

October 15, 2014

Attendees: Mary Sunderland, Frank Stokes, Lynn Duffy, Roberta Hurman, Bruce Ewen, Shaun Hassanali, Heather Kirk, Henry Troup, Debra Ford, Norm Gibson

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Previous meeting minutes reviewed. Henry's name spelled wrong (sorry). Motion to approve with change by Bruce. Second by Norm. Approved.

1. Santa Visit

Date booked as November 30. Heather to look into booking Santa from list of names and previous participants and will find helper elves. Roberta will set up Christmas corner within the centre for seasonal use. Event will be set up as in previous years with crafts, helper elves and cookie decorating. We'll need to source a new cookie supplier with the closing of Richmond bakery. Heather will also check with guides/beavers to see if they are interested in carolling with the lighting of the tree lights at the end of the event.

2. Tree Lights

Bruce has sought quotes from a number of places but most say it is too early in the year. He recommends the previous suggestion of spot lights might be a good solution. The only concern is their portability and possible theft opportunities so measures to protect them will have to be put in place. He has some wooden crates that may work. Bicycle locks were also discussed. Jessica is to ask Black and Macdonald if they would assist us by coming to take the existing lights down from the big trees. These could then be used on smaller trees or elsewhere to better light the area. Roberta will check with Jay to ensure the electrical poles there now will function with the spot lights vs strings. If he is unavailable Heather will ask Corey to check. Check with Jessica to see if there are any programs to assist with lights (she says no). Motion to approve a budget of \$200 for Bruce to pick up some spot lights to try. Seconded by Norm. Approved. Roberta and Pat will check the lights that are up to see what is still usable.

3. Rekeying Update

Community Centre has been rekeyed. New keys are all marked with distinct serial numbers that are tied to user contracts to ensure keys are returned/ we know who has them. There are enough extra keys available that some members of the MCA can be identified as key holders. They will need to sign a contract with Roberta and be responsible for their keys. Mary, Lynn and Heather volunteered as the most accessible in town. Roberta will follow up with them with what she requires.

4. Rink Co-ordination

A volunteer has stepped forward. Roberta will speak with him to ensure he is up to the commitment and that he understands what is required. Roberta and Norm will try to pin down Erica to get additional information – contacts and names for past

volunteers/ how many she would schedule per night/ tips and processes for a smooth activity.

5. Membership Drive

The canvassers visited 475 homes. 388 homes are now paid members; one was provided free to a new resident; seven have indicated they will pay later for a total of 396 potential members. Of the homes surveyed 43 declined outright and 36 homes were either in transition between owners or contact was never made. This represents an 83% rate of support. Canvassing collected \$3,955 in funds which included membership fees, two extra contributions for a 'job well done' and one advertising fee. While canvassing residents were also asked about participating in Neighbourhood Watch. 228 said they would participate and indicated they might participate. The phone book was delivered to the printer on Monday and will be hand delivered to members' homes when it is available. We have ordered 475 copies to account for copies to be sent to advertisers and future members.

6. Next Newsletter

In order to advertise Christmas activities the next newsletter needs to be ready to print by mid-November. Deadline for submissions is November 7. Heather will email MCA members and normal contributors for content.

7. Financial Report/ Banking

Financial reports were presented. Invoices for advertising for the phone book and newsletter need to be resent as many have said they did not receive an invoice and few payments have come in. Shaun put forward a motion to set up a \$200 petty cash fund to cover small expenses and save on cheque costs. Bruce seconded motion. All approved.

8. New Business

a. Traffic Concerns

With Saunders now in full swing there have been traffic concerns by residents. Henry notes there may be a speed marker sign missing down Bleeks Rd coming into Munster from Ashton. He will follow up with Scott/ Jessica. Heather will check with our community police officer to see if a police presence during these last weekends of October is possible. She will also check into getting the speed sign boards to show drivers their speed.

b. Community Award

The mailbox award is still to be retrieved from Duncan. Suggestion has been made to revive the program starting with a ballot in the November newsletter inviting people to nominate a resident for community service. Heather will draft a ballot and share it with MCA members who have experience with the program to ensure the right wording.

Next meeting is November 19, 2014

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Meeting adjourned 7:55 pm.