

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

Date: March 10, 2025

Edgebrook Lutheran Church

**Meeting called to order 6:35pm
Minutes approved for February 2024**

In Attendance

Mary Biesty, Michelle Brugioni, Tony Florio, Dan Hamilton, Jennifer Herren, Kathy Kaminski, Jan Kupiec, Kirstin Mansfield, Julie Marske, Jeff Manuel, Caryn Meyers, Tom Misiewicz, Bev Padratzik, and Jerome Witte

Officer's Reports

President Jenny announced that Jerome and Tony would combine their committee assignments so they could cover activities of both local aldermen.

Vice President Nancy was absent but sent an email thanking Tom for his help in the sign removal on the triangle. She also indicated that volunteers would be needed for the Easter Egg hunt on April 19th. Continuing with the traditions of the last four years, there will be two Easter Egg Hunts. One at 10 am and one at 11 am. Sign ups will be posted on social media. Preference will be given to ECA members. The bunny has been confirmed.

Treasurer Jeff Singer was absent but provided copies of the treasurer's report. He also provided Mary the check to the shredding event for \$200 that is being organized by Alderman Gardiner's office.

Secretary Mary will be distributing lawn signs promoting ECA membership to all directors. Lawn signs will also be posted on the triangle and Metra corridor. (UPDATE after receiving a complaint from an anonymous resident, we had to remove the lawn signs from the triangle and Metra corridor). New ECA shirts were distributed to several board members. The cost is \$20 a shirt. Checks or cash can be given to Jeff Singer. A \$200 check was given to Alderman Gardiner's office to cosponsor a shredding event in October.

Committee Reports

Membership Caryn reported a 60% return rate on the mailed membership solicitations. This mailing usually receives 95% return. The speculation is that some long term members may have moved or not responded yet. There will be a membership committee meeting on Thursday, March 27th at 11 am at Mary's home. All are invited. Other ideas for membership include purchasing decals for members. Bev will explore the cost

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Membership Activities Jean is planning the next Mix and Mingle on Friday, May 2nd at Tesserae Studio. Julie Marske will be providing babysitting for children over a designated age.

Special Events The permit for the Easter Egg Hunt has been secured. Marti Corcoran will be the Grand Marshall for the Fourth of July and the theme will be focused on “home”.

Beautification Caryn is planning two workdays for Spring cleanup April 5th and April 26th. She asks for directors to volunteer and help supervise the Notre Dame HS volunteers. Caryn continues to focus on removal of invasive weeds and the poison ivy on the triangle. Tom M. has removed some invasive buckthorn trees.

Forest Preserves and Parks Julie is looking into a grant for a water meter to service the Creativo garden. Julie is also looking into other grants to restore the various planter boxes located throughout the business district. In addition she will be working with Jan on the April Community meeting guest speaker. The speaker will present activities and outdoor adventure locations at the Cook County Forest Preserves.

Police/Fire Tom reported that the Caps meeting confirmed that most days our area is assigned only one beat car but there are rapid response cars available from the 16th district. Tom also announced that the new paramedic chief was from Edgebrook.

Programs: Jan will work with Julie on the April Community meeting. Mix and Mingle events will be considered community meetings.

Community Development Tony and Jerome will be covering the 45th ward and 39th ward. A concern was raised that it took 40 days for abandoned cars to be removed from city streets. The policy states: A vehicle can be classified as abandoned if it meets one or more of the following criteria:

- On a public way in a state of disrepair as to be incapable of being driven in its present condition.
- Has not been moved or used for more than seven consecutive days and is apparently deserted.
- Has been left on the public way without state registration or a temporary state registration placard for two or more days.
- Is a hazardous dilapidated vehicle left in full view of the general public, whether on public or private property

Social Media and Publicity Andi will continue to promote ECA events and other community events. She recently promoted a local girl scout troop's efforts to install a traffic signal at the corner of Mendota and Caldwell. Mary submitted an article in the Sounds about the recent Mix and Mingle.

Schools Kirstin will work with Kathy on the poster contest entry form once the decision of the theme for the Fourth of July is confirmed. Forms should be given to the schools by early May and the deadline for submission is by the third week in May. Kirstin continues to reach out

Newsletter Mary and Dan will be working together to assemble the next Constant Contact newsletter. The next newsletter will include information about the Easter Egg Hunt, the garden walk, Fourth of July theme and poster contest. We should also include the fact that the ECA provided snow plowing for residential streets on February 11th. Caryn is requested to add a link on the web page to allow residents to sign up to receive newsletters from the ECA.

Snowplowing Jeff reported that our snow plow contractor was out on February 11th. We have not received a bill thus far.

New Business

Garden Walk update: Tickets to the event will be pre sold at various downtown businesses. Children's activities and a silent auction will be held at the Creativo garden after the walk.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: Monday April 14th at 6:30 pm at 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

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 April 26th

General Meetings

Three dates TBD

