

Minutes of the Silverspring Community Association

Monthly Meeting of the SCA

March 24, 2015

Mother Teresa School Library

Attendance: Jeff Lindsay (President), Kyla Earle (Vice President), Adeana Webb (Secretary), Nadine Bourque (Booking Coordinator), Peter Brown (Soccer), Kyla Clarke (MAL), Cary Dziadyk (Registration/Membership), Erin Elsasser (Indoor Coordinator), Tammy Fitzpatrick (Website Coordinator), Norman Hain (Rink Coordinator), Angie Kells (Indoor Coordinator), Tim Kurtenbach (Civic Coordinator)

**Marieke Knight (COS Community Consultant)

1. **Call to Order:** Jeff called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.
2. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion made by Tim and seconded by Kyla to approve the agenda.
3. **Adoption of the Minutes:** Motion made by Angie and seconded by Tammy to adopt the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Motion made by Angie and seconded by Kyla to adopt the treasurer's report as submitted.
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
 - A) **Park Enhancement Grant:** .
 - I. Electronic Motion: Motion Made Feb 27, 2015 by Kyla, seconded by Janice. Motion made to reduce the scope and subsequent cost of the park enhancement project (from \$65,000.00 to approximately \$25,000.00) to include benches, garbage receptacles, and picnic tables. 12 board members registered to vote on this motion and the motion was passed 11-1.
 - II. Cary D. volunteered to chair subcommittee to administrate the grant money. Tim K. volunteered to help out.
 - B) **"My Community" Magazine:** The SCA has decided it is not interested in sharing its information with the magazine. All SCA information is available on the website and on Facebook and the board would prefer to have people focus on these areas only. Jeff will provide a response
 - C) **Survey Monkey Progress Update:** Marieke reported that there were 37 respondents to the survey. The SCA voted to leave the survey up until May 1 with an email blast in the next little while. We may have the results at the AGM in May. There will be a spotlight on volunteers during Volunteer Appreciation Week in April.

D) Update on Marketing Plan: Tammy suggested more exposure in the school newsletters to notify and brief people on the Silverspring Community Association. Kyla had a sample of a fridge magnet showing another community association's information regarding Facebook and website. It also included information showing some of the programs run by the association. Tim K. said he has a friend who makes the magnets and will check into the pricing.

6. New Business:

A) Community Garage Sale Planning: Date for Community Garage Sale will be Saturday, June 6 from 9 am to 3 pm. A portable sign will be rented and placed on the exterior of Silverspring. A group needing to fundraise money will be selected to run the concession. Suggestions were for SaskEnergy, SaskTel or Shaw to be asked to donate BBQs and maybe even the food. At the concession will be maps showing addresses in the area that have sales on that day.

B) Community Development Opportunities: The executive is looking for ways to engage more members of the community in social events and to get people to meet their neighbors.

i) Adult Social Events: More social events are needed in Silverspring. Events like Movie Nights in the Park, Televising Rider Games in the Park, Adult Socials at the Lions Pavilion in the Forestry Farm and/or doing something for Culture Days at the end of September.

ii) Block Parties: Block Parties are encouraged in Silverspring and with planning, streets can be closed off for the evening and signage can be put up so that people will know what is going on.

C) Update on Marketing Plan: See Point 5D above.

D) Community Association Development and Networking Session: Cary and Kyla reported on the session that they attended. They saw and heard what other community associations are doing in the city to engage more members and to meet their neighbors. They suggested ways to meet the SCA executive like maybe at the Garage Sale concession. The executive could take shifts with different members at different times.

E) Selection of AGM Date: The AGM was decided to be on Tuesday, June 9 at 8 pm at Rock Creek Tap and Grill. It was suggested that maybe we could have a wine tasting during the meeting. WINE NOT !!

7. Chair's Report:

A) Volunteer Recruitment and Development for 2015: Jeff will be contacting current members to see about their future plans.

B) Canadian Blood Services Partner for Life Program: As a way to meet others in the community, CBS has provided information of our association becoming a Partner for Life. It would involve Silverspring picking a number of donations to pledge to CBS for a year and to develop a strategy to launch the program and to provide information. Usually someone volunteers to be the community "champion" to provide the information and help on how to meet the goal. We could go as a group or challenge other community associations to meet or beat our donations.

8. **Coordinator Reports:**
 - A) Motion made by Tim and seconded by Kyla to adopt Coordinator's Reports as submitted.
 - B) **New Discussions and Decisions by Coordinators:** Norm requested another Rink Coordinator to help him out next year.

9. **Community Consultant Report:** Marieke reported about various grants available from the city that are due on April 30, 2015. She said that when the SCA had Low Income Participants or people who bounced cheques for community programs, the SCA could recoup the money from the city.

10. **Announcements:** Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 28 at Silverspring School Library.

11. **Adjournment:** Motion was made by Norm and seconded by Angie to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 pm.