

# ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 6:30 PM

## Minutes

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

**In attendance:** Mary Biesty,, Beverly Padratzick, Jeff Manuel, Anthony Florio, Lorrie Kennedy, Jennifer Carlson, Jan Kupiec, Nancy Williams,, Jeff Singer, Andrea Macino, and Jerome Witte,

**Absent:** Jennifer Herren, Tom Misiewicz,, Anita Bernacchi, Michelle Christensen, Christine Rosenberg, Jean Lin, Tim Weiske, Caryn Meyers, and Ewa Ryan

### Officer's Reports

**President's Report:** Jeff gave an update on the Fourth of July (see below)

**Vice President's Report:** Nancy reported that the storage locker has been moved. Annual savings of over \$1000.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff provided the board with the updated budget to date. (see attached)

**Secretary's Report:** Mary and Jeff asked for volunteers for the nominating committee. Jerome will chair the committee and Tony and Jan will assist.

### Director's Reports

**Community Development:** nothing to report

**Special Events:** A recap of the Fourth of July planning issues was discussed.. See below.

**Membership:** Currently we are \$1200 off from LY at this time. We are trending with 21% electronic payment and 66 % checks. (not sure of the remaining %)

**Schools:** Jennifer thanked those involved in the 4th of July poster contest.including Lorrie, Andi, Bev, and the officers presenting the winners.Jennifer will reach out to the schools for help with 4th of July volunteers and encouraging participation in the parade.

**Media and Publicity:** Andi continues to promote ECA events and news. She is posting new information every week about the Fourth of July Parade and Picnic.

**Police/Fire and Transportation:** Nothing to report.

**Beautification:** nothing to report

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

**Programs:** Jan thanked everyone that attended the preschool meeting and it was suggested that a followup meeting be held about the parking lot and anticipated traffic issues

**Forest Preserves and Parks:** Tony reported that the trail through Caldwell woods was being extended to the corner of Caldwell and Touhy. Tony will coordinate obtaining permits for future ECA events held on Park District property. Jeff and Tony will meet with Mike, the Wildwood Park Supervisor.

**Philanthropy:** Eagle Scout project funded by the ECA is completed

### Old Business:

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13th 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

September 13th

October 11th

November 8th

December 13th

### Special Events

July 4th Parade and Picnic Tuesday, July 4th

Halloween Judging Friday, October 27th Holiday

Lighting Ceremony Saturday November 18th

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# July 4th Update

Edgebrook....We're Golden  
Celebrating 50 years of the ECA July 4th Parade & Picnic

Grand Marshals (Michelle and Bev) Bev reported that there will be 9 former grand marshals in attendance. A Trolley has been secured with funding provided by Jac Charlier. Photos of the Grand Marshallw will be taken by Christine Rosenberg. Jeff will introduce all grand marshals at the picnic.

Food : menu (Ewa in charge) Food is ordered from Happy Foods. Edgebrook Coffee shop is donating the pulled pork. Jeff has secured at least 6 of the volunteers. More volunteers still needed.

Ticketing (Jeff S. in charge) Instead of raising ticket prices the number of tickets required for each menu item will increase.

Permitting and insurance (Jeff M) Permits have been secured by Jeff

Children's activities Nancy reached out to Edgebrook Lutheran Church and has two teen volunteers. Michelle C. (or someone from the board) will supervise

Music is Country Doctors (booked by Jeff)

Poster contest (Jennifer C. and Bev) Prizes have been awarded. Jennifer will hang up at Wildwood Park on the Fourth. Lorrie will have posters laminated.

Sponsors (Nancy) reported on the current list of sponsors including B & W, Gina Purdy, Andrea from State Farm, Chocolate Shoppe, Happy Foods and Williams Landscaping. Additional sponsors include Jan Kupiec (since the meeting more sponsors have been added

Marching band (Jeff M) Jeff has been unable to secure additional marching bands

Chocolate Shoppe (Jerome) needs to drop off containers 2 weeks before the event and pick up that morning.

Invites to VIPs (Jeff M.) Jeff has reached out to all state and local politicians

Wildwood Park Contact (Jeff) reach out to verify fieldhouse opening and any anticipated obstacles)

Popcorn/snow cone vendor (Jeff ) need additional equipment and recruit more volunteers

Promotion and social media (Andi) Andi was provided with the schedule and content of social media posts.

Rentals (Tom M.) Jeff has rented 21 tables from a local rental company.

Police and Fire (Jerome) Jerome was sending an email to the local Fire Department and will reach out to the 16th district commander. Mary will purchase candy for the fire dept to toss out.

Parade Judging (Jerome) If the bike shop is unable to judge then Jerome will step up.

Publicity Mary and Andi will create an ad for the Reporter.

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My current list of board members that will be present on the Fourth include...

Jeff M, Nancy W, Jeff S., Tom M., Bev, Michelle, Jan, Ewa, Tim W., Andi, Jerome, and Christine  
If I left anyone off, please let me know. PLEASE recruit any friends or neighbors to help with food service.