

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday January 11, 2023

6:30 PM

Minutes

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

In attendance: Mary Biesty, Anita Bernacchi, Michelle Christensen, Anthony Florio, Jan Kupiec, Andrea Macino, Caryn Meyers, Beverly Padratzick, Jerome Witte, Tom Misiewicz, and Jeff Singer

Absent: Jennifer Carlson, Jeff Manuel, Lorrie Kennedy, Nancy Williams, Tim Weiske, Jennifer Herren, Christine Rosenberg, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff was absent and Mary Biesty ran the meeting. Mary reported the possibility of two new board members that will be invited to the next board meeting in February. The Back to Business grant deadline has been extended to July. The ESCC will reach out if they still require our "loan".

Vice President's Report: Nancy was absent.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff reminded directors to submit outstanding invoices to close out 2022 expenses.

Secretary's Report: The BOD contact sheet and assignments was passed out at the meeting to verify accuracy of information. Board members not present will be asked via email to verify.

Director's Reports

Programs: Jan informed the board that the 45th Ward aldermanic forum held at City's Edge was well attended and very informative. Jan asked the board to consider ECA silver level sponsorship of the Everyday Edgebrook Winter Raffle for \$250. Motion was made, seconded, and passed without no opposition.

Community Development: Jennifer will be asked to write a rough draft of a letter to the alderman of both the 45th and 39th ward The letter will ask for funds to cover several of the beautification expenses. Caryn will provide Jennifer (39th Ward) and Anita (45th Ward) with the necessary information.

Special Events: The next ECA sponsored Special Event is the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 8th.

Membership: A meeting will be scheduled upon Nancy's return to develop new strategies for increasing membership.

Schools: Jennifer was absent, however, Jan reported on the update for the CPS preschool under construction on Devon. The preschool is expected to open Fall 2023 for 4-year-old students. Priority will be given to several groups including local residents. Jan is looking into holding a community meeting on the preschool.

Nominating Committee: nothing to report

Media and Publicity: Andi and Jan will continue to publicize ECA events. Andi showed the board a template she created for newsletter creation. This “newsletter will be sent to all active emails Caryn has posted on a spreadsheet. Andi will also work with Caryn on the Constant Contact list for email communication.

Police/Fire and Transportation: Jerome reported that most of the crime reported at the recent CAPS meeting involved deceptive practice incidents (check washing). Residents are encouraged to use gel pens when writing out checks to minimize altering of checks. The new CAPS officer for 16th district is Nicholas Cervantes.

Beautification: Caryn created a report (sent out via email) on the status of her beautification plans from last year and the upcoming plans for 2023. Anita will reach out to Wayne Schmidt from the Boy Scouts to ask for help with Beautification.

Website: Andi has taken over the responsibility of the website.

Forest Preserves and Parks: Tony had nothing to report.

Old Business:

New Business: none

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

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

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| March 8 th | June 14 th | November 8 th |
| April 12 th | September 13 th | December 13 th |
| May 10 th | October 11 th | |

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 8th

4th of July Parade and Picnic Tuesday July 4th

Halloween Judging Thursday, October 26th

Holiday Lighting Ceremony Saturday November 18th

General Meetings (4 per year) 4 Meetings

dates (TBD)