

**Silverspring Community Association
Minutes – Mother Theresa School
September 16, 2008 – 7:00 pm**

Attendance:

Scott Frey, Robin Spence, Melanie Loroff, Angela Hicks, Lori Lockinger, Brian Webb, Bob Stadnichuk, Tammie Bock, Nadine Schueller, Mike Bendel, Kevin Gulka, Vanessa Chesters

** Arin Jorgenson, Krista Segó, ArleneLazecki, Carol Gerspacher

1. Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Robin and 2nd by Kevin. Carried

3. School news:

Silverspring – Krista and Arlene

- school now has a bus with 40 riders currently with the thought that about 80 riders in the winter months
- 538 students with the possibility of 541 and 22 classrooms, and a welcome to new staff.
- HBAM – Healthy Bodies, Active Minds. A body break every 45 minutes with the focus on activity. This is a 3 – 5 year program.
- New Vice principal from Pleasant hill – Krista Segó.
- Cross country has started and Volleyball is soon to follow

Mother Theresa – Carol Gerspacher

- small increase in enrollment, up to 410 students and 15 teachers
- Participation in the Terry Fox marathon for Cancer.
- The AGM and meet the Teacher night are finished and a welcome back BBQ is to take place on Thursday.
- New Math program – Math Makes Sense includes grades 5 – 8 this year.
- Graffiti problem on the new playground and portable. This is a very serious problem and working closely with the police on this matter to resolve the situation.

4. Adoption of Minutes

Mike made a motion to adopt the minutes from April 15th as read with Brian 2nd. Carried.

5. ARC Report

- Grant workshop at the Shaw Centre on October 28 at 7 pm. Any information on grants is available on the City of Saskatoon website under "G". It would be good to apply; there may be new money available.
- Handed out brochures – frequently called numbers
- Construction on the corner of Konihowski and Rever is finished in a temporary fashion to see if this helps alleviate the traffic problems.
- Arin will check into when the traffic lights on Rever and Attridge will be in working order, perhaps the first week of October.
- Police may purchase a speed meter to rotate around the schools, quite costly. Can we do anything? Speed humps?
- Joint effort with the SSCA and schools to get a petition prepared to see if the problems in fronts of the schools can be solved. On the city website traffic management information is available.

6. Director of Finance Report:

- Will have statement ready for next meeting. Over 13, 000 deposits made with a few more to follow.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes:

- nothing

8. New Business:

- **A)** Mike wants to use Astro Jump instead of Apollo jump for Youth Nites because they have some new equipment and offering Mike a good deal. Not a problem. Youth nites starting up and will run every 2nd Sunday with a few breaks/changes throughout the year.
- **B)** trouble finding coaches, especially for under 8 boys. Enough kids for under 8 boys for two teams but not enough coaching help. Kevin sent out multiple emails with no luck even letting parents know that people may have to be cut due to lack of volunteers. As of last Friday only one team was registered with SYS and may need to refund money to 10 registrants.
- Creative solutions for the future – looking at outside the community for help – university students, local high school students etc.
- Communication is the key – let parents know in advance that if the volunteer help is not found teams may have to be cancelled. Perhaps if parents knew that they had a bit of back up help (example students) to help they may be more prepared.
- Kevin and Vanessa will make the draw to see who is cut from the soccer team.

- Scott will create an email and Kevin will distribute

- Saskatoon Aurora Concorde's are looking for a donation to help send team to the National Soccer Championships in PEI. Decided yes to donate Money. Lori made a motion to donate \$400.00 on behalf of Silverspring Community Association and Vanessa 2nd. Carried.
- **C)** there has been an interest in the community, decided to check the matter out. Scott will distribute link to members to check out further.
- This is synthetic ice with a life span of approximately 25 yrs., and can be used all year round with regular skates. Scott will order 2 panels and have a demonstration.
- Some issues will have to be looked at such as zoning, moving rink.
- This would be a long term project - has had quotes from \$20,000 to \$76,000.

9. Chairs Report/Correspondence

- Would be great if SSCA could tap into grant monies available. Perhaps 3 to 4 people to create a committee, with Arin possibly assisting. Bob will check into what grants may be available. Tabled for next meeting.
- Has been more graffiti in the area especially on the new play structure at Mother Theresa School. Scott will contact Tracy (police liaison) and see how to start a community watch team – walking around the neighborhood. Scott also thought a special bulletin could be sent out to the community to make aware of the issues and upcoming meeting that will be planned to discuss this issue.

10. Coordinator's Reports

- Indoor Coordinator's – registration went smoothly. 2 people are needed ASAP, January at the latest. Tammie Bock will have her biography profiled in the upcoming newsletter. The thought around this is so that people can see that the current SSCA are busy too but still find the time to volunteer.
- Memberships – 400 memberships have been purchased to date
- Rink Coord – no rink no report
- Social Coord –
- Communications – newsletter deadline is Friday to Angie.
- Discussion around the lack of volunteerism – perhaps a Family Fun night in the community, wine and cheese? Vanessa will check into possible guest speakers – Roughriders? Someone that will draw the crowd in and talk and provide the SSCA a platform to discuss the need to more help in the volunteer area.
- Halloween Party planning needed. Will be held at Ebenezer Church again.

- Touch Football – 84 teams registered in Saskatoon with 11 teams from Silverspring.
- Soccer – 105 registrants. SYS registration fees went up 33 %
- Softball, Basketball and Volunteer Coordinator's – all absent

Motion to accept the reports as read made by Kevin and 2nd by Vanessa.

Carried

**Next meeting – October 21st @ 7:00 pm at Silverspring School

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Tammie and 2nd by Lori. Carried