

**Edgebrook Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes
Date: February 11,2026**

Edgebrook Public Library

**Meeting called to order at 6:30pm
Minutes approved for January 2026**

In Attendance

Mary Biesty, Jenny Herren Gatesman, Dan Hamilton, Jan Kupiec, Ellie Lange, Andi Macino, Kirstin Mansfield, Jeff Manuel, Tom Misiewicz, Matt Ortolano, Bev Padratzik, Nancy Williams, and Jerome Witte

Officer's Reports

President Jenny mentioned a public safety notice sent out by CPD.

Vice President Nancy negotiated a reduction in the storage unit rent. She also reminded the board about the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at Jeff Green park. There will be two hunts scheduled and she is asking directors to sign up for one or both of the hunts.

Treasurer Jeff Singer was absent but will share the updated budget numbers at the March meeting.

Secretary Mary and Jerome provided the board with news of a health issue and planned surgery of a board member. A Meal Train sign up and collection for gift cards will be sent out via email soon.

Committee Reports

Membership. Nancy reported a 38 percent return for membership renewals from the recent mailing. Most renewals were paid by Paypal. Matt and Jean will report on ideas to increase membership at the March board meeting.

Community Development Mary, Jenny, and Jerome will be meeting with the ESCC executive director and president on Monday March 2nd to discuss ways to collaborate on future events.

Programs. Jan will move forward with scheduling a meeting about preschools for Edgebrook residents. The meeting should be offered live on YouTube.

Website. Due to ongoing problems with our hosting site, Caryn and Andi are working on migrating to another hosting site. According to Andi, this new site will allow board members to input information from their assigned committee on a timely basis.

Newsletter. Dan will be sending out the next newsletter in early March.

Beautification. June 13th is the scheduled garden walk and will feature Old Edgebrook Gardens. Nancy will send Ellie a list of Fourth of July sponsors to avoid contacting. Ellie is asking for volunteers to help. Caryn will be scheduling the Clean and Green day. The Chicago Park District day is Saturday, April 18, 2026 but many neighborhoods are scheduled for April 25th. Details to follow.

Special Events. Jeff M provided an update on the Fourth of July Parade and picnic. Country Doctors are confirmed. Jim Andriacchi will again provide the snowcone and popcorn machines. Applications and permits have been applied to. The Taft marching band has committed to the event. Jeff has spoken with the Wildwood Park supervisor. Possible theme for our July 4th Parade and Picnic is related to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Please bring ideas to our next board meeting..

Police and Fire. Tom attended the recent ZOOM CAPS meeting and presented the stats of reported crime. Most were outside of the Edgebrook neighborhood

Schools Kirstin is reaching out to schools to distribute the \$250 budgeted donations from the ECA. Edgebrook and Wildwood schools have received their funds.

New Business. Matt suggested we look into the possibility of hosting an Octoberfest event. Several board members asked about the possibility of scheduling the parade and picnic one hour earlier. Conflicts with the Sauganash parade time of 9am would be a problem. Some parade participants participate in both parades.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 9th at 6:30 pm at the library.

Dates for Board of Directors Meetings

2026

All meetings are on Monday at 6:30 pm at the Edgebrook Library

April 13

May 11

June 8

September 14

October 12

November 9

December 14

Special Events

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 4 (Saturday before Easter)

4th of July Parade and Picnic Saturday, July 4th

Witches Ride Saturday, October 24th

Halloween Spookiest House judging TBD

Holiday Tree Lighting TBD

Garden Walk Date Saturday, June 13th

Triangle Clean Up

Citywide Clean and Green Date TBD

General Meetings

November TBD

Meet and Mingle

Two dates TBD

