

# Woodcroft Community League (WCL) - Board of Directors Meeting November 15, 2012 7:00 pm

## In attendance:

Linda Thiessen      Arlene Huhn      Mark Tofsrud      Patrick Hallonquist  
Chris McMorran      Ronaye Schell      Alan Schietzsch

**Regrets:**      Wendy Smith      Ben Molnar

**Guests:**      Ruth Lysak-Martynkiw; Barb Ireland (City of Edmonton); Rachele Dumont (City of Edmonton)

1.0      **Call to order** at 7:06pm by L. Thiessen

2.0      **Additions/Changes to Agenda** – Add to New Business g) and other hall rentals and when Barb Ireland from the City of Edmonton arrives, we will move 9.7 up so they can begin immediately.

3.0      **Approval of Minutes** (September 20, 2012)

Motion: P. Hallonquist moves to approve September 20, 2012 minutes as provided.

Second: A. Schietzsch

Carried: All in favor

4.0      **St. George Society** – L. Thiessen reported that herself and A. Huhn met with the ASGOES representatives to talk about the transition of ASGOES leaving the hall and the sale of some of their equipment to WCL. L. Thiessen reported that the item's she was sure we would want to consider is the screen, LCD, and the stage. ASGOES has offered these items to us for \$150.00. The other item's for us to consider purchasing from ASGOES is their photo copier and the red curtains. Discussion took place regarding how much we would use either of these items. It was decided we would not use them enough for us to budget those costs in.

Motion: P. Hallonquist moves that we purchase the LCD projector, the screen and the stage from ASGOES for \$150.00.

Second: M. Tofsrud

Carried: All in favor

5.0      **Woodcroft Playschool** –Nothing to report at this time.

6.0      **CRC Report** – C. McMorran introduced himself as our new CRC. He provided his work/cell number and email for all to have. He sent the Monthly Minders via email and will bring some hard copies to the meetings. C. McMorran announced that we will have the snow shack this year over the Christmas Holidays. Other announcements included that a fundraising workshop was going to be held on November 29<sup>th</sup>; November 17<sup>th</sup> was a Board Strengthening workshop; and November 18<sup>th</sup> was a free children's swim at the Y's and city pools.

7.0      **President's Report:** No report.

8.0      **Treasurer's Report:** P. Hallonquist sent report in advance. There were no questions.

Motion: M. Tofsrud moves to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Second: A. Schietzsch

Carried: All in favor

## 9.0 **Committee Reports:**

**9.1 Playground Committee Report** – No report - Still waiting for the final bill from the City of Edmonton.

**9.2 Communication Committee Report** – newsletter information is due on November 18th.

**9.3 Social Committee Report** – L. Thiessen gave a quick run down of events coming up for WCL. A. Huhn presented information on a skating program that would be run privately with a Can Skate instructor. It would not be an approved program from Can Skate, but would offer more than the basic camps we have offered the last two years. There would be three age groups offered and the programs would be offered during the week and possibly on the weekends. Discussion took place regarding how much we would want to subsidize.

Motion: P. Hallonquist moves that we pay half of the registration fee for WCL members up to a maximum of \$750.00.

Second: R. Schell

Carried: All in favor

A. Huhn reported that the New Years Eve Party will be taking place again. The question for the board is if they would like to subsidize some of the amount of the tickets to make it affordable for families. Discussion took place.

Motion: A. Huhn moves that we provide the same subsidy that we have provided in the past years, that being an early bird price of \$18 per adult; \$8.00 per child; and \$45 for 2 adults and all children and regular pricing of \$20 per adult; \$10.00 per child and \$50.00 per family.

Second: M. Tofsrud

Carried: All in favor

**9.4 Hall Maintenance Committee Report** – Report was sent in advance. A. Huhn reported that in order for us to move ahead with grants, we need to set aside a matching portion of dollars. L. Thiessen reported that the contractor has quoted a total of \$835,000 for the whole project including asbestos treatment and mold abatement, roofing, flooring, kitchen costs, etc... When looking at our funds and the matching grants available, federal grant (due in November); city grant and provincial grants (both due in March), we will have to make some hard decisions as we will not have total funding for a \$835,000.00 project. L. Thiessen provided a budget document demonstrating that we could realistically set aside \$125,000 of our reserves without compromising overall operating funds required for the next two years. A. Huhn reported that we will be able to choose more moderate materials when it comes to the actual choosing phase of the project, for example, we will not get the highest end flooring but something that will still be appropriate for a hall floor. With the choice of more economical options we could manage the project within a budget of \$750,000. Discussion took place.

Motion: A. Huhn moves that the WCL Board approve \$125,000 for renovations to the community hall to be used in matching grants and that this money be dedicated for this purpose.

Second: M. Tofsrud

Carried: 4 in favor, 1 abstain

**9.7 Capital Project Committee** – Barb Ireland and Rachelle Dumont from the City of Edmonton presented information on what are the next steps for the Coronation Park Redevelopment (see handouts). B. Ireland reported that City Council approved 4.3 million dollars to take the project through the necessary steps all the way up to but not including the building of the recreation centre. Discussion took place as to how WCL would see their involvement, how many people, where we would want to be involved, etc.. It was agreed that we want to be sitting at the table and that we would have 2 representatives doing this and they can be named at a later date. A. Schietzsch and R. Lysak-Martynkiw are interested.

