

Silverspring Community Association

September 22 - 2009

Silverspring School Library

Attendance: Brett Wilson, Robin Spence, Cam Hazen, Melanie Loroff, Nadine Schueller, Rachelle Zetner, Vanessa Chesters, Sherri Denis, Bob Stadnichuk, Brian Webb, Aman Abid, Nadine Madsen and Sheldon Sies.

****Rick Garman (Mother Teresa School, Heather Muirhead and Arlene Lazecki (Silverspring School) and Arin Jorgenson (Community Consultant)**

1 Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Added the Halloween event at Ebenezer Church to the agenda

Motion made by Nadine S and 2nd by Brian to “approve the agenda”. Carried.

3. School News:

Mother Teresa:

- Rick Garman is the new principal at Mother Teresa School and feeling welcomed by the community. This year 420 students have enrolled at Mother Teresa School. A welcome back BBQ and meet the teacher night was held. Intensive French is offered for grade 6.

Silverspring School:

- 539 students are enrolled this year, down from 547 last year. There has been interest from Willowgrove community, but some classes are at capacity. HBAM challenge was held with help from Kinesiology students. Meet the staff night had a good turnout. Grades 6, 7, and 8 went to camp in the fall versus the spring. Good for kicking off the year with a teambuilding focus.

4. St Solo presentation: For more details around St Solo please visit the website: www.stsoloevents.com. This presentation was around online registrations, community event planning, coach feedback etc. Discussions to be held at the October meeting to see what our thoughts were around cost, benefits etc.

5. Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion made by Bob S and 2nd by Robin S to adopt the minutes from July 21st, 2009 as read. Carried.

6. Director of Finance Report:

Reviewed the financial report and let the Coordinators know their operating budget for the year. The Financial statement doesn't include income from membership, soccer or basketball registrations.

Motion made by Sherri and 2nd by Bob to accept the financial report. Carried.

7. Business Arising from the Minutes:

A) FUN DAY IN THE PARK – Approximately 600 people turned out for the event! Having recycling bins and perhaps first aid would be good. More options for menu choices would be super – can use the BBQ at the Co-op if pre-booked. Perhaps look at extending the day, which would increase the amount of money spent. To have some free display tables set up. Overall a great success!

8. New Business:

- New executive: Dean Gulka interested in being a part of the executive. Motion made by Vanessa and 2nd by Sherri to accept Dean Gulka onto the executive. Carried.

- Background checks on coaches –SYS and Basketball require criminal records check for people coaching. Perhaps this should be explored for baseball as well – all coached events. Silverspring Community Association would pay the \$25.00 fee/coach. Typically a fee is waived if the criminal record check is done for a volunteer position- Vanessa will check into this.

- E-Voting: this could replace the need for summer meetings and Christmas around decision making. A motion was made by Nadine S and 2nd by Brian to accept e-voting into our policy. Nadine M and 2nd by Vanessa amended the motion to state that if the issue is of contentious nature there needs to have an acceptance of 75% or more. Carried.

- Community Watch: Brett is going to explore having Saskatoon City Police come to a meeting and do a presentation for the Community Association around community watch/safety. Citizens on Patrol and Community Watch are different. This issue was raised as a person was “paddled” in the park by other teens who thought that the student was in grade 9 and this was initiation. (This person was not in grade 9.) There has been partying at the Silverspring Pits (please email Bev Dubois when you see this happening or phone the police.) Speeding has also been an issue on more than a couple of streets – again email Bev around this problem. Arin will also look into this matter.

- Halloween Event – Angie Hicks will help plan along with Patty but is looking for volunteers from the Community Association to assist. The church is also looking for nut-free candy donations for

the party. Please contact Rachelle Z if you want to help. The Halloween Event is scheduled for October 25th from 2-4 pm at Ebenezer Church.

9. Chair's Report:

- Resignation of Nora Jacobs (MAL) is accepted.
- Go Big! Fresh air Cinema – This is a tent that is set up in the park so you are able to watch a movie outside. This could be something that we look at in conjunction with Fun Day in the Park or a separate event. We will look at adding it to the budget next year – approximately \$2500.00.
- Re-writing the orientation manuals over the next 4-5 months. Each person would have a manual for their position. The secretary could collect at the end of the year and re-submit the following year so everyone is aware of their position responsibilities and protocol.

10. Coordinators Reports:

Indoor – registration went all right. An extra dance class was added due to the overwhelming demand. Looking at having Pilates and Teen Dodge ball for January. Winter registration is January 6th at 6:30 pm.

Soccer – Equipment move went well. Training manual is in the works. Adjustments to the under 10 group – one large girls team.

Membership – 263 cards were sold – 27 free for executive and 38 to soccer coaches.

Rink – repairs to the rink boards and new siding for the shack

Communication – going to publication tomorrow

Volunteer – a lot volunteers – a good thing

Basketball – in the process of finalizing teams – 6 teams with 10-12 kids per team. Sheldon is looking at securing the equipment at St. Joes with chicken wire or something along that line so the balls don't roll around. Sheldon will contact St. Joes.

Civics – City electrical rates have been revised to be the same as Sask Power's. Municipal elections will be held on Oct. 28th for Mayor and 10 Councilors – please remember to vote. Gates may have to be installed at the weir to control partying and vandalism at night. River Landing project cost has been determined to be 76.7 million. Residential property taxes and utility charges – Saskatoon ranks 4th lowest of 21 municipal properties surveyed; 16th when school taxes are added in. Saskatoon school taxes continue to rank highest of those surveyed

Football, Softball, Youth – no reports

11. ARC Report:

- Profits from the 1st aid/CPR class go to Joints in Motion. September report previously passed along via email.

Next meeting is October 20th, 2009 @ 7 pm at Mother Teresa School

Meeting Adjourned.