

Minutes of the Meeting of Silverspring Community Association

October 19, 2010

Attendance: Brett Wilson (President), Sheldon Sies (Basketball Coordinator), Sherri Denis (Indoor Coordinator), Brian Webb (MAL), Carmen Allen (Secretary), Robin Spence (Membership Coordinator), Gita Malik (MAL)

**Carol Gerspacher (Mother Teresa School), Arlene Lazecki (Silverspring School), Marieke Knight (Area Recreation Consultant)

1. Call to Order:

Brett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Sheldon and seconded by Sherri to approve the agenda. Carried.

3. School News:

Silverspring:

- Arlene reported that this is Education Week and the school has many activities planned. Walk for Water has begun and the school children are collecting coins for Unicef this week. The Minister of Education was at the school today for a media event in which the new physical activity recommendations (30 minutes daily) were launched. A letter was sent home last week with each student to inform families about a recent suspicious vehicle situation in the area and to remind everyone about taking safety precautions. There have been questions about the use of herbicides on the rink behind the school. Brett confirmed that Roundup has been used twice this year. For Halloween this year, there will be activities for the students at school on Orange and Black Day. Arlene acknowledged the support of the SCA in recognizing the school's safety patrollers, and she wondered if there are any similar motivators that the SCA could provide for the Green Team, the Grade Four students who have taken on the responsibility of collecting and sorting lunchtime recyclables.

Mother Teresa:

- Carol provided a written report and verbally highlighted the main points. During Education Week this week, the school is focusing on Valuing Diversity: Celebrating the Year of the Metis. They have many activities featuring Metis art, drama, dance, music, history, and food planned for the week. They are continuing with their food drive until the end of October. Progress reports and conferences are scheduled for late November. In Extracurricular

activities, the Grade 8s attended a student leadership conference last week; cross-country has wrapped up; and volleyball is getting underway.

4. Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion made by Sheldon and seconded by Brian to adopt of the minutes of the September 21, 2010, meeting. Carried.

5. Director of Finance Report:

Brett reported on behalf of Nadine that she received two NSF cheques in September and a stop payment was put on one cheque before Nadine cashed it. She is taking action on another NSF cheque which is nearly a year old.

Motion made by Sheldon and seconded by Brian to cease accepting forms of payment other than credit cards. Tabled.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

(a) *SCA Refund Policy* – There was discussion about the Policy and a few amendments were made in order to clarify the wording and to address the administration fee.

Motion made by Gita and seconded by Sherri to approve the amended SCA Refund Policy. Carried.

(b) *SCA Late Registration Policy*

Motion made by Gita and seconded by Sheldon to approve the amended policy. Carried.

(c) University Students (Paid/Unpaid) as Coaches/Instructors

Vanessa Chesters is gathering information on this issue. Marieke mentioned the possibility of using high school student volunteers to lead sport programs, too. Tabled.

(d) Newsletter and Inclusion of Advertisements

Discussion centred around whether to add a considerable amount of advertising to our newsletter, similar to newsletters of some other community associations. Another question to consider is whether we want advertising on the SCA website. Discussion tabled for next meeting.

7. New Business:

(a) Nomination of Soccer Coordinator

Suzanne Larsen was nominated at the September 21, 2010, meeting.

(b) Nomination of Social Coordinator

Motion made by Robin and seconded by Sherri to nominate Bryan Witt to the position of Social Coordinator. Carried.

8. Chair's Report/Correspondence:

Brett referred to a communication he received from Lee Thomas, Transportation Engineer, asking for SCA's feedback about current operations, potential safety issues, and anticipated needs regarding the intersection at Central Avenue and Attridge Drive. Brett pre-circulated this e-mail, and we are to respond directly to Ms. Thomas if we have comments.

9. Coordinator Reports/Correspondence:

(a) *Indoor* – Sherri reported that she has submitted her indoor programming information to the city for inclusion in the Winter Leisure Guide. Online registration will commence January 1, 2011, at 6 p.m. and continue through January 9. In-person registration will be held Wednesday, January 5, 2011, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at Silverspring School. Late registration will be January 6-9. Registrations will be closed beginning January 10. Sherri sent a mass e-mail to parents of children enrolled in the dance classes in order to try to curb distractions during dance class (noisy parents & siblings, pets, food). She also reported that there have been problems with people showing up for classes but not being on the registration lists. In some cases, this has been due to a problem in the registration process and other times it has been due to people attending without registering. In the future, registrants will be required to bring their receipt to the first class.

(b) *Membership* – No report.

(c) *Rink* – Brett reported that there was some graffiti at the rink and that it may have been removed by now.

(d) *Communications* – No report.

(e) *Football* – No report.

(f) *Soccer* – Carmen read Tracey's report which indicated that online registration was a big success. The season is off to a good start with 105 soccer players registered. One under-10 team was disbanded due to lack of a coach. Coaches met last week. Viola and Tracey will

be finishing their terms as Soccer Coordinators in April 2011. Two people will be needed to fill these positions.

(g) *Softball* – No report. Art was absent as he is celebrating his anniversary.

(h) *Civics* – Brett said to contact Bob if you have any issues you would like brought up at the Ward 10 meeting.

(i) *Volunteer* – No report. Position vacant.

(j) *Basketball* – Sheldon reported that the basketball season kicked off on Saturday, October 16. He has sent an e-mail to Nadine regarding financial issues (e.g. issuing refunds to some girls who SMBA placed with a boys' team due to insufficient number of girls to form their own team). Sheldon will be stepping down from his position next spring. He has found a replacement and will stay on as a mentor.

(k) *Youth* – No report.

10. Area Recreation Consultant:

Marieke pre-circulated her report and highlighted some of the points. The volunteer survey showed that many people use the community association newsletter rather than the website as their main source of information about community associations. The Open Door Society has a mentorship program in which a coordinator links settled newcomers desiring a volunteer position with organizations that need volunteers. The newcomers would need to be mentored for one or two months until they are comfortable with the new volunteer position. Please let Marieke know if you want to get in touch with this volunteer coordinator.

11. Announcements:

The next meeting will be held November 16 at Mother Teresa School at 7 p.m.

12. Adjournment:

Motion made by Robin and seconded by Sherri to adjourn the meeting. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.