

## **September 16, 2015**

**Attendees:** Heather Kirk, Henry Troup, Norm Gibson, Bruce Ewen, Debra Ford, Mary Sunderland, Shaun Hassanali, Jessica Breckenridge, Karen Heney, Michael Heney

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Agenda for the evening was updated with additional topics.

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

### **1. Membership drive**

About half of the canvassing is done. We are seeing on average that 86 per cent of residents are interested in becoming members which is about the same as last year. Revenues to date are \$2300.

### **2. Safety meeting**

The next safety meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 7pm. Scott Moffatt will be in attendance, along with two members of the city's traffic department. Norm will share the agenda and notice of the meeting to the community through the usual means. The intent is both to get feedback on the children at play signs and their effectiveness and to get consensus on measures we can have implemented in town. This will be based on available options, input from the panel and a vote by those in attendance.

### **3. Community centre children's table**

The new children's tables and chairs are in and ready for use. The final tables chosen were lower priced than those originally bought and returned. Jessica will cut a cheque to the MCA for the price difference reflected in the refund.

### **4. Park improvements**

It has been noted that there are often capital grants available for local improvements. Scott had recently indicated he had some money available and local fundraising has also created some available money. Some early ideas for park improvements include a drinking fountain, a permanent bench, cross-country ski trails. Norm will take the lead to find out more about what the community wants and then to work with the city to see how we might proceed.

### **5. Community barbeque**

It has been suggested that a fall barbeque might be a nice community event. Suggestions include bringing in local brewers and the local winery, buying food from local farmers. As it may be too late to accommodate the 30-day liquor license requirement, the suggestion has been made to check with the School House to see about their availability and license situation as a base location. It would also be good to have the community centre available for washrooms and

general access. Heather will check community centre availability. Jessica will check with the School House. Other suggestions include bringing in a local radio station and requesting Enbridge's community barbeque team. Once potential dates are sourced Bruce will take lead to see if this is possible for this year. Motion has been brought forward by Norm to approve a tentative \$2000 budget in case it is feasible, as a starting point. Jessica seconded. Motion carried.

## **6. Financials**

Bruce presented the financials which represent May until September. There was one cheque written in May that has not yet been cashed. It is unclear what this is for so it will be voided. Otherwise, everything is in order. A suggestion was made that at the next meeting we revisit our bank balance and spending plan. Bruce has been asked to put together a snapshot of annual revenues and annual spending so we can put forward a long-range plan.

## **7. New Business**

### **Community use of School**

It has been mentioned that we need to be proactive with respect to the continued use of Munster Elementary School. The martial arts program there now runs 3 sessions a week and Scouting is there two nights. The gym is heavily used evenings. The nursery school is still operating but the local playgroup has been denied access. They are continuing to pursue this. Elections Canada has set up temporary offices in the office space and are likely there until the end of October. More day use is desired to make sure the school is and remains available. The most recent newsletter asked residents to submit ideas for programming. The City has also made a request to residents to let them know what they would like to see.

### **Past minutes**

Debra has been trying to work through old minutes to find key issues and decisions. It appears records from the mid-1990s through to recently are missing. Henry will share what he has. Debra will ask Roberta and Joy to see if they have records or know where they might be.

### **50 year anniversary**

In 2020 Munster will be 50. We should plan for something.

### **Scavenger Hunt**

Laura Ruper-Doane, the organizer of last year's adult scavenger hunt are planning to run the activity again this year. They have requested a contribution of \$350, which is the same as was given last year, to help fund prizes. Last year's event was well-received. Jessica put forward a motion to approve the same. Motion approved by all.

### **Beaver crest**

The new Munster Scouting crest is almost ready. Once it is the group commissioner would like to attend a meeting to present it.

### **Stittsville anti-dump coalition**

Henry received a note asking if we wished to be part of the Stittsville Anti-Dump Coalition. No one is available to participate at this time.

### **Defibrillator**

It has been noted that the only defibrillator in town is located in the library. We have discussed this before and a problem exists with access in that neither the community centre (suggested as a possible alternate location) nor the library is regularly accessible. The Heneys would like to see one installed at the school to support activities there, especially their judo program which can be quite strenuous. They are working with the city to see if one can be provided by Ottawa paramedics. Henry has information about costs. We can revisit this at a future meeting if the city is not able to provide one.

### **Sandwich board use**

The question has been raised about the sandwich board at the corner of Munster and Bleeks Rd. Though this is owned and maintained by the MCA other groups regularly use the board. There were some issues last year with MCA signs being covered by others or the MCA not having access when needed because someone else had a sign in place. Rather than trying to implement an access point for sign use or general rules it has been decided that individual situations will be addressed as they arise.

Official meeting adjourned 8:25.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 21.

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