

Silverspring Community Association

April 20, 2010

Silverspring School Library

Attendance: Dean Gulka (Vice-President), Brian Webb (MAL), Bob Stadnichuk (Civics), Carmen Allen (Secretary), Gita Malik (MAL), Sheldon Sies (Basketball Coordinator), Nadine Madsen (Indoor Coordinator), Robin Spence (Membership), Art Urbanowski (Softball Coordinator)

****Krista Sego (Silverspring School), Arin Jorgenson (Area Recreation Consultant), Carol Gerspacher (Mother Teresa School), Bryan Conrad (Ebenezer Baptist Church), Rolanda McAvoy (Saskatoon Police Service), Marlo Wilson (visitor)**

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Brian and seconded by Bob to approve the agenda. Carried.

3. School News:

Silverspring:

- Krista reported that the teachers distributed report cards and held three-way conferences in late March. There have been some recent staffing changes due to maternity and medical leaves. She discussed the Literacy for Life initiative and Assessment for Learning. Anti-Bullying Pink Shirt Day went over very well on April 14th. The school continues to focus on HBAM and wellness. Twenty-five staff members will be involved in Pre-Diabetes and Type II Diabetes screening this week. Other scheduled events include the Voyageurs' canoe trip; the Grade 8 Farewell (June 22nd); and an Earth Day celebration including the unveiling of a banner in the school (April 22nd).

Mother Teresa:

- Carol reported that the school's Lenten fundraising in support of the Brazil Mission was very successful. Students recently attended a session on internet safety provided by Rob Nickel. Many events are planned for the spring: World Catholic Education Day (May 13th), Intensive French Parent Information Night (April 21st); recognition of safety patrollers; a band performance; and the completion of the MS Read-a-thon fundraiser at the end of April. The Grade 7-8 classes are preparing a presentation involving the 10 Commandments of Earth Day. The Grade 8 classes staged an excellent Stations of the Cross dramatization in the park by the school on March 31st.

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

- a. Citizen Patrol – Cst. Rolanda McAvoy, Saskatoon Police Service, showed two DVD clips introducing Citizen Patrol and she described how the patrol works. She discussed that citizens wear orange vests and patrol the neighbourhood in groups of about four or five people in order to provide “eyes and ears” locally. A cell phone is required and the group is required to call Police Service Communications each time they begin their patrol and when they end it. They keep a record of any problems and are seen to be an effective method of deterring criminal activity in the neighbourhood. Community Watch is a separate program whereby area representatives receive e-mails about goings-on in the neighbourhood.

- b. Annual General Meeting -- scheduled for May 18th, 2010, at Ebenezer Baptist Church, with a minimum of 12 people needed to be in attendance.

5. Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion made by Robin and seconded by Nadine to adopt the minutes from the meeting of March 16, 2010. Carried.

6. Director of Finance Report:

No formal report as Nadine was absent. She indicated by e-mail that she is working on the year-end (March 31) report and will circulate a financial statement at the AGM in May.

7. New Business:

- a. Motion made by Nadine and seconded by Brian to appoint Gita Malik to a Member at Large position. Carried.

- b. Motion made by Sheldon and seconded by Robin to appoint Carmen Allen to the position of Secretary. Carried.

- c. Motion made by Brian and seconded by Bob to make May 29th the date for the Community Garage Sale (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.). Carried. An advertisement will be put in the

school newsletters asking for a fundraising group to operate a concession during the garage sale. A sign advertising the date of the garage sale will be set up at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

- d. Inventories – each sport is asked to submit an up-to-date inventory of its equipment as soon as possible.

8. Chair's Report/Correspondence:

Dean circulated posters advertising the Recreation/Tourism Programs at SIAST. These will be posted in Silverspring and Mother Teresa schools.

The deadline for grant applications is the end of April.

9. Coordinator Reports:

Indoor – Report circulated by e-mail. Sherri indicated that planning is underway for Fall programs.

Membership – Robin reported that she is still seeking payment for a few memberships.

Rink – The rink is now closed for the season.

Communications – No report.

Football – No report.

Soccer – No report.

Softball – Art reported that he has ordered new jerseys and pants. There are 10 more players than last year. The season starts in 10 days.

Civic – Bob reported that there was recently a Road Map Saskatoon meeting which looked at access to bike paths, signage, etc., in Silverspring. A report will be available in the future. In light of yesterday's grass fires, there was brief discussion about access in and out of the area in case of a very large grass fire. Currently, Konihowski Road provides the only access.

Volunteer – No report.

Basketball – Sheldon reported that the basketball season is over and an equipment inventory will be completed and submitted soon.

Youth – No report.

10. Area Recreation Consultant Report:

Arin referred to her report which was previously circulated by e-mail. She highlighted the Treasurers' Workshop and the Arts Leadership Camp.

Next meeting is the Annual General Meeting, May 18th, at 7 p.m., at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

A motion was made by Art and seconded by Robin to adjourn the meeting. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.