

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom and In Person

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:33 pm. April minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Anita Bernacchi, Mary Biesty, Jeff Manuel, Jan Kupiec, Jerome Witte, Jennifer Herren, Nancy Williams, Michelle Christensen, Tim Weiske, Kathy Kaminski, Jeff Singer, Caryn Meyers, Steven Peacock, and Deb Pavlik

Absent: Jennifer Carlson, Anthony Florio, Tom Misiewicz, Beverly Padratzik, Lorrie Kennedy, Andrea Macino, Christine Rosenberg, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff introduced Eagle Scout candidate Ben Williams. Ben presented his proposed Eagle Scout project and requested funding from the ECA. The project is providing beautification to the CTA turnaround at the intersection of Caldwell and Central Avenue. Ben has worked with Beautification Director Caryn Meyers on the proposal and after questions were answered, a motion was made for the ECA to donate \$500 to the project after approval was given by the CTA.

Vice President's Report: Nancy reported that the Easter Egg hunt went off without a hitch. The thank you party for outgoing board members Tom Kraft and Justin Ochonicki also was a lovely affair. The party and gifts were paid for by current board members.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff's financial recap will be sent out shortly. He will look into utilizing Venmo as an additional means of online payment for membership. In addition, after much difficulty, paid our Jumpline invoice.

Secretary's Report: Mary will be sending out a form for board members to sign up for the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic.

Director's Reports

Community Development: There was a brief recap of the proposed preschool in downtown Edgebrook. Christine and Steven will be attending the next North Park Village Meeting. It also appears that the ward remap is moving forward with Alderman James Gardiner taking over in 2023 the areas of Edgebrook currently under the 41st ward. There was no update on the zoning issue on the proposed houses on Caldwell and Legget.

Special Events: The Fourth of July highlights include

- The theme is "Music of America"
- Grand Marshal TBA
- Location is Wildwood Park but set up will change from previous years because of remodeling of the park.
- Jeff is working on the permits for both the parade and picnic
- Jennifer Herren will be coordinating gift certificates from Edgebrook businesses for prizes

- Nancy is working with the local Girl Scouts for face painting or other opportunities to fundraise
- Anita will reach out to local politicians to invite them to the parade and picnic
- Steven and Jeff are working with Park Church for their assistance
- Jeff Singer will coordinate ticketing
- Ewa and Tom will coordinate food service
- Nancy will be working on donations
- Steven and Andi are asked to solicit for volunteers on social media
- Board members are asked to attend and help

Membership: Membership numbers continue to steadily climb.

Schools: Jennifer and Kathy will try to get poster contest forms into the schools ASAP.

Media and Publicity: Andi and Steven will promote the Fourth of July and continue promoting membership.

Police/Fire and Transportation: Jerome reported on the retirement of 16th District Commander Maureen Biggane. There is no current update on cameras for the Caldwell corridor.

Beautification: Caryn provided an update on Beautification updates and future plans for the triangle and Metra corridor. She is currently seeking bids to repair the sprinkler system on the triangle.

Website: Caryn asked that we promote the Smart 911 program on the website. Caryn also asked that the Social Media committee continue to integrate a link to our website when promoting our events.

Programs: Jan encouraged board members to attend the Zoom General Meeting on May 18th.

Forest Preserves and Parks: Jerome reported that a proposal for a Wellness center is being explored for the old warming shelter near Whealan Pool

Old Business:

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned 7:20 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8th at 6:30pm. Board members are encouraged to attend in person at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church. There will be no Zoom offering because of internet issues. 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 8

November 9

September 14

December 14

October 12

Special Events

July 4th Parade and Picnic Monday, July 4th

Holiday Lighting Ceremony Saturday 11/19

General Meetings (4 per year) 4 Meetings

dates (TBD)