

ECA Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 6:30 PM

Minutes

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

In attendance: Mary Biesty, Michelle Christensen, Caryn Meyers, Tom Misiewicz, Steven Peacock, Jerome Witte, Kathy Kaminski, Jan Kupiec, Justin Ochonicki, Jeff Manuel, Jeff Singer, and Nancy Williams,

Absent: Jennifer Carlson, Jennifer Herren, Beverly Padratzik, Christine Rosenberg, Tom Kraft, Lidia Pomaville (resigned), Ewa Ryan, and Susan Zelner (resigned)

Officer's Reports

President's Report: Jeff opened the meeting with a discussion about the triangle lighting scheduled for Saturday, November 21st and the General Meeting scheduled for November 18th. Details were finalized. Compliments were given to Michelle, Nancy, Kathy, and Justin for their work on the ECA Halloween activities. An additional call out was given to Justin for winning the "Spookiest House" award.

Vice President's Report: Nancy will be creating and distributing awards for the Spookiest House winners and finalists.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff presented the budget YTD (attached). Jeff will also moderate the General Meeting on the 18th.

Secretary's Report: Mary presented the 2020 slate of candidates. The officers will continue in their current role and new board members include Anita Bernacchi, Lorrie Kennedy, Anthony Florio, and Tim Weske. The slate will be presented at the General Meeting for approval.

Director's Reports

Community Development: The proposed Liquor store, Bottles and Cans, received the support of the 41st Ward Advisory Board and Alderman Napolitano to upgrade the zoning designation to B3-3. A special use permit is still required but is expected to be obtained by December or January.

Tom Kraft continues to monitor the area for recycle boxes placed in the downtown area without permission.

Special Events: There was a discussion about holding virtual Santa visits for ECA members. Nancy will explore further but appears doubtful due to the concerns of potential of ill will if we can't accommodate all requests.

Membership: Nancy and Caryn continue to promote membership and a big push will be made in January. Updates attached.

Media and Publicity: Justin will promote the tree lighting ceremony with a Facebook Live taping and additional postings on Social Media. In addition, Justin reported that the Halloween postings on social media generated the most activity (views) See attached.

Police/Fire and Snowplowing: Jerome received word from last year's snowplowing service being unable to help this year. Jerome is seeking a new vendor. In addition, Jerome informed the Board that recent CAPS meetings have been cancelled.

Beautification: Caryn was absent from the meeting but reported the following:

We did some pruning of shrubs around the Metra, and shutdown the sprinkler system on the Triangle. Tom Kraft kindly donated a composting container for the Triangle. That will be helpful in the coming years. He also helped cut down the perennials to clear the way for the Xmas Tree in the garden.

The one volunteer activity we have going is a Beautification is Monarch Garden Project with the Field Museum. I volunteered to work and help establish some monarch gardens in the forest preserve.

That means this week has been all about milkweed seed distribution.

Time consuming but a worthwhile activity. Perfect weather for that this week.

Finally - the XMAS decorations have started on the Triangle. The Birch tree trunks are wrapped.

Website: Caryn is continuing to work on identifying a new, more user-friendly, web hosting site for the ECA. A new board member has been recruited to take over that responsibility.

Newsletter: Kathy will prepare a newsletter in January to thank the donors of the triangle Holiday lighting and list all of the accomplishments and activities the ECA sponsored this year. This will be part of an overall campaign to get members.

Schools: Nothing to report

Programs: The Zoom General Meeting details were finalized.

Old Business:

New Business: There had been some previous communication about adding a fitness trail to the bike trail/forest preserve district. Steven will be following up.

Meeting adjourned 7:58 pm

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9th at 6:30pm. Please remember to contact Jeff if you are unable to attend.

Future Board Meetings Wednesdays at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church or on Zoom
December 9th

Special Events 2020

Holiday Lighting Saturday, November 21st at 4:30 pm (Facebook Live)

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

General Meetings

Proposed date is Wednesday November 18th