

**Edgebrook Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes**

Date: February 10,2025

Edgebrook Lutheran Church

**Meeting called to order 6:33pm
Minutes approved for December 2024**

In Attendance

Mary Biesty, Tony Florio, Dan Hamilton, Jennifer Herren, Kathy Kaminski, Ellie Lange, Jean Lin, Kirstin Mansfield, Julie Marske, Jeff Manuel, Tom Misiewicz, Jeff Singer, Nancy Williams, and Jerome Witte

Officer's Reports

President Jenny thanked all the directors that participated in the successful Meet and Greet on Friday. Special congratulations was given to Jean Lin for running the event.

Vice President Nancy stated that all board members had paid their 2025 ECA dues and completed their conflict of interest forms. Well done! In addition, the storage unit cost has been reduced. Also, Nancy read a comment from a member concerning political lawn signs still present in the neighborhood. Mary will reach out to the Nextdoor app moderator about communicating this concern.

Treasurer Jeff Singer passed out copies of the 2025 budget YTD (attached). Jeff also made a motion to increase the donation to Alderman Gardiner's office from the budget of \$150 to \$200 to support the shredding event in October. A motion was made and approved unanimously. Jeff will also make a donation to the Sauganash Sounds and Reporter newspaper this month. This expense has already been budgeted.

Secretary Mary deferred her comments to new business.

Committee Reports

Membership Nancy reported that the first mailing for membership solicitation went out and there was a 34% response rate from past members (121) and 40 new members signed up. Currently we have received approximately \$10K in dues/donations toward the 2025 budget of 35K. Kathy K was thanked for preparing the one page thank you in the recent Reporter listing all 2024 members and sponsors.

Membership Activities Jean reported the 2/7 Mix and Mingle event was a well attended and fun event. Attendees reported that they learned of the event from flyers placed in their mailboxes by Ellie, social media posts, and the front page article in the Reporter. The next event will be on Friday May 2nd at Tessera. Julie Marske suggested we offer babysitting at Creativo during the event. However, Jean indicated that babies would be welcome in the venue. Tessera is giving us a discounted rate of \$150 for our events.

Special Events Jeff has acquired the initial permit for the Fourth of July. Tom M. will acquire the permit for the Easter Egg hunt. Mary will confirm the commitment from the Easter bunny.

Beautification Caryn has reached out to the mural artist to coordinate the restoration efforts for the Illinois grant. Caryn is asking the alderman to close the underpass during the restoration because a scaffold is needed for the artist and she has safety concerns about people climbing on it. (A more extensive beautification update is attached)
Ellie discussed the progress of the garden walk now scheduled for Sunday, June 22, 2025 (see attached details).

Forest Preserves and Parks Julie is looking into a grant for a water meter. In addition she will be working with Jan on the March Community meeting guest speaker. The speaker will present activities and outdoor adventure locations at the Cook County Forest Preserves.

Police/Fire Tom reported that criminal activity has decreased in Edgebrook and we have not experienced the business break ins that have occurred in neighboring communities. Tom will attend the next CAPS meeting on March 5th at the Edgebrook Library

Programs Jan will work with Julie on the March Community meeting.

Community Development Tony will be covering the 45th ward and Jerome will be covering the 39th 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. Some directors said they did not receive the last newsletter via email. Mary asked them to communicate this error to Andi so they can be added to the list.

Schools Kirstin presented the \$250. Donation to the Friends of Wildwood parent group for their spring fundraiser. Kirstin will ask the schools to include ECA children's activities in their respective email communication.

Newsletter Mary and Dan will be working together to assemble the next Constant Contact newsletter. Directors were asked to submit articles to include for the next newsletter due in late February.

Snowplowing Jeff will obtain our snowplow contractor's phone number and will obtain photos of our snow plow contractor in action. Jeff will send photos to Andi to publicize when we send the snowplows out.

New Business Mary received communication from ESCC about sharing community events through our newsletter. After discussion, the board felt that our newsletter should be limited to ECA events with occasional exceptions. The ESCC will be putting out a community calendar and both aldermen put out weekly email communications. Ellie informed the board that North Branch Market invite nonprofits to participate in the Farmer's Market this summer. There are open dates if the ECA wants to participate.(7/17, 8/2,)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: Monday March 10 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

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)
Mix and Mingle at Tessera Friday, May 2nd
Garden Walk Date Sunday, June 22
4th of July Parade and Picnic Friday, July 4th
Mix and Mingle at the Children's Garden Friday, August 8th
Halloween House judging Tuesday, October 21
Holiday Tree Lighting Sunday, November 30 (Sunday after Thanksgiving)
Garden Walk Date Sunday, June 22

Triangle Clean Up

(Citywide Clean and Green) Date TBD

General Meetings

Three dates TBD

