

Minutes of the Meeting of the Silverspring Community Association

January 17, 2012

Attendance: Robin Spence (President), Janice Hobbs (Vice President), Cam Hazen (MAL), Ian Evertman (Rink Coordinator), Crystal Bernier (Indoor Coordinator), Lanette Kuchenski (Treasurer), Nadine Bourque (Indoor Coordinator), Carmen Allen (Secretary)

** Mark Campbell (Community Consultant), Rick Garman (Mother Teresa School)

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Cam and seconded by Crystal to approve the agenda as amended. Carried.

3. School News:

Mother Teresa:

- Rick reported that kindergarten registration is underway and numbers are well beyond 30. There will be bussing into the Evergreen neighbourhood next year. Track, basketball, and floor hockey are in full swing and upcoming events include a student retreat, Tiger Idol in February, and a movie night on March 2.

Silverspring:

- Robin read a report e-mailed to her from Krista. Grade 8 students attended Centennial's Pre-Collegiate Night and are preparing for transition to high school. Basketball and track are currently underway and nine teams participated in the recent PR Track Meet. HBAM activities include the upcoming Fitness Challenge and the two-week Count It Up Challenge where students keep a record of their physical activity and fruit/vegetable consumption. An anti-bullying presentation was held for parents last Monday. Many students in Grades 7 and 8 have become "Junior Supervisors" at recess to help with issues that come up among the younger students. Safety patrollers were recognized at a recent assembly attended by two U of S Huskie football players and a Saskatchewan Roughrider, and the patrollers were treated to a Huskie Women's basketball game as well.

4. Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion made by Crystal and seconded by Janice to adopt the minutes of the meeting of November 15, 2011. Carried.

5. Director of Finance Report:

Lanette presented a Profit and Loss report (April 1, 2011, through January 1, 2012). The SCA currently has about \$30,000 in the bank. Lanette will be making a term deposit in the near future.

Robin received a request for financial assistance from a family who wanted to register for some indoor programs. The SCA has a policy in place to handle such requests and \$197 is available to us from the City of Saskatoon through the Cost as a Barrier program. Robin consulted with Mark about the request to cover Yoga and Karate programs for this family. The SCA agreed to cover the cost and the family was very appreciative and cooperative with helping to maintain a paper trail.

Lanette has a letter from Kidsport saying that they will reimburse SCA for a certain registrant's fees; however, she will look into the matter further as we are not sure if this individual is registered in any programs currently.

Motion made by Lanette and seconded by Nadine to accept the finance report. Carried.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

(a) *Rink – Artificial Possibility*

Ian provided many details about his investigations into synthetic ice options for the skating rink. Fort Chipewyan, Alberta, has an NHL-sized rink which was covered with synthetic ice; however, problems were encountered with it and the surface was removed. In particular, the ground heaved after flooding, prompting them to remove the synthetic ice surface so that a concrete floor could be placed. Ian priced out the cost for synthetic ice surface for a 57x97 (5500 sq. ft.) area (the size of our rink) and was quoted \$94,500 from Global Synthetic. The quote from True Lock Synthetic Ice was slightly less. Concrete for our rink would cost about \$48,125.

He stated that the synthetic ice is really intended for decks and basements. A 3600 sq.ft. deck from Rona would run about \$10,000 plus \$59,000 for the synthetic ice surface. Another alternative, a metal building, would be minimum \$250,000. These are very large sums and it was agreed that all these options are out of our range at this time, especially considering the reported problems with the product.

Ian also mentioned that the rink volunteer base is down this year and he is concerned that there may be nobody to care for the rink next year (his term is up this year). There is heavy rink usage when the temperatures are above -20° C. It was suggested that a snowblower would ease the work of snow removal from the ice surface. A notice in the newsletter calling for rink volunteers is needed. The possibility of an asphalt surface (less costly than concrete) will be discussed at a future meeting.

