

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday February 8, 2023

6:30 PM

Minutes

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

In attendance: Mary Biesty, Michelle Christensen, Anthony Florio, Lorrie Kennedy, Jan Kupiec, Jeff Manuel, , Beverly Padratzik, Jerome Witte, Tom Misiewicz, Christine Rosenberg, Nancy Williams Tim Weiske, and Jeff Singer

Absent: Anita Bernacchi, Jennifer Carlson, Andrea Macino, Caryn Meyers, Jennifer Herren, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff confirmed the date of Clean and Green as Saturday, April 22nd. Directors are asked to attend and Notre Dame High School volunteers will help. Social media should promote in April.

Vice President's Report: Nancy deferred her report until the membership report.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff recapped YTD expenses including \$400 annual payment for our insurance. Jan asked that we switch our State Farm policy to a local State Farm broker. Jeff will follow up.

Secretary's Report: The BOD contact sheet and assignments was passed out at the meeting.

Director's Reports

Programs: Jan discussed having a community meeting about the planned preschool to open next school year. CPS and Camille Unger (current principal of Edgebrook Elementary School and future principal of the preschool) have a planned community meeting on Thursday, March 30th from 4pm to 5pm. Jan will consider the option of another meeting hosted by the ECA at a later date/ time.

Community Development: Mary reached out to Nugent's office for information on how the Devon median strip's landscaping is paid for. The ECA would like to request assistance with our beautification efforts on the triangle and Metra corridor. Have not heard back from Nugent's office. Mary will follow up. It was also discussed to put forth a proposal for a sprinkler system along the Metra corridor during the next participatory budgeting cycle. Christine will follow up. Jeff thanked Jennifer Herren for placing a work order in for the safety hazard on the triangle.

Special Events: The next ECA sponsored Special Event is the Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 8th. Tom M. will apply for the permit. Our easter bunny volunteer has committed to this year.

Membership: A meeting was held to discuss ways to increase membership. Various ideas were brought forth including a theme of "We're with you every season". Michelle will follow up. Additional ideas included working with the local day care centers to promote not only membership but also events. Nancy indicated that the first mailing went out that day. The quarterly newsletter (in the format Andi created) will be pushed out quarterly. Michelle will create a schedule and list of what board members will write the text to forward to Andi. Tim is still working on a way to reach out to nonrenewing members.

Schools: Jennifer was absent

Nominating Committee: nothing to report

Media and Publicity: Andi was absent.

Police/Fire and Transportation: Jerome and Tony will coordinate the news for these committees

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: Mary will forward updates for the website to Andi.

Forest Preserves and Parks: See Police/Fire, and Transportation

Old Business:

New Business: Tim is requesting that an increase in dues be placed on the next agenda in compliance with the ECA bylaws

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 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)

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

Clean and Green Saturday, April 22nd

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)