

Minutes of the Meeting of Silverspring Community Association

April 17, 2012

Attendance: Robin Spence (President), Lanette Kuchenski (Treasurer), Brian Webb (MAL), Nicole Webb (MAL), Aman Abid (Communications - Newsletter), Janice Hobbs (Vice President), Nadine Bourque (Indoor Coordinator), Donovan Swinnerton (Football Coordinator), Ian Evertman (Rink Coordinator), Carmen Allen (Secretary)

** Mark Campbell (Community Consultant), Krista Sego (Silverspring School), Rick Garman (Mother Teresa School), Bryan Conrad (Ebenezer Baptist Church)

1. Call to Order:

Robin called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion made by Lanette and seconded by Nadine to approve the agenda with the addition of 7(a) and 7(b). Carried.

3. School News:

Silverspring:

Krista reported that the school continues to focus on its two strategic initiatives: Health Bodies Active Minds (HBAM) and literacy. The Grade 2 classes hosted their grandparents at a successful Grandparents' Day Tea on March 30. Other activities before Easter included Huskie Day/Green Day and the Pink Revolution antibullying week. Four classes from the school will be attending the upcoming Literacy Conference at the University of Saskatchewan.

Mother Teresa:

Rick stated that the senior students of the school staged a powerful dramatization, Stations of the Cross, before Easter. The school held a Pink Revolution Day recently as well. The literacy intervention in the primary grades (in which a teacher works with small groups of Grade 1-2 students) has been very successful this year. Assessment for Learning (AFL) is coming up soon for the Grade 5 and Grade 8 students. Grades 6-8 intramural hockey playoffs are currently underway, and outdoor track will begin soon. Kindergarten numbers are now above 50. Mother Teresa Catholic School Community Council has decided to donate \$5000 (two payments of \$2500) toward the new playground surface if it goes forward.

4. Adoption of the Minutes:

Motion made by Janice and seconded by Donovan to adopt the minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2012. Carried.

5. Director of Finance Report:

Lanette is waiting for the information she needs to make payments to instructors. She is working on the budget; however, she has received budget information from only the newsletter, basketball, and football coordinators. She is still waiting for budget information from the other coordinators.

She has submitted grant applications to Mark (for Annual Operating and Cost as a Barrier Grants). Ian and Crystal have applications due to the City as well. Lanette will contact them.

Lanette would like to modify the refund policy to include the words “must include the SCA order number” which would streamline the treasurer’s refund process. We will revisit this issue at the AGM.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

(a) *Mother Teresa Park*

Robin stated that the Mother Teresa Catholic School Community Council is committing two payments of \$2500 each toward the new playground surface. They will also accept financial responsibility, along with the SCA, for maintenance of the surface. Mark said that the City maintains the parks and is responsible for the liability. The SCA would bear the financial responsibility of the maintenance of the surface. Donovan mentioned the New West Partnership (which will come into effect in August 2012) where tenders for jobs over \$75,000 will be required to be advertised across British Columbia, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

Mark has spoken with the Playground Program to ask them to take note of whether the wood chips pose a problem this coming summer. Donovan suggested tabling our decision about the playground surface until the fall, after we hear back from the Playground Program about the wood chips. He has not found much support for the idea of the proposed playground surface among people in the neighbourhood. He feels that the SCA should financially support causes under its own control; it is undesirable to have no control over the playground, yet have to bear the financial responsibility for it. Lanette suggested putting our money toward the SCA website and our own programs instead of asking for corporate sponsorship for our programs. Donovan reiterated that we need a written proposal from the Mother Teresa Catholic School Community Council describing the fundraising plan for the proposed playground surface. This decision will be tabled until fall.

(b) *Rink Surface*

Robin reported that Shercom is one of the least expensive options for a rink surface. She referred to an article about community gardens in the [Saskatoon Sun](#) (April 8, 2012). A community garden needs a water source, access to the property, and insurance. Concerns were raised about the difficulty of levelling and packing the dirt for the rink surface, though.

Donovan stated that Sutherland's outdoor rink has an asphalt surface which needs only two floods before it is ready for skating. Water runoff is not an issue there. Therefore, he feels asphalt is not a bad option for our rink surface. Asphalt is \$7.50/sq.ft. and Pour-in-Place is \$4.50/sq.ft. The disadvantage of Pour-in-Place is that a tarp would need to be placed over the surface before flooding and this would be difficult to accomplish.

Discussion turned to the possibility of a new location for the rink (i.e. between the schools) to make the rink more accessible, to create more use, to reduce vandalism, and to be closer to parking. A better location might make it more of a focal point in the community. Ian mentioned that the rink volunteer base is low and he has received no calls from potential volunteers after placing an ad in last week's SCA newsletter.

Mark will consult the City about issues surrounding a new location for the rink. We will revisit the topic in the future.

