

March 9, 2016

Attendees: Henry Troup, Heather Kirk, Debra Ford, Norm Gibson, Shawn Hassanali, Jessica Breckenridge, Barb Moulton, Bruce Ewen

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

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

Update on past events:

Winter carnival

Friday night was beautiful – mild, a light snow. The movie played was Minions and there was an open skate and bonfire. Unfortunately, attendance at all of these was low, including the movie which had about 10 kids show. Reason unknown.

Saturday the rain started early and continued on and off all day. The church pancake breakfast reported slightly better numbers than they've had in the past. Ribbon sales totaled \$115. The hockey tournament was played on the parking lot in the rain but cut short.

Saturday afternoon attendance at the school was solid. The playgroup raffle raised \$227, ribbon sales totaled \$400 and the nursery school bake sale raised just over \$100 and the ladies organizing the community centre events ended up with just over \$200 between their ribbon sales, the church sales and the canteen to donate to Roger's House.

A decision was made early afternoon to cancel evening activities as the bonfire wood was soaked, the fields wet and sludgy and no clear idea of whether the rain would stop. The fireworks that were not used are being stored by Shaun for Canada Day.

Agenda Items

1. Winter carnival

A decision needed to be made about the \$400 ribbon sales from the school. In the past the MCA covered large expenses such as the entertainment, fireworks, fire permit, and the organizing body took care of other expenses to be paid out of proceeds. If this model is to be followed again, the school ribbon sales, less prizes used at the event, less expenses already submitted by the playgroup leaves a balance of about \$260. Since the playgroup largely organized the school events a proposal was put forward to donate this money to the group. Since the group does not have a formal structure, consideration is also given to this. The proposal is that the MCA will contribute \$260 to the playgroup at a future date when they have determined a specific need ie toys, rent.

A suggestion was made that in future proceeds of the event be pooled and divided equally among participating groups to support community working together. This would also allow for pre-sale of tickets through Macs and a more

equitable distribution to take into account the large amounts of work required at all venues.

2. Easter Egg Hunt

The date is set for March 19. Things are moving along well. Registration went live days ago and it is already quite busy. Registration will be held to residents of Munster for a short time longer and then opened up to others. Some volunteers have come forward but more are needed. Volunteer assignments and details will be emailed once plan are finalized. The library will be hosting its first Story Walk as part of the hunt with children ending up at the library for egg decorating after. Danby's will be putting on a special breakfast that morning which includes a free buffet for kids 10 and under. Shaun will put up a poster at the event with upcoming events including the AGM. Norm mentioned the garage sale and will get that date to Shaun for inclusion. Shaun will also create a poster for the hunt to put on the sign board at Macs.

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. He will also generate a mass email to residents who provided email addresses during the phone book canvassing to let them know of the date. Shaun will create a poster for the event. Heather will pull last year's agenda so a new agenda for this year can be created and posted. Scott Moffatt has confirmed his attendance as has at least one of the city reps.

4. Rink

Henry to arrange end of year party for crews, including close crew. Heather will recover keys from keys. The coordinator noted that several shovels were lost or broken. Heather will try to get 3 new scoops to replace those broken/ missing if they are seen on sale anywhere. Motion from Norm to approve this purchase. Bruce second. All approved.

5. 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 is noted that enrolment at the school is low this year. Given that this tournament is a community event that brings business to both Danby's and Macs, and that people look forward to from one year to the next, it is about the nursery school but also more. Motion by Bruce to approve \$1,000 donation. Norm second. One abstention. The rest in favour. Heather will let Fiona know.

6. Use of school

Some survey results coming in through hard copy and online. The deadline for hard copies has been reached but online responses can still be accepted. Survey

summary follows at the end of these minutes. Debra will contact the city to share results.

It is noted that it would be good to have a listing of activities on the website so people know what is available. Heather and Jessica will start putting together.

7. New Business

Spring soccer

An initial FB post noted that spring soccer will run. No details are available yet.

Condolence for Violet

A suggestion was made by a community member that we consider flowers or a donation in memory of Violet's husband who just passed and in recognition of her 30 or so years as Munster's mail carrier. Heather will check to see whether donations or flowers would be suitable. Motion to approve \$100 in theory.

Follow up: The family was asking for donations to Heart and Stroke. An email vote decided to donate \$100 in the name of Gerald Cassidy on behalf of the community.

Tree lights

Question was raised as to whether the Christmas tree lights should be pulled down or left up. They had been left up over several years but then many of the strands were not working so the lights were pulled down and replaced. The past two seasons we have taken them down and put them back up but this is time consuming and it is hard to find a source with a bucket truck. Recommendation is that lights be pulled down every three years or so for replacement/ repair as needed. Heather will get in once the snow goes to remove the extension cords. In the fall it would be an idea to get someone out to string the remainder of the lights that didn't make it up this season (some of the trees are only lit on one side and there are many strands of lights yet in the bunker).

Santa bench

Over the past several holiday seasons, Roberta has loaned the community centre a bench from her home for Santa and his visitors to sit on. The MCA was approached about buying the bench however it is quite large and storage space is limited at the centre. A proposal was put forward by Heather to provide Roberta with \$200 as a thank you and rental fee on the bench for the years it has been used and to allow her to replace it or recover it as she thinks. It has been well worn with all of the back and forth and use over time. Norm seconded motion. All approved.

Financials

The financials are in good health. Bruce will provide a more detailed report at the AGM. With funding approved tonight, by the end of the year we will have donated back to the community more money than was earned in revenues this year. It is worth noting that we have just a few key income sources and if one of more do

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not happen in any given year, the income source does not exist. For the MCA to continue to fund the activities it annually does then it will rely on saved resources.

Official meeting adjourned 7:50.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 13 under the new start time of 6:30.

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

Community Use of School Survey Results (as of March 9, 2016)

29 respondents (18 electronic, 12 paper)

Please circle all the options which would be of interest to you or a member of your family.

1. *A daytime fitness program at the school (e.g. yoga, pilates, Zumba, chair exercise, cardio and strength training, etc.)*

Responses:

Yoga: 12; Pilates: 6; Zumba: 7; Chair Exercise: 5; Cardio and Strength Training: 13; Mom and Baby Fitness Classes: 3

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2. *Daytime drop-in activities such as basketball, volleyball, pickleball or badminton*

Responses:

Badminton: 6; Basketball: 6; Pickleball: 2; Volleyball: 3; Indoor Soccer: 1

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3. *A daytime drop-in centre for cards, bridge, bingo, etc.*

Responses:

Interests me: 13

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4. *A monthly foot care clinic offered by Ottawa Public Health*

Responses:

Interests me: 8

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5. *Adult performance, music, or visual art programs*

Responses:

Visual Arts: 12; Music: 6; Performance Arts: 2

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6. *Preschool performance, music, gym or visual arts programs*

Responses:

Preschool Dance: 2; Visual Arts: 3; Music: 4; Gym: 7

Other comment: Programs Saturday a.m. and after 4 p.m. on weekdays would also be appreciated.

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7. *Summer daytime camps for children*

Yes: 11

8. *Summer youth drop-in centre*

Yes: 9

9. *Home Alone and Babysitting courses*

Yes: 11

10. PD day camps

Yes: 10

Let us know if you have other suggestions for daytime programming at the school.

Responses:

Saturday computer club

Fitness Facility, including treadmills for running in one of the classrooms (2)

Dog Obedience classes (2)

Registered Daycare with before and after school program

Bible study

Gardening club

Mom and me classes – yoga, art, knitting, crocheting

Knitting and crocheting classes