

**ECA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 8, 2023 6:30 PM**

**Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm. October minutes were approved with no changes.

**In attendance:** Mary Biesty, Beverly Padratzick, Jan Kupiec, Christine Rosenberg, Jerome Witte, Andi Macino, Tom Misiewicz, Caryn Meyers, and Nancy Williams

**Absent:** Anita Bernacchi, Jennifer Carlson, Michelle Christensen, Jeff Manuel, Anthony Florio, Jennifer Herren, Lorrie Kennedy, Jeff Singer, Tim Weiske, and Ewa Ryan

**Officer's Reports**

**President's Report:** Jeff was out of town.

**Vice President's Report:** Nancy provided a brief recap about the Spookiest House Contest. Awards will be presented at next week's community meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff was absent

**Secretary's Report:** Mary reported that a budget meeting will be held before next month's board meeting.

**Director's Reports**

**Nominating Committee:** Jerome will present the proposed slate at next week's community meeting.

**Community Development:** Christine reported no updates on the proposed new development on Devon.

**Special Events:** Bev provided an update on the Holiday Lighting event to be held on Sunday November 26th. All directors volunteering for the event have been given their assignments via email. Mary and Bev attended a meeting with Mandy from New Book Joy to discuss how to best collaborate. There will be a full page ad to run side by side with a full page ad from Everyday Edgebrook.

**Membership:** Caryn provided an update on the membership activities. A thank you letter will be sent shortly to all the members that signed up for the first time last year. There will also be a special letter sent in the future to our long standing members that have consistently joined year after year. Caryn and the membership committee are proposing a subset marketing approach for next year's membership drive.

**Schools:** Jennifer was absent.

**Media and Publicity:** Andi will be promoting both the upcoming Community meeting as well as the Holiday Lighting event. Our email blast each month will also feature a board member of the month. We will begin with Jan Kupiec. Next month will announced at

the December meeting.

**Programs:** Jan presented the agenda for the community meeting next week. The owners of New Book Joy will give a brief presentation, followed by the presentation and voting on next year's slate. There will also be a vote about the dues increase from \$30 to \$35. The meeting will conclude with the awards for Spookiest House Judging.

**Police/Fire and Transportation/Snowplowing:** Jerome attended the recent CAPS meeting. Nothing significant to report.

**Beautification:** Caryn reported that there had been some additional mulch spread by the Metra station.

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

**Forest Preserves and Parks:** Tony was absent

**Philanthropy:** An advisory vote was taken to approve a \$250 donation to the New Hope Pantry.

**Old Business:**

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm

**2024 Board Meetings** (every second Monday 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church)

January 8

February 12

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

September 9

October 14

November 11

December 9

**2024 Special Events**

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 30th (Saturday before Easter)

4th of July Parade and Picnic Thursday, July 4th

Halloween House judging Tuesday, October 22

Holiday Tree Lighting Saturday December 1st (Sunday after Thanksgiving)