

## **ECA Board of Directors Meeting**

### **Edgebrook Library**

**Monday, May 13, 2019 6:30 PM**

#### **Minutes**

Meeting called to order 6:37pm. April minutes were approved at 7:15pm with no changes. (late start because quorum was not in place until this time)

**In attendance:** Mary Biesty, Dennis Henley, Caryn Meyers, Tom Kraft, Jeff Manuel, Beverly Padratzik, Christine Rosenberg, Nora Shea, , Nancy Williams, Ewa Ryan, Susan Zelner and Jerome Witte

**Absent:** Jennifer Carlson, Craig Caimi, Michelle Christensen, Kevin Haran, Jennifer Herren, Jan Kupiec, Tom Misiewicz, Justin Ochonicki, Lidia Pomaville, and Jeff Singer

#### **Officer's Reports**

**President's Report:** Jeff reported that the YMCA has reached out to the ECA and other community organizations to ask how to best serve the community. Several board members suggested inviting the YMCA to participate in the Fourth of July parade and picnic activities. Jeff also provided a brief recap of the Fourth of July planning meeting held the previous week. He also asked board members attend the poster judging contest being held on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Jeff's house. Finally, Jeff appointed the nominating committee by a random selection process. Caryn Meyers and Christine Rosenberg will head the committee along with help from Mary Biesty.

**Vice President's Report:** Nancy informed the board that the proposed changes to the ECA bylaws has been approved at the General Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. Nancy reminded directors that they must complete a Conflict of Interest form ASAP.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jeff Singer shared the 2019 ECA budget via an email with expenses incurred through the month of April 2019. (see attached).

**Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

#### **Director's Reports**

**Programs:** The General Meeting held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Cook County Forest Preserve Volunteer Resource Center was well attended and informative. The speaker provided information about the focus and mission of the Forest Preserve District and answered questions from the audience. The next General meeting will be held in September.

**Special Events:** There was an animated discussion about ideas for increasing membership during ECA events. Ideas included a separate line for the Easter Bunny or early access for eggs for the ECA members. Also suggested was the possibility of a 50/50 type raffle at the Fourth of July event or a craft area for ECA members. Several board members will be meeting to discuss.

**Community Development:** Ewa met with a representative from Alderman Napolitano's office and brought up the participatory budgeting process. She will be following up to gain more information. Ewa is also looking in to replacing the flags and rope for the flagpole at the triangle.

**Membership:** Sent out via email on Sunday, May 12, the membership statistics are as follows:

443 Members  
\$18,740 Funds Collected

The \$21,000 budget has not been realized. At \$30 per pledge, 76 pledges are needed to meet the 2019 budget. Of the 500 families and individuals who pledged in the first and second quarters of 2018, only 337 have renewed. We will be mailing Q3 in June to 47 addresses and mailing Q4 in September to 33 addresses.

At the Egg Hunt, Directors Mary Biesty, Jennifer Herren, Bev Padrazek, Ewa Ryan, Jeff Singer, and Jerome Witte joined forces and actively promoted membership to attendees. Their efforts, along with everyone who made this annual event such a pleasant treat for so many families, resulted in the following:

- 2 New members who had previously received New Neighbor Letters
- 2 New members outside of the ECA's territory
- 2 New members from addresses that had never responded to membership invitations
- 4 Renewals who had received two 2019 mailings
- 2 Renewals from sporadic members (one household had joined in 2009 and 2017; the other had joined nine years ago)
- 1 2019 Member who pledged another \$30
- 1 \$30 donation from a Park Ridge family

The Seed & Plant Swap, which the ECA co-sponsors with the Chicago Public Library was held on Saturday, May 11. We lost count after 86 attendees walked through the door. This was the third annual spring Swap and we received a large number of donated plants and seeds. The momentum is definitely building. An audience of 50 hung on expert gardener Lisa Hilgenberg's every word for 75 minutes. One membership at the Friend level was received at the Swap.

Work continues on updating the ECA's database of Edgebrook names and addresses and when new resident names are learned, welcome letters are sent.

Thank you postcards will promote the ECA's sponsorship of the July 4th art contest for 5th - 8th grade students at neighborhood schools and the July 4th Parade, Picnic, and Concert.

The Edgebrook-Sauganash Chamber of Commerce asked if the ECA would contribute to welcome packages distributed to new neighbors. There are ECA seed journals and gardening gloves remaining from the Swap that can be contributed to the Chamber.

**Charitable and Community Support:** A motion was made and approved to donate \$100.00 to the Sauganash Sounds.

**Forests and Parks:** Craig was not present

**Beautification:** See attached PDF from the committee

**Snowplowing and Police/Fire:** It was asked if we locked in rates for our snowplowing contract for 2020. The vendor did an outstanding job and was more economical than our previous contractor. Kevin is asked to report at the next meeting.

**Old Business:** The schedule was posted for the ESAA team we are sponsoring to determine a date that Board members will attend. Nothing decided.

