

**Edgebrook Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
Date: January 13,2025**

Edgebrook Lutheran Church

**Meeting called to order 6:40pm
Minutes approved for December 2024**

In Attendance

Mary Biesty, Michelle Brugioni, Dan Hamilton, Jennifer Herren, Kathy Kaminski, Lorrie Kennedy, Jan Kupiec, Ellie Lange, Jean Lin, Andi Macino, Kirstin Mansfield, Jeff Manuel, Caryn Meyers, Tom Misiewicz, Bev Padratzik, Jeff Singer, Nancy Williams, and Jerome Witte

Officer's Reports

President Jenny welcomed all returning and new board members. A motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously for Kathy Kaminski to return to the board for a new term. Jenny also announced the new committee assignments for Jerome and Tom Misiewicz. Jeff M. will take on the responsibility for snow plowing.

Vice President Nancy reminded board members to pay their 2025 ECA dues. In addition, she will send out and bring the conflict of interest forms to the next board meeting.

Treasurer Jeff Singer passed out copies of the 2025 budget. He also presented checks to Kirstin for the Wildwood School fundraiser and a check was presented to Nora Shea for a donation to the New Hope Food Pantry. Jeff will also look into the option of members to pay their dues via Venmo and Zelle for next year.

Secretary Mary passed around a form for board members to order ECA apparel..Board members were reminded that any quotes to local media about ECA issues should be directed to officers to ensure accuracy in our organization's position.

Committee Reports

Membership Nancy and Caryn reported that the first mailing for membership solicitation will be going on within the next few weeks. Caryn indicated that there were several ideas for increasing membership being pursued. Mary will deliver ECA lawn signs when weather eases up. Ellie indicated that paypal only charged her \$30 when she signed up online. In addition, Kathy will be working to create a one page for the Reporter to thank all 2024 ECA members.

Caryn will investigate. (After the meeting both Nancy and Caryn found no problem with the link charging \$35. They have reached out to Ellie to try to find out what factors may have caused the problem).

Membership Activities Jean said that the first Mix and Mingle was still on track for February 7th at Tesserae from 5-7pm. She asked board members to commit to purchasing wine to bring and signing up on SignUp Genius for task assignments.

Special Events Mary asked the board if there was interest in the ECA being involved in the Witch's ride in late October. Nicole Flores, a local realtor, had sponsored a movie in the park after the ride last year but was not interested in organizing it for this year. Andi volunteered to coordinate.

Beautification Caryn has reached out to the mural artist to coordinate the restoration efforts for the Illinois grant. Ellie is holding a meeting at Creativo on January 26th at noon about the Garden Walk.

Forest Preserves and Parks Tony passes on information of a MLK Day of Action at Caldwell Woods on Saturday 1/18. Andi will promote on Social Media.

Police/Fire Nothing to report. Tom will attend the next CAPS meeting on March 5th at the Edgebrook Library.

Programs Jan asks board members to suggest topics for future meetings. The first community meeting will be on February 7th at the Mix and Mingle event on 2/7.

Community Development Tony will be covering the 45th ward and Jerome will be covering the 45th ward. Jenny offered to introduce Jerome to the staff of the 39th Ward.

Social Media and Publicity Andi will continue to promote ECA events and other community events. Mary and Dan will work with Andi in our next newsletter sent out via Constant Contact.

Schools Kirstin has reached out to the Edgebrook and Wildwood school to introduce herself and gain access to their email communication. She will present the \$250. Donation to the Friends of Wildwood parent group for their spring fundraiser. Kathy Kaminski and Jean Lin will help Kirstin with access to SMOW.

Newsletter Mary and Dan will be working together to assemble the next Constant Contact newsletter. In addition, Kathy will be working to create a one page thank you to all 2024 ECA members.

New Business Mary and Nancy attended the last Everyday Edgebrook meeting in December. The committed the ECA to take over the Cookie Walk. ESCC is exploring taking on the Wine Wak and Beer Stroll. There was no final decision on what EE would do with their remaining funds.

ECA achievements for 2024 will be highlighted in the next newsletter.

The ECA's decision to pursue the Movie in the Park following the Witch's Ride will be coordinated by Andi.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: Monday February 10th at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church

Future board meetings: See below

Scheduled events: see below

Dates for Board of Directors Meetings 2025

All meetings on Monday at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Lutheran Church

February 10

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19 (Saturday before Easter)
4th of July Parade and Picnic Friday, July 4th
Halloween House judging Tuesday, October 21
Holiday Tree Lighting Sunday, November 30 (Sunday after Thanksgiving)
Garden Walk Date TBD

Triangle Clean Up

(Citywide Clean and Green) Date TBD

General Meetings

Four Dates TBD

Meet and Mingle

Friday February 7th at Tesserae 5346 W Devon at 5:30pm

Three additional dates TBD

