

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 6:30 PM

Minutes

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

In attendance: Mary Biesty, Anita Bernacchi, Beverly Padratzik, Jennifer Carlson, Jeff Manuel, Anthony Florio, Jennifer Carlson, Jennifer Herren, Jan Kupiec, Caryn Meyers, Tom Misiewicz, Nancy Williams,, Andrea Macino, Christine Rosenberg, and Jerome Witte,

Absent: Michelle Christensen, Tim Weiske, Jeff Singer, and Ewa Ryan

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff thanked the board members involved in the Fourth of July Parade and picnic planning and implementation. The day was a success and the ECA netted approximately \$3700, This was about \$832 less than 2022.

Vice President's Report: Nancy reported that all three sponsors for the holiday lighting had reupped for this year. She will reach out for help with the Spookiest House judging.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff provided the board with the recap of the Fourth of July expenses and revenue. He also indicated that we still needed to donate designated funds to SMOW of \$250 and \$50 to Wildwood. Tom M. will follow up.

Secretary's Report: Mary provided the board with the proposed dates for next year's board meetings and special events. The only change was for the Easter Egg hunt. Board meetings will be held on the second Monday of the month and, after a unanimous board vote, at 6:30 pm.

Director's Reports

Nominating Committee: Jerome reported that two board members were not re upping for another term. There were two names forwarded as prospective board members. Board members were asked to send names of friends and neighbors that might be interested to the nominating committee

Community Development: Mary and Jeff will meet with the 39th and 45th ward aldermen to discuss beautification funding assistance.

Special Events: The Spookiest House judging will be held on Tuesday, October 24th to enable us to put together an ad in the Nadig newspaper with the winners. Mary Biesty will host the pre and post judging activities. Andi will promote the event. Bev has agreed to organize this year's Holiday Lighting event. Various ideas were suggested for a featured costume character.

Membership: A vote was taken to increase base membership dues to \$40. Vote passed. Caryn indicated that the membership committee would be looking for ideas of how to retain new community members.

Schools: Concern was expressed for the safety/traffic issues for the new preschool on Devon. The issue will be raised at the Community meeting with Illinois Representative Mike Kelly.

Media and Publicity: Andi continues to promote ECA events and news. She reported that the ECA has 871 Instagram views, 2000 on Facebook, and 771 on Twitter. She asks for articles for the next newsletter.

Programs: Jan requested that board members attend the community meeting scheduled for September 13th

Police/Fire and Transportation/Snowplowing: Jerome reported that we will be using the same snow plowing contractor as last year.

Beautification: Caryn created a three page report on her beautification concerns and funding requests for the meeting with the Aldermen.

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 has been extended to the corner of Caldwell and Touhy.

Philanthropy: nothing to report

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
October 11th
November 8th
December 13th

Special Events

Halloween Judging Tuesday, October 24th

Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Saturday November 18th

