

ECA Board of Directors Meeting
Edgebrook Lutheran Church
Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:30 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order 6:36pm. February minutes were approved with no changes.

In attendance: Mary Biesty, Michelle Christensen Jennifer Herren, Tom Kraft, Jan Kupiec, Caryn Meyers, Justin Ochonicki, Lidia Pomaville, Ewa Ryan, Jeff Manuel, Tom Misiewicz, Nancy Williams, and Jerome Witte

Absent: Kathy Kaminski, Beverly Padratzik, Steven Peacock, Jeff Singer, Christine Rosenberg and Susan Zelner

Officer's Reports

President's Report: The issue with the Covid-19 was discussed at the meeting with Tom Kraft presenting information from the World health Organization WHO. A motion was made to cancel the Easter Egg Hunt for resident safety. All approved. Tom Kraft also informed the board that the donation box recently placed at the corner of Hiawatha and Central was removed after Next door postings by residents asked for the ECA Board's help. Tom provided handouts to Board members about both issues.

Vice President's Report: Nancy reported that Jeff Singer was pursuing a tax-exempt letter that would allow the ECA to purchase items with tax exempt status. There is a process to obtain a tax ID number before we can get the letter.

Treasurer's Report: see above

Secretary's Report: The battery powered speaker has been purchased and is available for future events.

Director's Reports

Programs: The recent general meeting with Committeeman candidates was well attended and very informative. Future General Meetings are on hold until the Covid-19 pandemic is resolved. The proposed topic for May (if held) is a representative from the State Treasurer's office.

Special Events: The permit application for the Fourth of July has been submitted. Nancy proposed to the Board the hiring of a local band for this year's July Fourth Parade and Picnic event. The proposed theme is Celebrating Music and the suggested Grand Marshal is Greg Kot a recently retired music critic for the Chicago Tribune and Edgebrook resident. Jeff Manuel will reach out to Greg.

Community Development: Nothing new to report

Membership: The next wave of mailings was going out soon. Former board member Dennis Henley assisted with updating the membership list on the website.

Marketing: Michelle indicated that the proposed focus group meetings were on hold until further notice.

Media and Publicity: Justin continues to do an outstanding job getting our message out to the masses via social media.

Police/Fire and Snowplowing: Jerome attended the recent CAPS meeting and reported that crime stats were down in our neighborhood but traffic accidents were up. He also reported that five additional police officers were being added to the 16th district. Jerome informed the board that he will continue to look into how we would respond to obstructed view issues at street corners.

Beautification: Caryn sent out her 2020 Beautification goals and recent activities:

2020 Plan is to focus on 3 things:

1. The Lehigh strip from the corner of Lehigh-Central to Lehigh-Caldwell.
2. The overall landscaping around the Metra station, along Lehigh, from Devon north to the parking lot.
3. Optional: The turnaround at the north end of Kinzua by the train station.

Recent Activities:

- 3/11 - met with Landscaping firm to discuss 2020 plan. Will get quote on what we can cover.
- Submitted city request for pruning Honey locust trees along Lehigh between Caldwell Central
- Discussed plan for Central -Lehigh Corner with landscaping to get quotes.
- Started cleanup along the Metra Station. Cutting down perennials, raking leaves, and fixing the area where the Metra plow had run through the garden at the Parking lot entrance.
- Lots of salt is thrown down on the platform and stairs each winter.
- A lot of the salt lands on the soil. Need to see what will grow in these conditions.

Newsletter: Kathy and Christine were not present to discuss the next newsletter.

Schools: Bev held a meeting to discuss ideas for the Fourth of July.

Old Business:

New Business: Justin indicated that he would reach out to a local attorney to see if he would be interested in joining the board as our legal advisor.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8th at 6:30pm on ZOOM. Please remember to contact Jeff if you are unable to attend.

Future Board Meetings Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church

April 8th

May 13th

June 10th

September 9th

October 14th

November 11th

December 9th

Special Events 2020

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 11th at 10 am s sharp! **CANCELLED**

*July 4th Parade and Picnic Saturday, July 4th.
Parade begins at Edgebrook School at 11:00 am*

*Holiday Lighting Saturday, November 21st at
4:30 pm*

Holiday Stroll Sunday, November 29th at 2:00 pm.

General Meetings

None scheduled at this time