

Woodcroft Community League

Minutes, April 16, 2009

Present: Patricia Grell, Evelyn Devine, Autumn Maronuk, Cindy Stewart, Sandra Johnston, Zenon Martynkiw, Gail Taylor, and Una Bryce

Regrets: Patrick Hallonquist, Arlene Huhn and Chris Shaver

Prior to commencing the meeting Patricia went over a few suggestions on how we can run our meeting more efficiently:

- a) We have a larger group now therefore need to become more formal
- b) Only one speaker at a time (no side bar conversations)
- c) Stick to time allotted for each item
- d) Stay on topic
- e) Opportunity to socialize after the meeting or 15 minute break in middle (members present agreed to a 15 minute break in the middle of meeting)
- f) League meetings will be held in hall at round tables so that everyone can see the other members and there is no disturbance from noise created by the fridge.

1. Additions to Agenda: none
2. Approval of Minutes: Change date at top of minutes from February 26 to March 19. Approved as amended: Wendy. Seconded by Sandra
3. St. George Society
 - a) Key to electrical room was given to John Hender. Sandra will research if the Fire Department requires that the electrical room door should be unlocked in case they need to get into this room during a fire. Evelyn commented that we should check and make sure the correct keys for the fire department are contained in the F/D box at the entrance of the hall. If these keys are incorrect then the F/D will need to break down the doors to get in. Sandra will follow up.
 - b) St. George Society installed a new lit Exit sign on the North side of the hall
4. President's Report: Autumn moved to accept it as written. Evelyn seconded the motion.

5. Community Services Report: Una distributed summer camp brochures. Play and save brochures which offer discounts on summer city programs for children will be dropped off at the Brentwood Homes. Una distributed Monthly Minders. She highlighted the following:
- Perk up your parks events
 - West LRT meetings
 - Communities Connect information to be shared with all leagues
 - Volunteer coffee cards distributed to volunteers on behalf of the City
 - Contract Staff: Una will send info to Patricia in regard to this

6. Treasurer's Report

- a) Patricia reported that Woodcroft was fined by AGLC for \$100 for improper accounting practices such as only having one signature on cheques. These improper practices occurred during the 2006-2007 league year and are not occurring with the new Board.
- b) A motion was made by Sandra to remove Eden Tourangeau's name as third signatory for the Woodcroft Community League. Seconded by Autumn.

A motion was made by Zenon to replace Eden Tourangeau with Evelyn Devine as signatory for the Woodcroft Community League. Seconded by Autumn.

- c) Gail Taylor moved to amend the last month's minutes to allocate the additional \$500 for soccer to cover out of town tournaments only. Seconded by Evelyn. All agree, one abstention.

Una agreed to get further information about soccer fees. Patricia will ask Kim Cordeiro how she intends to use the soccer fees and who sets the fees for Woodcroft.

Zenon moves that the soccer coordinator submit a budget at the beginning of the year and accounting/final report at the end of the year. Gail Seconded the motion. All in favour.

7. Committee Reports

Playground Reports: Patricia asked Una if some of our money raised for the playground could be used for establishing some playground equipment at 135 St. Una replied that developing this park would require a needs assessment.

8. Traffic Report

- a) Speed Watch Program: Patricia reported that the Traffic Concerns Committee will be working with Sargeant Ken H. to develop this program in Woodcroft. He will be making a brief presentation on this program at the May 2 special community meeting.
- b) Parking Meeting, March 19: Gail reported that 8 residents attended with 2 city representatives. She reported that 2 hr. restricted parking was not viable and that a permanent resident restriction would need more work. Gail will begin a petition on 115 Ave., 135/136/137 Streets to gain the permanent resident restriction.

9. Membership Update

Patricia reported that Nina Pronchuk our Membership Coordinator does not have the time to conduct the annual membership drive and asked for volunteers from the Board to do it in her stead. Autumn and Sandra volunteered to coordinate this effort in September.

Evelyn moved to give those who volunteered to help with the membership campaign a free membership. Gail seconded. All in favour.

10. Neighbourhood Watch Report

Zenon reported that on April 4 he noticed a Golden Arrow school bus travelling at 75 km/hr through our community and reported the driver to police.

Gail suggested that the community could rent a sign to ask drivers to slow down and have this sign moved around the community. Gail will look into the cost of renting such a sign. Una will send Patricia information on getting a free rental on such a sign.

11. Rink Report – tabled

12. Hall Report:

- Zenon moved to request John Hender of the Alberta St. George of England Society to purchase for us a \$329 amplifier for our sound system at the hall. Seconded by Evelyn. All in favour.
- A hall maintenance and energy report could cost us \$2,000. Zenon disagreed that we needed to spend this amount of money to get a good sense of what shape our hall is in. Una suggested that it is worthwhile as a preventative measure given other community's experience of having furnaces fail in the middle of winter. Issue tabled.
- Zenon will seek out a roof inspector in the mean time who could inspect for free.

13. New Business

- a) Patricia would like to book our meetings for the new league year so that she can reserve the hall. All agreed to book our league meetings in the hall for the third Thursday of every month except December when the meeting will be scheduled on the second Thursday.
- b) Patricia requested the Board's permission to register Woodcroft as a host community for the Sogo Active Program put on by Alberta Parks and Recreation to try to get our youth more active. All in favour.
- c) Cindy's snacks: Cindy Stewart reported that the vending machines she distributes to institutions in Alberta are too large for our hall and require at least 200 people in the building per day and so would not be suitable for our hall. There is a possibility in the future that there will be some smaller vending machines that will become available and be more suitable to our needs. In the mean time she is willing to bring healthy snacks to offer for our community events and meetings. They are more expensive than donuts but better for our health. Autumn moved to try Cindy's snacks for the May 2 meeting. Seconded by Evelyn. All in favour.

- d) Outdoor Cinema: Autumn reported that the Outdoor Cinema is very expensive -- \$2,500 per night, plus movie rights and restriction on Disney movies in the summer. The discussion focused on partnering with nearby community leagues to put on such a venture, sharing the cost and going together to get sponsorships of this event. Some members suggested that we could try a movie night at the hall first to begin with and try the Outdoor Cinema another time.
- e) EFCL AGM on April 27: Patricia has accepted to attend this meeting to represent Woodcroft.
- f) There was a discussion regarding the need to tour the league building to identify areas that need work. Zenon and Sandra agreed to do a walk through and report for the June 18 meeting.

14. Evaluation of the meeting

- We could still try to stay on topic better and therefore be more effective
- We can limit discussion to a specific length of time; if no decision is made, then defer
- Stay on topic
- Allow people their allotted time.
- Have a short meeting and pot luck on a separate night. Possibly June 19 or 20. Patricia will look into hall availability.

Autumn moved to adjourn meeting at 9:40 pm. Seconded by Wendy. All in favour.