

## **October 21, 2015**

**Attendees:** Heather Kirk, Henry Troup, Bruce Ewen, Debra Ford, Mary Sunderland, Shaun Hassanali, Jessica Breckenridge, Roberta Hurman, Barb Moulton

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

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

Member update: Meghan Goddard has had to resign her position as a member at large. Heather will remove her name from the newsletter listing.

### **1. Tree lighting**

Hoping to arrange something for November 7 weekend. Mike who had helped last year is unable to assist this year. Heather contacted Black & McDonald for help. Once a date and time is identified a few volunteers will be required to help the day of unpacking and straightening/ taping the lights as required. Shaun will check with some student volunteers he has contact with.

### **2. Santa's visit**

If it's possible to pull everything together, Santa's visit should be November 29 to get the trees lit on before December 1. Heather will book the centre and locate a Santa. With the Richmond Bakery closing, last year's cookies came from a bakery in Kemptville. The question was raised as to whether one of the church groups might want to supply the cookies as a fundraising effort. Heather will get quantities required and price paid and Henry will start with the Ashton group to see if they are interested. Beaver and Cub groups will be invited to come and sign a carol as the lights are turned on.

Heather will get cider and hot chocolate and check on craft supplies.

Roberta and Heather will get the centre decorated with the trees and such the week before.

Time will be 2pm-5pm with the lights being flipped on at 5.

### **3. Winter carnival**

Winter carnival needs a committee. Noted that this is a big event with a lot of components – a lot of advance work, different areas of responsibility and a lot of supervision required the weekend of.

Suggestion to tie in a previously mentioned barbeque featuring local food providers as a lunch option. Suggestion also to add in a parent's dance one night. Jessica will touch base with some parents who had been talking about this.

Suggestion that since we had to pay a movie license fee last year we approach the company about getting a new release movie this year – they provide the movie.

Before we set a date, need to confirm the date of the snowmobile event in town as this has been a conflict before. Jessica to check with Deb.

Heather will share summary of last year's event with everyone to provide background of costs and work involved.

#### **4. Rink**

Henry will start contacting last year's volunteers to see about a coordinator/ help for this year with the rink. Last year no one stepped up to take this lead role which left a lot of the work to volunteers who hadn't actually volunteered. It was felt that many skating days were lost last year because we didn't start early enough so this needs to be set in place early.

#### **5. Community use of school**

Jessica and Heather met with some representatives from the city recently to talk about Munster Elementary School. The city is potentially interested in adding daytime programming but does not want to move too quickly because it understands both that putting a lot of programs in and then having the school reopen or move to some other use will result in complaints and the challenge in relocating or cancelling this programming. They also understand the school board would be reluctant to allow a lot of programming for the same reason. Suggestion is to start with more gym use and perhaps look at acquiring two classrooms.

The playgroup has already requested a permanent space in the school and is awaiting a decision pending Elections Canada leaving the space. They would like to expand their program from once a week.

Jessica is working with the board to determine what a daytime rate might be as a first step.

Next step is a survey of the community to present a list of possible programs to determine the community's interest. This would then be presented to the city.

Some possibilities include: Ottawa Public Health foot clinics and Better Balance classes for residents over 65. The city has also identified a few providers who may be interested in daytime program offerings. Debra will help coordinate the survey once we reach that point.

#### **6. Financials**

Bruce notes that we are in good health .He is still working to put together an understanding of past revenues and spending. It has been suggested we use the pending survey to also ask residents about potential investment options including benches, shelters, park accessories....

#### **7. New Business**

##### **Halloween Decorating Content**

A proposal has been put forward for a Halloween decoration content. There would be a \$25 prize for each quadrant plus Biltmore for the best Halloween décor. Judges would be needed to drive around on the evening of October 30 to determine the winners. Shaun will promote on Facebook. Suggestion to contact

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John Currie from the paper to let him know so he can cover. Jessica motion to approved a budget of \$150 to cover prizes plus incidentals. All in favour. This can lead into a similar contest for Christmas and perhaps a snow sculpture contest for winter carnival. Heather will promote the Christmas lighting in the next newsletter.

## **Past minutes**

Debra has been working through old minutes and will approach the Goulbourn Museum to see if they are willing to take them for proper archiving and hopefully storage.

## **Thank you**

Jessica received a thank you note from the nursery school thanking the MCA for the donation to the spring ball tournament and noting that plans are already underway for the 2016 event.

Official meeting adjourned 7:25.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 18 under the new start time of 6:30.

Future dates are: December 16, January 20, February 17, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15 (if needed)