

Minutes of the Silverspring Community Association (SCA)

Tuesday, March 7th, 2017

Silverspring School Staff Room

Attendance:

Kathy Brander (MAL), Kyla Earle (President), Jennifer Anderson (Membership), Leanne Schellenberg (City), Norman Hain (Rink), Tim Kurtenbach (Civics), Karmen Maslin (Secretary), Leanne McLean (Booking Coordinator), Erin Elsasser (Social), Kyla Clark (Indoor)

1. **Call to Order:** Kyla E. called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm. Meeting principles read. Karen Farmer from Bridge City Chickens was also in attendance. Introductions were made by everyone.
2. **Presentation by Karen Farmer with Bridge City Chickens:** Karen represents a group working towards legalizing backyard hens. They have developed a proposal based on the City of Edmonton's experiences and is looking for letters of support from various entities. They have already received letters of support from seven community associations, SPCA and various other organizations. Copies of their proposal was distributed and question/answer discussion followed. Tim made a motion for the SCA to write a general letter of support with the stipulation that it would not be suitable for our community due to the wildlife often found in our neighbourhoods. Norm seconded. Kyla E. will write the letter and email the executive with a copy. Deadline is March 24th as the group is planning on going to city council with their proposal at the end of March.
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion made by Tim, seconded by Norm. Carried.
4. **Adoption of the minutes from February:** Motion made by Jen, seconded by Norm. Carried.
5. **Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - a. Co-op Grant: 5 people attended the meeting at Rock Creek in February. Due to the tight turnaround and the fact that the grant will be available again next year, it was decided that a sub-committee will be formed to determine what community projects should be investigated, to poll the community to see which projects are favoured and to source out cost projections of those projects so that we are better prepared to apply next year. In addition to the co-op grant, there are a number of city grants which this group could also apply their findings to next spring. **Volunteers are required!** The sub-committee will be formed at next month's meeting.
 - b. Email delivery of February newsletter: Kyla E took a quick poll out of our group to confirm who received our newsletter by email on February 13th. Only 1 out of 11 received the email. Short discussion about our email address being "No Reply."
6. **Sum Theatre:** Erin reported that our community has once again been selected for a performance in July. They will finalize their schedule and advise us of the date in May/June. Performance is titled: The Lion and The Woodcutter. SCA would like to promote and advertise this performance more. The performance in our park will be sponsored by Andrey's Your

Independent Grocer. Erin made a motion to once again make a \$600 donation to Sum Theatre for 2017. Seconded by Cary.

7. **Chair's report:**

- a. World's Finest Chocolates: Confirmed that there was a request made by someone using the SCA's address however due to privacy reasons, names are not available.
- b. Evergreen Go Out and Play challenge: 10 day competition for a chance to win \$10,000 towards a community project. Evergreen fundraising for a playground. Leanne S. explained that this is a challenge specifically geared towards community associations and there are only two participating this year – "Go Out & Play Challenge powered by SK Blue Cross." This is an annual challenge and extra points are provided if sign up by December. SCA to discuss at September or October meeting – great fundraiser potential.

8. **Treasurer's Report:** Actuals to end of February was circulated by Kyla (copy not included in this email for security reasons-please request from Danielle if you would like to see a copy). As requested during last meeting, bank balance and GIC investment balances also provided. Motion to adopt Treasurer's report made by Tim, seconded by Kyla C. Carried.

9. **New Business:**

- a. School representation at SCA meetings: Since school representatives stopped attending the SCA exec meetings, seems to be a bit of a disconnect. Cary will email both principals requesting that at least a regular report is emailed just prior to our monthly meetings.

10. **Coordinator Reports:** Reports were distributed electronically by Kyla E on Monday, March 6th. Motion to adopt by Tim and seconded by Erin.

- a. **Softball** – referring to her report, Cary would like to re-visit the SCA's position in June to determine how best to proceed with softball for next year.
- b. **Memberships** – the executive needs to consider how to possibly increase memberships in general. Also would like to focus more on promoting everything that a Silverspring membership supports, not just access to classes and sports. Perhaps promote and sell memberships at our summer and winter Fun Days?

11. **Community Consultant Report:** Monthly report emailed by Leanne on March 2nd.

- a. Volunteer networking tradeshow on March 11, 2017.
- b. Grant due dates are fast approaching
 - i. Annual operating grant due April 30 - Kyla
 - ii. Rink Grant due May 15th- Norm
 - iii. Cost as a Barrier Grant due April 30th - Kyla
- c. Neighbourhood Profiles report – link emailed to executive by Kyla E on March 7th. Demographic information could possibly be used by sub-committee looking into future projects.

12. **Announcements:** Next meeting is *Tuesday, April 4th, 2017* at the Silverspring School staff room at 8 pm.

13. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.