As it is now, the rink needs repairs and Ian said he would like the SCA to fund \$850 (10%) of the repairs with the remainder (90%) to be covered by the Rink Improvement Grant from the City. Mark added that this grant now covers improvements to the rink shack as well.

(b) *January Registration Follow-up*

Crystal reported that about 25 people registered at in-person registration on January 3, 2012. Everything went well. There are no participants from Silverspring in some of the programs which are shared with other neighbourhoods.

7. New Business:

(a) *Bullying Information from Silverspring School*

Janice reported that an information session regarding bullying, featuring a speaker from Catholic Family Services, was held January 9 at Silverspring School. About 20 parents attended as well as Principal Arlene Lazecki. Mrs. Lazecki explained to the parents that bullying is not tolerated at Silverspring School. Parents recommended that students need to be better educated about the role of bystanders in bullying incidents. The School Council is forming a parent group to begin looking at bullying issues in the school. One participant suggested that bullying information could be posted on the SCA website. The group feels that bullying is a community issue and the SCA website is more accessible than the school's website portal, which requires log-in capabilities and, therefore, is inaccessible to the public. Janice told the group she would ask SCA for approval to post the information on the SCA website.

Approval for posting bullying information on the SCA website was granted.

(b) *Role of the Community Association Report*

Mark said that the City is looking for feedback about how the City works with community associations. He encouraged everyone to read this 12-page document and to forward comments directly to him. Watch for this document which Robin will e-mail this week.

8. Chair's Report/Correspondence:

Robin received a thank-you note from Ebenezer Baptist Church, in which the church thanked the SCA for supporting Spirit of Christmas and for making a donation to Good Food Junction.

The youth program (coffee shop) has received \$500 in funding from the City. Mark has been keeping Mike informed about deadlines for the submission of reports.

9. Coordinator Reports/Correspondence:

- (a) *Indoor* – Crystal and Nadine reported that indoor programs are just beginning for the winter session. Instructors are an issue. There were only a couple of cash payments at this registration session.
- (b) *Registration/Membership* – No report.
- (c) *Rink* – Ian said it took three weeks to get the water issue solved at the rink in December. Public skating is on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays for two hours each time. He is considering changing the lock on the rink shack. Someone has been shutting off the power at the rink shack and this interferes with the timer for the lights. Ian will post a sign stating the power switch is not to be touched.
- (d) *Communications* – Robin reminded everyone that this Friday is the deadline for the next newsletter. No further report.
- (e) *Touch Football* – No report.
- (f) *Soccer*

Motion made by Cam and seconded by Lanette to accept Sue Larson's resignation from the position of Soccer Coordinator. Carried.

Motion made by Cam and seconded by Ian to accept Stefanie Wong to the position of Soccer Coordinator. Carried.

Cam reported that he has secured \$3600 in sponsorship from East Side Mario's for the second year in a row. He consulted Art and Donovan about registration dates and they have decided upon the dates of February 26 noon to March 1 noon for online registration and March 1 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) for in-person registration for spring soccer, softball, and touch football. Robin mentioned that Jacine may start to take on greater computer-related responsibilities as Ross wishes to reduce his role in this capacity.

Motion made by Janice and seconded by Ian to accept the coordinator reports. Carried.

10. Community Consultant Report:

Mark informed us that a woman is interested in having the wood chips removed from the playground at Mother Teresa School and getting a new surface to make the playground more accessible for those using wheelchairs. She will approach the SCA to see if we are in favour of applying to the Park Enhancement Program (City of Saskatoon) for funding. The deadline is March 31, 2012, for construction in 2013. The playground at Mother Teresa School is a city

playground, not a school playground. Applications to the Park Enhancement Program must come from the community association rather than an individual.

Mark's report was circulated by e-mail and he provided additional information about a community gardens seminar on February 4.

11. Announcements:

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on February 21, 2012, at a location yet to be determined.

12. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.