

**The Eden mills and District Community Club  
Regular Meeting - Tuesday Sept 9, 2014**

**4 members**

**Executive present : Chris Wilson, Bill Allen, Jodi Dobbie, Anna Simon, Jack Darmon**

**Adoption of Previous Minutes**

- Motion - to adopt previous minutes, seconded by Ruth

**Correspondence**

Led light bulb upgrade with electrician

Insurance for writers festival

**Reports**

**President and executive Report (attached)**

- Thank you to Kathie Lamie for her work coordinating the Lauren Mann and the Fairly Odd Folk concert and to John Cipton and Linda Sword for their work on the Sapporo Jazz concert.
- Thank you to Jack Darmon and Charles Fraresso for the after school BBQ
- Thank you to Josh Vanhee for taking on coordination of the Parking Lot/Solar project
- Thank you to Lee Wisener, Susie Cousins and Heather Nagle for their work coordinating and cooking the EMWF dinner

**Motion** to accept report by Chris seconded by Bill

**Treasurers Report - attached**

- Highlights include concert revenue, fundraising, stitch and bitch donation for making veterinary slings for Murphy Veterinary Surgery, donations from ladies fitness
- Net operating remains a loss due to much lower rentals then projected
- Paid for piano tuning
- Gained another \$1500 in investment
- Received \$20 000 from township
- Bill will be applying for HST rebate

**Motion** to approve report as presented, seconded by Kit

**Rentals:**

From Gael Van Veen:

The rental situation has worked much better with having people contact me directly. We had a few hiccups over the summer with holiday time and no real system in place re coverage. Perhaps Ruth and I can work this out together for coverage as she is extremely helpful.

Over the summer:

We had the Farmers Crop Institute rent out conference space for 2 days. They enjoyed the experience but would've preferred there be internet service.

The Eden Mills United Church had there farewell service.

One childs birthday party.

One 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

One stag and doe.  
One wedding.

Coming rentals:  
January 2015 and August 2015 weddings.  
Tentative wedding this November.  
Brown family xmas x2.  
McDonald xmas.  
Preide xmas in January.  
And of course, the seniors play in October.

People seem to be very happy with the Hall. Some want to know about the landscaping and internet and when or if these will happen.

I do need info on the sound system to better be able to help them. I was also asked re new tables, and what and where to put the chairs that one may not need.

- Difficulties...on website, booking does not specify room booking and time of day...maybe Ruth should put bookings in.
- Essential there should be a back up contact
- Can Keshia Vanhee support membership? Offer of assistance
- Bill needs to know more detail when he receives a cheque.
- Question about bartenders , they have to be from the community club and in the contract it currently says \$15 an hour though there have been requests for \$20 an hour
- Hall key now in lock box and working well thanks to Tom and Ruth Bowes
- Continued issue with full voice mailbox

## **Membership**

### **Membership/Newsletter report**

1. 258 contacts in EDEN MILLS CONNECTS list
2. Membership for 2014: 116 with email; 17 without emails = TOTAL 133 Members
3. Includes:
  - a. Membership for 2015: 8 with email; 2 without = TOTAL 10
  - b. Life membership 2
  - c. Family members (second email address) 21
4. Non-members with emails 88
5. Non-members without emails 16

Membership is very confusing running from November to October. Membership "booth" set up throughout the year implies membership runs from time of purchase. Charlotte & Ruth suggest focused membership drive starting in early November. With a membership drive held yearly as follows:

1. One page insert in the November newsletter explaining membership benefits and asking for payment online or via cheque or drop off at a location in town (currently 40 Park St).
2. An email to all contacts with email address.
3. A letter to the 33 non-email names.
4. Encourage on-line payment and registration.

**Motion** that membership for the Eden Mills & District Community Club move to the calendar year: January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Cost for one year \$15 for individual or family. Seconded by Kit.

### **Liaison/Building Group**

- Difficulties getting together in the summer! We now have four working groups.
- We now have a committee coordinator..thank you Josh Van Heen and Lee Laing will help. Committees can work independently despite current grading. To get started priority is insulation of wall and we can use trillium funds. This project can be started now followed by landscape. Charles is looking into a budget price from Waymar for the insulation and is hoping for a "carry on contract" which would help get the work started this year! Charles is also proposing replacing two doors ideally this year and will find quotes. Also encouraging investigating funding for accessibility door. Just received drawing for posts and working on pricing for parking lot including posts that could be used for solar collector .
- Met with Mayor, CAO and Public Works would like to see a start in the project and are waiting to pave between the bridges!!
- See attached update from Charles Simon

### **Maintenance**

- 10 burned out incandescent bulbs and two broken sockets in the wagon wheel lights.

**Motion** to use some funds of the \$20 000 from township to replace bulbs and get sockets repaired. Seconded by Anna Simon.

### **Chairs and Tables**

- Corresponded with Robin Milne, who is encouraging stacking chairs for durability and sent Keith Canada Chair contact. "Shell Stacking Chair" recommendation at \$22.95 each, plastic chair, padded chairs are \$40.00. Tables come in 6 and 8 foot lengths with pricing roughly \$125-\$170 each from Costco, vinyl top. What lengths do we want? Tables fold in and can be stacked on a cart (\$200).
- Can we borrow a chair to review at our next meeting. Keith will try and get a sample chair and will investigate Rockmosa chairs.
- Staples quote for current chair is \$42.00 and a chrome stacking chair for \$54.00.
- Looking at spending \$8000 for replacing chairs and tables.
- Thanks to Keith !

Now have new speakers from John Cripton, and equipment from the church.

Will need to train someone new to use light board! Ed Langevin is now comfortable using light system.

### **Ladies Fitness**

- 5,6 members twice a week...meetings continue

### **Youth Group**

- Not sure if Laura Brown will continue with leadership, Glen willing to help. Offer from Dave Campbell on a part time basis in the future.
- Likely first meeting in October.

### **Guardians of Eden**

- Met three times over the summer
- June 29 Capture the Flag
- July 15 Poison Ivy identification and antidote making
- August 23 Butterfly Hike

### **Retro Café**

- Have raised enough money to buy Food Processor and chaffing dishes!!

### **Art in Eden**

- Focus now on portraits and looking for models. Contact Janet Wilson

### **Carbon Neutral**

- No report

### **Table Tennis**

- Hopefully starting up in Oct. Stay tuned to newsletter

### **RIDE**

- No report

**Motion** to accept reports. Seconded by Anna.

### **New Business – Charles**

**Sunday, October 26/14, 2:00pm, Eden Mills Community Hall...**[Charles Simon](#), local Architect and Planner, will speak on the sustainable village as a model for urban/rural development. Charles' overriding aim "*...is to contribute towards a future heritage which points towards a more sustainable future--a contemporary yet timeless architecture which our grandchildren may look back on with the same affection and pride provided today by our historical heritage.*" (INTBAU's question: Is this the real definition of *tradition*?) The afternoon will include a guided walk-about around Eden Mills.

Next meeting October 7.