**New Business:**

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

**NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting will be held on Monday, June 10th 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	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**

Thursday, July 4th Parade and Picnic

Sunday, December 1st Holiday Stroll

	2019	2019 Actual (through 5/13/19)	Difference Between Budget - Actual	%
<b>Income</b>				
100 Income				
10 Membership Dues	\$ 16,750.00			
<i>Pay Pal / Square</i>		\$ 3,064.14		
<i>Checks</i>		\$ 10,110.00		
<i>Total Membership Dues</i>		\$ 13,174.14	\$ 3,575.86	
11 Donations with Dues	\$ 4,925.00			
<i>Pay Pal / Square</i>		\$ 1,289.29		
<i>Checks</i>		\$ 3,360.00		
<i>Total Donations with Dues</i>		\$ 4,649.29	\$ 275.71	
12 Interest Income	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	
13 July 4th Income	\$ 8,325.00	\$ -	\$ 8,325.00	
15 Donations, Other	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	
16 Beautification Donations	\$ 500.00			
<i>Pay Pal / Square</i>		\$ 44.11		
<i>Checks</i>		\$ 715.00		
<i>Total Donations with Dues</i>		\$ 759.11	\$ (259.11)	
Total 100 Income	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 18,582.54	\$ 31,200.00	
<b>Expense</b>				
200 Expense				
18 Newsletter Ads	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 1,448.00	\$ 1,377.00	48.7%
19 Website	\$ 260.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 210.00	80.8%
20 Secretarial Supplies	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00	100.0%
21 Membership expense	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,254.66	\$ 245.34	16.4%
24 General Meetings	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	100.0%
25 Holiday Event	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	100.0%
26 July 4th	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	100.0%
27 Snowplowing Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,330.00	\$ 2,670.00	53.4%
30 Easter Egg Hunt	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 995.65	\$ 4.35	0.4%
32 Edgebrook Library	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 675.00	\$ 825.00	55.0%
33 Charitable & Educational Community Support	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 250.00	20.0%
34 Insurance	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00	\$ -	0.0%
35 Publicity & Social Media	\$ 300.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 265.00	88.3%
36 P.O. Box	\$ 96.00	\$ 106.00	\$ (10.00)	-10.4%
37 Beautification	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,144.88	\$ 6,855.12	85.7%
38 Storage	\$ 1,044.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 664.00	63.6%
39 Miscellaneous Other	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	100.0%
41 President's expense	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	100.0%
42 Treasurer's expense	\$ 25.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	60.0%
43 Halloween Event	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ 200.00	100.0%
46 Landscape Design Special Project (Off Budget)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	N/A	
47 Lawyer Fees (ECA Constitution Revisions)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	N/A	
	\$ 31,200.00	\$ 10,754.19	\$ 20,445.81	65.5%

Cash on hand = \$29,179.89

Reserves (in CDs) = \$19,359.35

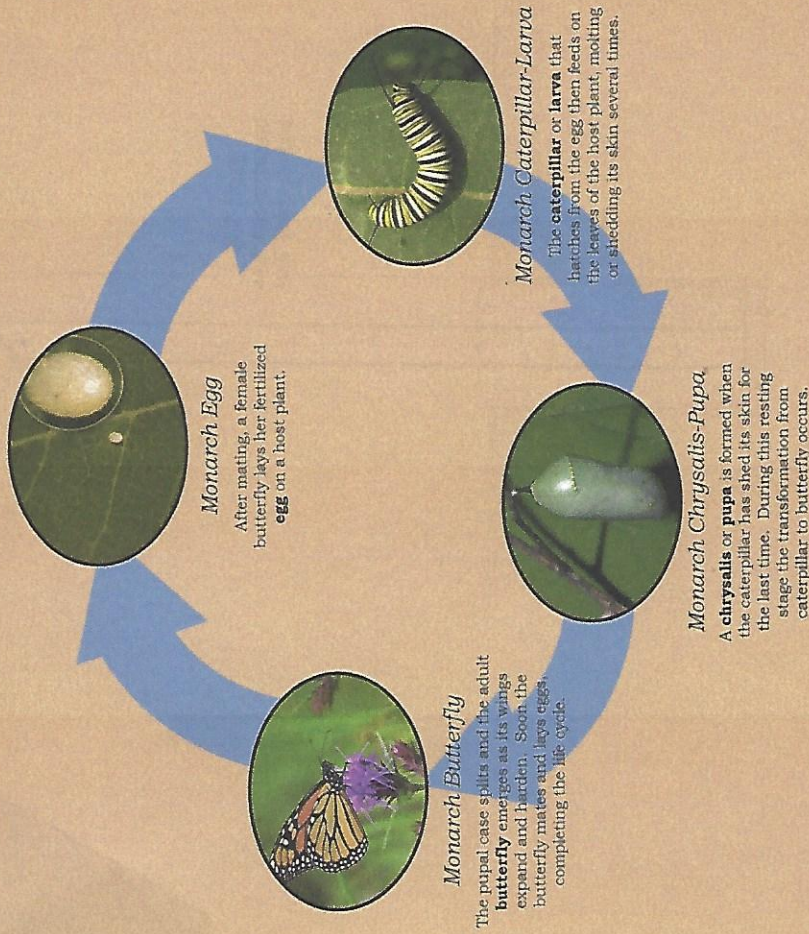


# BUTTERFLY GARDEN

Edgebrook Community Association

## Butterfly Life Cycle

All butterflies go through four different stages as they grow. This process is called **metamorphosis** (met-ah-MOR-feh-sis) – to change in form. A butterfly's life span can range from two to three weeks to several months, depending on the type of butterfly.



## Butterfly Plants



Aster



Catmint



Coneflower



Goldenrod



Salvia



Sedum



Zinnia



Sunflower



Parsley



Pansy



Butterfly Weed



Fennel



Kale



Nasturtium

A butterfly garden needs two different food sources: larval plants for caterpillars and nectar plants for butterflies. Here are some plants you can grow in your own garden to make them happy.

## Food Sources

## Caterpillar Plants

PLEASE DO NOT CAPTURE THE BUTTERFLIES, AS THIS IS THEIR HOME.