

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Edgebrook Library

Monday, February 11, 2019, 6:30 PM

Minutes

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

In attendance: Mary Biesty, Craig Caimi, Kevin Haran, Dennis Henley, Jennifer Herren, Tom Kraft, Jan Kupiec, Jeff Manuel, Tom Misiewicz, Justin Ochonicki, Beverly Padratzick, Ewa Ryan, Christine Rosenberg, Nora Shea, Jeff Singer, Nancy Williams, and Susan Zelnor

Absent: Jennifer Carlson, Michelle Christensen, Jim Gillespie, Caryn Meyers, Lidia Pomaville, and Jerome Witte

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff recently attended outgoing Alderman Laurino's farewell State of the Ward address. He also reported that Park Church will be holding their church services in the Taft High School auditorium. He was unsure if they were keeping their home base in the church on Touhy. They indicated their willingness to continue to support the ECA for special events and activities. Jeff will be meeting with the Executive Director of the Niles YMCA to be updated on their construction plans. Jeff also reported to the board that after a discussion with Laura Gunther from Everyday Edgebrook, he informed her that the Edgebrook Community Association would not be willing to commit financially to ongoing support for the planned August block party on Devon Avenue. The mission of the ECA was primarily to support the residents but we would continue discussions in how to best support the business district in the future.

Vice President's Report: Nancy informed the board that the project to change our existing bylaws has moved forward and she had reached out to a local attorney and former board member Dan Cotter to help finalize the changes to the bylaws. The board voted to pay for his services in the amount of \$1000.00. Nancy indicated that the three priorities that will be addressed in the proposed changes include indemnification of board members, a conflict of interest statement, and a dissolution clause.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Singer shared the 2019 ECA budget with expenses incurred during the month of January. (see attached).

Secretary's Report: A copy of the 2019 Board of Director's contact list were passed around and errors were noted and will be corrected and sent out. Mary also reported that our 2018 recipient of the volunteer of the year award was Margaret Dospiljulian. Margaret provided a lengthy article about her vast amount of service she has provided to the Edgebrook Community over the years. This article will be posted on our website and an abbreviated article will be added to the March newsletter.

Director's Reports

Programs: The General Meeting held on January 26th at SMOW from 11am until 1pm. This aldermanic forum was well attended and very informational. Jan is looking to schedule another general meeting in March in order for the proposed bylaws to be presented. Our current constitution requires a general meeting for the proposed changes to be presented and future meeting for the changes to be approved.

Special Events: Tom M. has applied for the permit for the Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Saturday, April 20th at Jeff Green Park (AKA Choo-Choo park). The committee will be reaching out to Park Church for their assistance with this event.

Community Development: Christine reported that fencing has gone up at the 5306 W. Devon property. She also reported that it appears that the two Lennox properties have been sold and work has resumed.

Safety & Transportation: Nothing to Report

Membership: *Sent via email prior to the meeting*

As of Sunday, January 10, 2019 membership statistics are as follows:

267 Members

\$11,310 Total funds collected

\$ 8,000 Dues

\$ 2,790 Additional donations (membership upgrades and event contributions)

\$ 520 Landscaping donations

A membership renewal promotion was mailed in January, coinciding with the appearance of the ECA newsletter in the Nadig Reporter, to 387 households who had joined the ECA in the first quarter of 2018 and to 55 households who had joined in the first quarter of 2017 but had not renewed in 2018.

On February 9, a reminder to the 168 households who had not yet responded to the membership call to act was mailed.

2Q 2019 Renewal direct mail will be sent in early April.

Thank you postcards were mailed to 387 households. The cards acknowledged their contributions and either promoted the aldermanic forum or promoted two ECA spring events - the Egg Hunt and the Seed & Plant Swap.

Welcome letters to new home owners are sent as ownership changes are learned from realtors' advertisements, Zillow.com, and the few direct mail pieces that are returned to the ECA marked vacant.

Membership was represented at the Aldermanic Forum along with several other Directors. Jerome Witte assisted in greeting arriving attendees. The slide show of Christine Rosenberg's photos ran at the Membership table which was stocked with newsletters and ECA brochures.

Planning is underway on the third annual Seed and Plant Swap to be held Saturday, May 11.

Please continue to tell your neighbors and friends about the ECA and direct them to the website to learn details of programs and to join.

Board members are encouraged to view Nora's February 10th email to view the comments and feedback received from residents to look for opportunities to better serve the community.

Charitable and Community Support: Bev brought up the possibility of eliminating the poster contest for the Fourth of July. She feels that amount of money we give out to schools for this event might not be giving us the "biggest bang for our buck". After a brief discussion, it was suggested that Bev hold a committee meeting to discuss and propose changes.

Forests and Parks: Craig had nothing to report but asked for help in scheduling Bridget Gainer from the Cook County Board to a future general meeting.

Snowplowing and Police/Fire: Kevin Haran has assumed the duties.

Old Business: Justin confirmed that the proposed holiday lighting proposal remains the same as last month (\$2500). If we want to have a taller tree (20ft) the cost would increase an additional \$1200.00 . The motion to approve was delayed because of questions about Caryn's beautification plans (both members of the Beautification committee were absent).

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 11 at 6:30 pm in the community room of the Edgebrook Library. Please remember to contact Jeff if you are unable to attend.

Future Board Meetings

Monday	Mar 11, 2019
Monday	Apr 8, 2019
Monday	May 13, 2019
Monday	Jun 10, 2019
Monday	Sep 9, 2019
Monday	Oct 7, 2019 (first Monday)
Monday	Nov 4, 2019(first Monday)
Monday	Dec 9, 2019

Special Events 2019

Saturday, April 20th	Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday, July 4th	Parade and Picnic
Sunday, December 1st	Holiday Stroll