7. New Business:

(a) *Donations to Schools and Church*

Robin said that we appreciate the use of sports equipment and meeting space in the elementary schools (and the space for the AGM and youth activities at Ebenezer Baptist Church). She wondered if we would like to show our appreciation by making a monetary donation to them. There was general agreement that donations would be appropriate and discussion ensued about amounts to donate. It was also mentioned that we store sports equipment at St. Joseph High School.

Motion made by Donovan and seconded by Brian to donate \$1000 to Silverspring School, \$1000 to Mother Teresa School, \$200 to Ebenezer Baptist Church, and \$250 to St. Joseph High School for use of equipment and facilities for 2011-12. Carried.

(b) *Election of New Treasurer*

Motion made by Donovan and seconded by Nadine to accept Lanette's resignation from the position of Treasurer. Carried.

Motion made by Ian and seconded by Aman to accept Janice's resignation from the position of Vice President. Carried.

Motion made by Brian and seconded by Donovan to accept Janice as incoming Treasurer. Carried.

8. Chair's Report:

Robin reported that she has advertised the community garage sale for Saturday, May 26, 2012, in the SCA newsletter. It will be advertised in the StarPhoenix as well.

Some executive members are nearing the end of their terms of service; Robin asked who is willing to extend their term. Brian said he would stay, and Carmen agreed to stay for one more year. Aman and Ian indicated they will be done at the end of this year. Ideally, we are looking for two Indoor Coordinators, one Soccer Coordinator, a Rink Coordinator, and a Website Coordinator (who must attend meetings).

9. Coordinator Reports/Correspondence:

- (a) *Indoor* – Robin read Crystal’s report. The winter term of indoor programming is ending and the coordinators are gathering the final amounts owed to instructors.
- (b) *Registration/Membership* – Absent. No report.
- (c) *Rink* – Ian is submitting an application for a Rink Operating Grant and a Rink Improvement Grant to the City. He is going to change the locks on the rink shed.
- (d) *Communications* – Aman stated that a two-page newsletter will be published for June/July and a six-page newsletter for August/September.
- (e) *Touch Football* – Donovan reported that registration is complete and no more late registrations will be accepted. There are 63 players and the teams are full. There are three teams for Grades 1-2; two teams for Grades 3-4; and one team for Grades 5-6. There were not many volunteer coaches this spring, so he is pleased to have a young 17- or 18-year old volunteer to coach again, as in the fall. Teams will start practicing in about a week.
- (f) *Soccer* – Absent. Robin read Peter’s report. The indoor season is now over and equipment has been returned. Rosters have been sent to the coaches for the 2012 outdoor season and coaches’ packages will be distributed on April 19 at the SaskTel Centre. The outdoor schedule will soon be available as play begins the first week of May. Coaches will pick up equipment and have criminal records checked on April 24. The SYSI is holding a meeting to discuss soccer boundaries for youth soccer in Saskatoon. One of the proposals would involve moving Silverspring from Aurora to the Hollandia zone. There are no plans for Silverspring community soccer to get involved.
- (g) *Softball* – Absent. No report.
- (h) *Civic* – Absent. Robin read Bob’s report. Mandatory recycling will begin in January 2013 at a cost to each household. As civic elections will be held this fall, it is time for our area of Saskatoon to decide what we need in terms of representation. We need to think about any projects or problems that prospective councillors could address and whether we would like to have any candidates address our group in the fall.
- (i) *Basketball* – Absent. No report.
- (j) *Youth* – Absent. Bryan reported on Mike’s behalf. Mike has just returned along with 26 youths from a weeklong trip to Mexico. The drop-in youth program will be ending its season soon.

Children's Pastor Patti Read has been on a leave of absence this year and the leave will be extended for another six months. Some of the children's programs have been scaled back accordingly. Vacation Bible School Junior (for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten in June) and Vacation Bible School (for Grades 1-6 in July) will go ahead as planned.

Bryan informed us that the church would like to install an electronic sign for conveying messages at the corner of Konihowski Drive and Central Avenue. This particular location is not currently zoned for that type of sign, but the church is going to seek permission to install one anyway. Bryan asked for the SCA's support in this quest and it was granted.

(k) *Social* – Absent. No report.

10. Community Consultant:

Report circulated previously. Mark highlighted the upcoming Area Police Informational Seminars and stated that the Community Liaison Officer for our area, Constable April Wegren, will be involved. Carmen voiced a concern about an unsafe crosswalk on Garvie Road, close to Silverspring School, and asked Mark whom she should contact about improving its safety. Mark encouraged her to contact Constable Wegren.

11. Announcements:

Next meeting will be the AGM at Ebenezer Baptist Church on May 15, 2012, at 8:00 p.m. Everyone will need to provide a written report at the meeting.

12. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.