**9.5 Community Improvement Committee Report** – R. Lysak-Martynkiw reported that as per the email we had all received, Woodcroft Community has been chosen for a pilot site regarding dimming street lights. A representative from the City of Edmonton will come and explain more information on the pilot at the January meeting.

**9.6 Kitchen Committee** – Nothing to report at this time.

**10.0 Membership:** Membership cards have been dropped off at Brentwood.

**11.0 Neighborhood Watch:** Nothing to report.

**12.0 Casino:** Nothing to report.

**13.0 Sports:** Due to the weather we are having, we are trying to get the rink up and running early this year.

**14.0 New Business:**

a) **December Meeting** – A. Huhn requested we decide if the WCL Board would like to meet one week early in December, the 13<sup>th</sup> or if we would like to stay with the third Thursday of the month, that being the 20<sup>th</sup>. Agreed by all that we will have the meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup> with a small get together planned after a short meeting.

b) **Janitorial Contract** – L. Thiessen reported that a written contract has been developed for the janitorial services. The current janitor would like to have an increase in his monthly fee from \$415.00 to \$435.00 per month. Discussion took place regarding what is done during regular cleaning and what is more specialized cleaning services.

Motion: A. Huhn moves that we increase the janitorial fee to \$435.00 per month and that additional work be done on an hourly fee.

Second: P. Hallonquist

Carried: All in favor

c) **Snow Shoveling Contract (s)** – L. Thiessen reported that we have not increased the salary of our the teenager who has been doing the snow shoveling of the community hall

steps for two years. As well, we may want to consider shoveling the snow from the pathway in the park to the sign area. Discussion took place and it was decided that with the new sidewalk running along the entrance way, there was no need to do the pathway through the park.

Motion: P. Hallonquist moves that we increase the snow shoveling for the teenager who is currently doing our steps to \$45.00 per month.

Second: A. Huhn

Carried: All in favor

- d) Book Club & e) Choir:** A. Huhn reported that we had been approached by a member of the community interested in having a book club at the WCL hall. This member of the community is a past member of the ASGOES society and coordinated their book club for them. She would like to continue that book club on the same days and times as they were using in the past, which is once a month on a Tuesday afternoon. The goal would be to try to encourage more community members to attend the book club. The costs would be minimal as it is not a heavily booked time for our hall and other than that the costs would be tea bags. A. Huhn noted that we had also been approached by the ASGOES choir looking to do something similar. L. Thiessen presented the costs associated with the choir. Discussion took place regarding whether these two programs were a good match for our community, whether we wanted to carry costs for these programs and for how long, associate membership fees, etc...

Motion: M. Tofsrud moves that we make our associate membership fees identical to our regular membership fees, with the exception that seniors would need to pay for a single or family fee and that associate members be allowed all benefits as other members according to our by-laws. Fees are as follows:

Family = \$30.00

Singles = \$20.00

Seniors = one of the above

Second: R. Schell

Carried: All in favor

Motion: A. Schietzsch moves that WCL starts their own book club with the member of the community who approached the board acting as the coordinator. All participants would need to be a WCL member or an associate member of WCL.

Second: P. Hallonquist

Carried: All in favor

Motion: A. Schietzsch moves that WCL will pilot the Woodcroft Singers program for one year to a maximum of \$2000.00, with the goal of increasing membership from seniors in our community. All participants would need to be a WCL member or an associate member of WCL.

Second: A. Huhn

Carried: All in favor

- f) Children's Musical Theatre:** A. Huhn reported that we have been approached by a member of the previous ASGOES choir offering to run a free children's musical theatre for WCL. Discussion took place and it was decided we would not "compete" with our new long term renters, that we would rather promote their programs.

- g) Kitchen Committee Chairperson and others – hall rental:** The chair of the WCL Kitchen Committee, M. Korn has asked whether she could use the hall for free for a few hours to host a wrap up party for a charitable event. McDonalds has also approached the community league to rent for their Christmas Party.

Motion: P. Hallonquist moves to allow M. Korn the use of the hall for free for any event she would like. He also moves to provide McDonalds the opportunity to rent from our hall at community member rates.

Second: M. Tofsrud

Carried: All in favor

- h) Ratify email vote on EMT rental fee –**

Motion: P. Hallonquist moves to ratify the EMT rental fee

Second: A. Huhn

Carried: All in favor

- i) North Glenora –** R. Lysak-Martynkiw reported that North Glenora is interested in joining with us for some of the social functions we run. A. Huhn stated they can contact her to talk more about this.
- j) Charles Camsel –** R. Lysak-Martynkiw reported that she heard information that they may not be able to save any of the Charles Camsel building and that it may need to be torn down.

**15.0 Announcements:** Deck the Hall and Pizza party is on November 24<sup>th</sup> and Gingerbread House making is December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**16.0** Topics Tabled for next Meeting:

**17.0** Next regular meeting will be December 13th, 2012 at 7:00 pm.

**18.0** Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm