proposed project is the landscaping improvement at the bus turnaround at Caldwell and Central. He is also asking for funds from the alderman and Lou Manfredini.

Website: See request about Easter Egg Hunt under Media and Publicity. Caryn also asked that the Social Media committee continue to integrate a link to our website when promoting our events.

Programs: Jan has scheduled the next general meeting for March 16th for the "Get to Know Your Library" presentation. US Representative Mike Quigley will attend. The next meeting topics will be an eldercare/special needs attorney. The tentative schedule for this meeting is May 18th

Philanthropy: A donation was made to Everyday Edgebrook and the Edgebrook Lutheran Church

Forest Preserves and Parks: Tim discussed the Openlands grant. Because the city replanted trees in the area being considered, Tim will be looking at the area of Dowagiac and Lunt for a fall planting.

Old Business:

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6th at 6:30pm. Board members are encouraged to attend in person at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church. 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)

April 6

May 11

June 8

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 16th

July 4th Parade and Picnic Monday, July 4th

Holiday Lighting Ceremony Saturday 11/19

General Meetings (4 per year) 4 Meetings

dates (TBD)