

## **February 17, 2016**

**Attendees:** Henry Troup, Heather Kirk, Braedon Kirk, Debra Ford, Mary Sunderland, Norm Gibson, Shawn Hassanali, Karen Heney, Susan McDonald

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

### **Special presentation**

Munster Library's Susan McDonald attended to introduce a program she is hoping to initiate at the library called Story Walk. The program involves a book, laid out page by page along a path, which children can follow/ be guided through. These walks can be set up around the library but also at specific locations such as the community centre for events like the Easter Egg Hunt or Canada Day. They can also be used to engage children during other activities such as the annual ball tournament. The walk gives children a fun way to explore books and could be used to draw them at the conclusion to the library for an added event.

Susan is requesting funding to cover start up of such a program which includes costs for sign stakes, laminating, Velcro and the cost of three copies of the first book. The book must be dismantled page by page – two copies provide both the front and back pages to appear separately. A third copy is kept in case of loss or damage. Copying a book is not an option due to copyright laws. The walks will be designed to be portable, easy to store, and flexible to accommodate other books with time.

Susan notes this will be considered a donation to the Ottawa Library. The walk will be stored in Munster but available to borrow by other city libraries.

Initial cost estimated to be just over \$200.

Motion from Shaun to approve donation of \$250 to start with an understanding that Susan may approach the MCA for additional contributions to cover future books. Susan should use whatever she needs of the \$250 this time and hold the balance to use as well towards future walks.

Norm seconded the motion. All approved.

Minutes of the January meeting were brought forward. Motion from Debra to approve. Shaun second. All approved.

Update on past events:

### **Survey/ newsletter**

The February newsletter included both a ballot for the Mailbox Award for volunteers (ballot boxes are available at Macs and Danbys) and the hard copy of the Use of School Survey. This is also to be set up online through Survey Monkey or another tool. Henry will look after this.

Agenda Items

#### **1. Winter carnival**

The winter carnival activities are well in hand. The ladies organizing the community centre events are set and will be donating proceeds of the canteen and ribbon sales from the centre and the church to Roger's House. They have a Friday night movie, bonfire and skating. Saturday morning is 3 on 3 hockey and potentially snow ball (not a lot of uptake and weather may not cooperate). The evening resumes with fireworks and a bonfire, skating and the canteen will be open. The church is hosting its annual pancake breakfast and the youth group will be doing face painting at the school Saturday afternoon. The playgroup has organized the events at the Kids Zone which will include crafts, entertainment, play areas, carnival games, a bake sale and raffle.

Note that normally the tree lights remain on until after carnival but the city was out doing repair work to one of the spotlights on the ball diamond and turned off the timer while they were there.

## **2. Easter Egg Hunt**

The date is set for March 19. The teaser has been posted and more will be shared after carnival.

## **3. AGM**

Notice should be posted several times leading up to. Henry will speak with Pat to see if the church would like to bake cookies for the event. Henry will also invite Scott Moffat to attend. Heather will invite our facilities contact and parks and rec contact. Both of the previous retired so these will be new faces. With our agreement with the City to run the community centre, this is a requirement.

## **4. Nursery School funding request**

Munster Co-operative Nursery School has requested a donation towards the \$1500 costs of the ball diamond rental and kids' zone for its annual ball tournament at the beginning of June. It was agreed we will contribute as always but since attendance tonight is low a motion has been made to defer a discussion on the specific amount to March so that more can take part. Heather will let the nursery school know that we intend to contribute but that a final decision will not be available until March.

## **5. New Business**

### **March meeting**

Suggestion for a date change for the March meeting as there is a conflict currently with March Break. Proposal to meet March 9.

### **End of year rink helper thank you**

Unsure when rink will close for the season but Henry will co-ordinate with Jay when we reach that time to get him and the two crews from this year out for the annual end of year thank you. The ladies who have been helping close the change rooms nightly will also be invited. No budget set. Receipts will be submitted after for payment.

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Official meeting adjourned 7:19.

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Next meeting is scheduled for March 9 (proposed change due to March Break) under the new start time of 6:30.

Future dates are: April 13 (AGM), April 20, May 18, June 15 (if needed)