

Eden Mills and District Community Club Inc.

Board Meeting – Monday, September 11, 7 pm @ E.M. Hall

Minutes

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

Minutes prepared by S. Blom

Agenda:

1. Updates for Sept. 12 Members Meeting Presentation
2. Updates on Bell Telephone rates and options
3. Refinishing the Hall floor
4. Powerpoint presentation updates

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1. Updates for Sept. 12 Members Meeting Presentation

Rental report – at the last members meeting we said the Board would consider options for increasing rental rates and possibly charging extra for kitchen or sound system and renting out the Retro Room. We have asked Rory and Marie for their thoughts on rental increases but have not heard back yet. We should also do some research on our rates compared to similar hall rentals. We will put this on the agenda for our October Board meeting.

Operations Report – Richard will update the slides and present his report.
Significant items to report:

- we have requested bridge financing from G.E.T. to cover renovation costs until we receive funds from FedDev and/or our fundraising efforts. We prefer the bridge financing over cashing in our mutual funds to cover these interim costs.
- air conditioner update – Richard has been able to get the air conditioner repaired at a reasonable cost, about \$200, so no need to get a new furnace/air conditioner right away. The air conditioner was damaged when moved during renovations by Durmus. Richard will request Durmus to cover the repair costs.
- Tim's Garden – the design has been completed. Richard will ask Robin for a quote on the work. The work can be scheduled for October or November – after the York Street paving is completed. Bistro tables have not been selected, but these can be ordered and set up any time after the ground work

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is complete. Richard has prepared a preliminary estimate for the work which comes in under our budgeted amount of \$11,000.

- Hall energy consumption – Richard has charted our reduction in energy use at 64% less than the 2009 baseline. He will present this chart at the Members Meeting and at the e-Merge presentation at the Hall on Sept. 19.

- Solar panel performance – Richard will present some charts from the online solar metering provided with the panels.

- Stage and theatre updates – the old speakers have been left in the furnace room. Ken will ask John Cripton what should be done with them. They should not be stored in the furnace room.

Fundraising updates – Barb Parker will present the plans from the Fundraising group. She will send Richard a couple of slides to include in the presentation.

Treasurer Report – Bill will prepare financial reports to present at the Members Meeting.

Edible Forest Group report – Sharon will report on the meeting held in August to unveil the memorial bench for Mary Rodgers in the Edible Forest area.

Upcoming Events - Brian will ask for help to distribute and set up posters for the Sept. 30 events – Books, Boots, and Bulb Sale, and the EVO Band

2. Update on Bell Telephone rates and options

- Brian has spoken with a Bell representative. We are currently paying \$72 per month for Bell service. If we went to a 3-year contract Bell would reduce the rate to \$43 per month.

- Brian has also spoken with Les Zawadski about Rivermead's experience with VOIP. Les said they use VOIP and pay about \$15 per month.

- we also pay Bell for inclusion in the Yellow Pages. Brian will ask Rory and Marie if they are aware of how many people would find us through the Yellow Pages.

Board consensus – sign up for VOIP. No need to keep Bell on.

3. Refinishing the Hall floor

- Brian brought Harri Palme in to the Hall to make recommendations and estimates on refinishing the floor. Harri could do a light sanding and a light urethane finish for \$4000 that should last for 4 to 5 years. The oil finish would require 4 to 5 days of drying time.

- Richard also spoke with Harri and recommends we get the floor refinished before

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March 2018, possibly over Christmas, as part of the FedDev work – we could include under the category of the Theatre Upgrades. Richard recommends a water-based finish – may not be as shiny, but it is more environmentally friendly and requires less drying time.

Board consensus that Richard proceed to book this work.

4. PowerPoint presentation updates – everyone will send their updates to Richard who will update the slide presentation for the Members Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.