

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm. March minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Mary Biesty,,Beverly Padratzik, Jennifer Herren, Anita Bernacchi, eff Manuel, Michelle Christensen, Tom Misiewicz, Nancy Williams, Christine Rosenberg, Tim Weiske, and Caryn Meyers,, **Absent:** Lorrie Kennedy, Jerome Witte, Anthony Florio, Jennifer Carlson, Jeff Singer, Jan Kupiec. Andrea Macino, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff thanked those involved with the 2023 Easter Egg Hunt. The event was organized and well attended. Jeff reminded bard members to contribute articles to Andi for the newsletter that will be pushed out everyother week.

Vice President's Report: Nancy also thanked everyone that helped with the Easter Egg event. Almost every director was involved in some way to make the event a huge success. Approximately 18 new members joined at the event.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff was absent.

Secretary's Report: Mary and Bev are working on a flyer for a Nadig newspaper insert that will highlight the theme and past grand marshalls of the parade. The flyer will also include a solicitation for membership.

Director's Reports

Community Development: Christina indicated that participatory budgeting proposals were to be submitted to the 39th ward by April 16th Caryn was going to submit a proposal from beautification. Christina encouraged directors to volunteer on the 39th ward participatory budget committee.

Anita reported that she visited with newly elected 45th ward alderman Gardiner to congratulate him and his staff and discuss several community concerns including the lack of a strong cell tower signal near Wildwood school.

Special Events: The next major event is the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic. Detailed notes will be sent out.

Membership: Tim Weiske held a Zoom meeting to discuss membership ideas. Several new ideas were proposed including the Nadig Flyer about the Fourth of July and membership, a neighbor to neighbor card for all directors to pass out to their neighbors (Mary will provide text), scheduling a monthly gathering at a local establishment (ECA provides food), consideration for next year's mailings to be sent to ALL Edgebrook homes in January (eliminate the quarter one,two etc), and continue to aggressively promote membership at our special events.

Schools: Jennifer is encouraged to quickly send out the poster contest forms to schools
Media and Publicity: Andi continues to promote ECA events and news. A calendar will be created to designate featured writers for the email blasts (formerly referred to as newsletters).

Police/Fire and Transportation: Nothing to report.

Beautification: Caryn reminded the board about the Clean and Green event on April 22 Caryn also reported the plans for an Eagle scout project coordinated with scout leader Larry Weeks.

Website: Andi continues to request board members to communicate news and information to post on the website.

Programs: Jan reminded everyone about the presentation by home organizer Marni Dawson scheduled for April 18th. She also informed the board that Camille Unger (and other CPS representatives) will be attending the virtual meeting on May 3rd to address the community concerns about traffic issues for the new preschool opening in Fall 2023 on Devon and Minihaha.

Forest Preserves and Parks: Tony will coordinate obtaining permits for future ECA events held on Park District property.

Philanthropy: Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business:

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 10th at 6:30pm. Board members are encouraged to attend in person at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church..Upon request we will schedule a Zoom meeting. 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 14th

September 13th

October 11th

November 8th

December 13th

Special Events

Clean and Green Saturday, April 22nd

July 4th Parade and Picnic Tuesday, July 4th

Halloween Judging Friday, October 27th Holiday

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