

Eden Mills & District Community Club

Members Meeting - February 3, 2015

Community potluck followed by power-point presentation and meeting

Directors Present: Tom Bowes, Jodi Dobbie, Bill Allan, Wendy Smith, Eric Brown, Linda Hendry. Quorum maintained throughout meeting
Total members present 40. Meeting called to order at 6:50

AGENDA

Power Point presentation
Co-President's report
Treasurer Report
Tim's Garden & Retrofit Update
Club/Group Report
Business Arising from previous meeting
New Business
United Church News and Camp Edgewood

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PRESENTATION:

The mission of the new board is to divide roles and responsibilities in the hope of creating less burden on any one person and define these roles to make succession easier. And to define and streamline the decision making process.

Tom Bowes - Co-President

Represent board for Retrofit Project
Correspond with external vendors making proposals (ex: new chairs & internet)
Communicate between board/members/community

Jodi Dobbie – Co-President

Help streamline the effort of “event leaders” to coordinate volunteers
Apply for grants for an AED (automated external defibrillator)
Main liaison with Mayor and town council

Bill Allen – Treasurer

Create budgets and monthly financial reports
Report progress and collect and dispense money

Linda Hendry - Secretary

Record minutes of meetings
Collect mail and distribute correspondence
Document Keeper (insurance, etc ...)
Participate in the creation of the Hall “owners manual”
Liaison between the Hall programming committee and the Writers' Festival programming committee.

Wendy Smith – Director, Rentals and Marketing

Booking coordination with Gael van Veen and Ruth Bowes

Membership coordination with Ruth Bowes

Establish rental rates. Research the competition

Create a proactive strategy for marketing the Hall

Eric Brown – Director, Hall Operations

Maintenance – point person for supplies needed, coordinate repairs with trades people, work with Heather Blair for cleaning, etc...

Water monitoring

Create a Hall “Owners Manual” with the assistance of Richard Lay

Garbage/Recycling – Chris Wilson

Monitor propane tank levels, fire extinguishers– Keith Daniels

Grounds – Linda/Les; Don Martin; Eric

Task Force Leaders - (Non board members with on-going tasks)

Gael van Veen – Hall Rental (Wendy)

Ruth Bowes – Membership (Wendy); Communications – Newsletter; Website (Tom)

Heather Blair – Hall cleaning (Eric)

Richard Lay – Hall Owner’s manual (Eric)

Heather Nagel – Assisting with Volunteer Coordination (Jodi)

Proposed Changes

The President does not do everything! Roles are split and all board members have more “authority” to make decisions. Decisions on Board will be by consensus.

Board will meet more frequently with each other and less frequently with members

Member meetings to be more “engaging”. Group updates can be emailed and included in the minutes. We hope to use more technology and less paper.

CO-PRESIDENT REPORT:

Decisions made at the January Board Meeting:

Internet – looking into sharing a Megawire account with Rivermead.(Writers Festival)

Rental enquiries often ask about internet service and service may attract more business meeting rentals.

New folding chairs ordered and arrived. Will keep some old ones. Some will go to Rivermead. Perhaps sell some on kijiji. In case of warranty issues, the supplier will pick up chairs for replacement or repair.

Jodi is looking into grants for an AED. Application in at Guelph EMS. If no grant secured, she will be looking for private donations.

TREASURERS’ REPORT:

Fundraising has brought in approx. \$4000 so far this year. Our goal is \$22,200

An emergency maintenance call for heating system was the big January expense. We are using less propane, but electricity use is up due to heat pump.

\$14,283 net operating budget. Investment up by \$3800 since November. This is reinvested and not used to operate Hall. We are operating in the black. Close to \$10,000 has been earmarked for the creation of Tim's Garden Full report attached.

15 – 3 Moved by Brian Skerrett to accept budget as presented. Seconded by Wendy Smith. Accepted

TIM'S GARDEN & RETROFIT UPDATE:

Charles Simon reported the working group met with mayor Chris White before meeting. Township has no budget to start road this year – Slated for 2016. We have the mayor's assurance that the new Public Works manager is on board and the hope is Township will collaborate to pave roads in such a way that it would calm traffic.

Township has pledged \$20,000/year toward the Hall for 3 years. Received \$20,000 last year. Money for 2015, 2016 to come

Work on the garden in memory of Tim Laing to start this year with insulating base of wall to prepare for landscaping and grading. Will also build lattice fences for garden. Approx. \$1800.00 remains from Trillium grant - slated for slab doors in kitchen, fire exit door and foundation insulation. Richard is researching wheelchair accessible front doors with key-pad entry

Donna McMurdo is on an Accessibility committee and looking in to making application for front door. \$20,000 is available to the municipality yearly. Will need costing etc.

CLUB AND GROUP REPORTS:

Guardians of Eden met to practice hockey skills and play several games of hockey in January. Wednesdays have been declared hockey night in Eden Mills

The Hall Programming Committee is looking for volunteers to help at upcoming events Feb 14 dance, Feb 28 Pub Night, March 14 concert. Email Marilyn Baxter 10mbaxter@gmail.com

CAMP EDGEWOOD UPDATE:

Camp Board members addressed questions and concerns, hoping to renew the relationship between the village and the camp. The camp will once again be open to walkers and 'use at your own risk' signs will be posted. The camp is closed for the winter and hopes to re-open for summer camp. Former executive director living there until June 15 but plans to leave before. A letter from the board is posted at community notice boards and online at edenmills.ca. Any issue, contact a board member (emails on the letter).

UNITED CHURCH:

On behalf of the Legacy Committee, Barb Marshall and Barb Parker presented a generous gift of \$3,159.00 in appreciation for the relationship with the Club and the use of Hall over the years. The mural created to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the church in 2011, was also donated to the club.

Meeting adjourned 8:34