

Munster Community Association - Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2018, 6:30pm Danbys

1. Approve past minutes + Attendance

Attendance: Jude Sammon, Karen Heney, Frank Stokes, Genn Brown, Tami Campbell, Laura Doane, Lisa Lahey, Jessica Breckenridge

Approval of Minutes Sept 20 and Oct 18, Jessica moved to approve, Genn seconded, all in favour

2. