

Eden Mills and District Community Club Inc.

Members Meeting – Tuesday, Jun 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Community potluck followed by power-point presentation and meeting.

Directors Present: Richard Lay, Barb Parker, Ken Lancaster, Sharon Blom, Brian Skerrett. Absent: Bill Allen

Minutes prepared by S. Blom

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Board Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Hall Rental Report
4. Hall Operations
5. Club and Project Reports
6. New Business
7. Upcoming events, reminders

Minutes:

1. Board Report – Co-President, Brian Skerrett
 - Welcome
 - Announcement re: concert 'Remembering Peter Appleyard' on Sunday, June 25.
2. Treasurer's Report – Richard Lay
 - Richard reviewed the financial reports as of June 19, 2017, prepared by Bill Allen.
 - Note re: Garden Club – Edible Forest group income and expenses are included here
 - Approval of the Treasurer's Report: Moved by John Cripton, Seconded by Barb Parker. Motion carried.
3. Hall Rental Report
 - Marie Henault reported on Hall rental revenue. Rental revenue since our last members' meeting in April totals \$2040. Bookings from July to September 24 currently total \$2540.
 - Discussion of ideas to increase rental revenues: add a \$75 cleanup charge for use of the kitchen (we will clean to our standards), consider renting out the Retro/Club room. Concerns expressed – per rental

agreement, our dishes should not be used by renters. Members have voted in the past not to rent the Retro/Club room but keep it for members use only. The Board will review the ideas and policies and put on the agenda for the next Members Meeting.

- Louise Marshall informed us that a picture of the Hall will be included in the G.E. Communication Guide. Another picture will be taken with the completed stage to replace the current picture.

4. Hall Operations – Richard Lay

Hall Retrofit Project – response from up to 4 contractors for the Exterior Re-clad project are expected by June 30.

Theatre Upgrades – stage extension and sound system upgrades have been completed. Many thanks to John Crompton and volunteers Les Zawadzki and Michael Crompton for completion of this phase of the Theatre Upgrades. John noted that the sound equipment is available to renters – we may need to increase the deposit and train someone to assist with set up. Equipment boxes will be locked when not in use. The Board will review and suggest policies regarding use of the equipment, for presentation at the next members meeting.

Solar Roof – solar panel installation has been completed. Richard reviewed costs and expected return on our investment. He explained the ‘net metering agreement’ - on our Hydro One bill we will see the kilowatt hours generated by the solar panels and will receive a ‘credit’ on our hydro bill. For example, this past month the bill was \$350 with a \$125 credit. Credits will offset our loan repayments.

York Street Repaving – the Township is planning a meeting for June 28 at the Hall for residents’ feedback on the plans for York Street repaving. The E.M. Community Club has made requests in the past for traffic calming features to be included when the street is re-paved. From discussions with the Township officials Richard and the Board have concerns with the Township plans including:

- Width of the road (we would like to keep to 5.6 to 6 ft. wide, a proven traffic-calming strategy; township is proposing 6.5 ft.)
- Road drainage, who pays for it – township is suggesting this is an upgrade to be paid for by Eden Mills.
- Pavement of the village square - we would like a distinctive pattern to highlight shared road use with pedestrians
- Community hall entrance – how will this be incorporated?

E.M.C.C. members are encouraged to come out and be heard, bring friends and neighbours. Other points to be made to the Township planners – consideration for children crossing the road, turtles during nesting period, current problem with high speeds on the road. Also, remind township to avoid construction during the E.M. Writers Festival. Township plans to start work in October or next spring.

5. Club and Project Reports

Programming Committee – Marilyn Baxter

- our next performance is the Peter Appleyard memorial concert on Sunday, June 25, 8 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Volunteers to help with future concerts are also welcome.

Garden Club/Edible Forest Project - Sharon Blom

- The Edible Forest group has expanded the garden with the help of volunteers on Earth Day, April 22nd. There are greens and berries available to harvest. All members and residents are welcome to come and harvest the produce. The garden is in the corner of the park next to the soccer field.

Tim's Garden – Lee Laing

- Drawings of the planned garden have been developed. The drawings need more detail before going out to contractors for quotes. The internal part of the gardens could go ahead anytime. The external edge will likely have to wait to be done along with the parking lot paving.

Fundraising Proposals – Barb Parker/Linda Sword

- The group has been busy developing strategies and plans to raise funds for the Hall Renovation projects.
- We have applied for \$25k from the AgriSpirit fund. We should hear in August whether we are awarded these funds. We are also applying for \$1k from WaterMark and \$3k from the Arts Café.
- Events are being planned with the expectation of raising a further \$10-\$15k. Among the planned events under consideration:
 - Canada 150 BBQ on July 29 – need a leader for this event
 - Summer bingo – led by Marie Henault. Sample bingo game to follow the meeting tonight.
 - Book Sale September 30 – expand to 'Books, boots and bulbs'. Dance in the evening with Eclectic Vinyl Orchestra.
 - Oct/Nov – Tasters night – Brian Skerrett.
 - Ruth Bowes has a project in mind for the fall – TBD.
 - Feb – Groundhog Day Community Supper and auction. Will need volunteers to help with the auction.
 - Spring – Miscellany revisited. Linda Sword
- Programming Committee has agreed that any funds over the planned budget will go towards the fundraising budget.
- If anyone has any other ideas for fundraising, please bring them forward to the committee through Barb Parker or Linda Sword.

Report from the Eden Mills Millpond/Eramosa River Working Group – Dale Hamilton

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- The working group includes Charles Simon, Ed Langevin, Steve Simpson, Kent Schubert, Robin Aggus, Steve Pagine, and Bill and Marcia Jennings. The group is currently working on a common vision for the Millpond and Eramosa River area.

6. New Business

- Membership Report – Ruth Bowes
Memberships are expected to meet the budgeted number of 127. Ruth has a list of 46 members who have not renewed. She is contacting these via email and has received some responses.
- Announcement of the Canada 150 Funds – we hope to make the official announcement of the Canada 150 funding at the Remembering Peter Appleyard concert on June 25. We are awaiting agreement from our Canada 150 representative for confirmation of this announcement.
- Flowers for the front of the Hall – Lee Laing: Lee is willing to purchase and plant flowers in the planters in front of the Hall. Will the Board fund the purchase of the flowers? Board will review and get back to Lee.
- 50/50 draw – Marie Henault – could we do a 50/50 draw at all meetings, for fundraising?

7. Upcoming Events and Reminders

- Music at the Hall welcomes...Peter Appleyard A Team June 25.
- Better with Fitness – July-August Tue. 10 am, Thurs 10.30 am.
- Community Going Away Party planned for Luc and Anita on July 16.
- 10th Annual Book Sale September 30.
- GET Info Night – York Street Repaving Wed. Jun 28, 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.