

May 20, 2015

Attendees: Heather Kirk, Henry Troup, Debra Ford, Mary Sunderland, Norm Gibson, Frank Stokes, Barb Moulton, Natalie Thomas

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes of the March meeting were brought forward for approval. Mary made a motion to approved. Norm seconded. Approved by all.

1. Special item

Bill Deevy attended to update the MCA on the most recent school board meeting involving Munster Elementary School. The board has formally decided to close the school. The next issue of concern is community use of the school. Though the board has indicated community use will continue for the 2015-2016 year, and despite there being 11 years left of the agreement between the board and the city governing this use, it is understood that at any time if both parties are in agreement, they can terminate the contract. The contract is due for renewal in two years but the sense from the meeting is that the trustees may be looking at more like one year and may be using this year to provide back-up to demonstrate how much it costs to keep the school open for minimal use. This would impact programs including sports, Scouts and Guides, as well as access to a facility for large community meetings. There was also some talk at the meeting that the board may have been allocated some land in Richmond for another school there so talk of closing the school temporarily to reopen it down the road may not happen. It has been suggested that perhaps Talos be approached to see if they can find a way to keep the school open for use. This may be broached at the upcoming Talos special meeting.

2. Signing authority

With the installation of the new executive, the signing authority at the bank will need to be updated. Current signing officers are Norm, Shaun, Henry and Heather. Suggestion to maintain Norm, Henry and Heather and to replace Shaun with Bruce in recognition of his new position as treasurer.

Mary Sunderland moves to name president Henry Troup, vice president Normand Gibson, secretary Heather Kirk and treasurer Bruce Ewen as signing officers for the Munster Community Association from now until the next formal election of the board of directors in 2016.

The motion was seconded by Debra Ford.

All in favour.

The motion to accept the new signing officers is carried.

3. Canada Day

The MCA will again be sponsoring fireworks on Canada Day. Matt Dever has agreed to run the evening again this year.

Norm proposes a budget of \$650 to cover the cost of buying the fireworks based on last year's display and costs.

Natalie seconds the motion. All in favour.

Henry will confirm a permit is obtained and in order.

4. Fall meeting schedule

A fall meeting schedule needs to be set. At this point the community centre is booked by user groups every night except Wednesday and Friday. The centre has been approached by a guide group wishing to use the space Wednesday night but they are agreeable to working around the MCA meeting schedule.

It is agreed that meetings will continue on the third Wednesday of every month making the next session of meetings:

September 16

October 21

November 18

December 16

January 20

February 17

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15 (if needed)

5. Special meetings

Several special upcoming meetings have been planned.

June 1 Talos will come to present to the community about its proposed future development. The meeting begins at 7pm at Munster Elementary School.

June 10 a special safety meeting will be held at the Munster Community Centre beginning at 630pm. Topics are expected to include speeding along Bleeks Rd. Guests will include councillor Scott Moffatt and our community police officer Sgt. Arun Daniels.

Debra notes the issue of speed within the community is recorded in MCA minutes going back to the 70s.

Due to the number of special meetings in June it is decided the regular MCA meeting for the month will be cancelled.

6. Newsletter

The current newsletter is 3 11x17 pages folded to create 12 pages. The amount of content being contributed and requested is growing, as has the number of people interested in advertising. This has resulted in content requests being declined and small fonts required that may impact the readers' ability to see what is going on.

Heather suggested the newsletter be increased by one 11x17 page which will add 4 pages of content. The current newsletter is about \$300 an issue including postage. The increase will move the cost to about \$400 an issue. A request was also made by residents of Biltmore and outside the core of Munster to have

copies available at Macs for pick up. The extra cost would cover an extra 40 copies which Bonnie has agreed can be shelved at the store.

Mary motioned to approve the increase. Norm second. All approved.

The extra space will also allow for a community corner which might include goodbyes, special announcements and welcome to new residents.

7. Beaver funding

The Beavers have almost completed the redesign contest for their crest which will update their position as being sponsored by the MCA. The cost for this had been approved with the budget last spring.

8. MCNS funding

The MCNS annual ball tournament is coming up the first weekend in June. A request has been received for the MCA to provide funding for the tournament. The exact amount of the funding request is unclear but \$500 has been referenced in an email.

Mary motioned to approved \$500 and to allocate more by email if the request is for more. Norm second. All in favour.

9. New Business

The tables and chairs ordered to fill out the child accessible furniture have arrived. The chairs are ideal but the tables have been found to be too heavy to be used easily or to be stored outside the main hall as intended. Jessica will be asked to look into returning these tables and an effort will be made to find something lighter weight.

Frank has been approached by a teen volunteer in need of several more volunteer hours prior to his June graduation. Frank has found several hours of work for him. It has been suggested he contact MCNS to see if he can help with the call tournament.

The snowblowers have been repaired and serviced after heavy use this past winter. Thank you to Jim Monahan.

Soccer registration took place last night at Danby's. Twenty-one have registered so far but more have indicated an interest and will register later. The season will begin in July. While an unofficial program before, the soccer program has been brought under the umbrella of the MCA. Jessica and Natalie will be running the program this year with help from previous organizers. Funding and an application will be required to officially secure the fields. Henry will work with Jessica on this.

As the new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator Norm has requested all the emails of those who indicated during the last membership drive that they were interested in taking part. The same question of participation should be included as part of this year's drive.

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Official meeting adjourned 8:00.

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Next regular Munster Community Association meeting: August, 2015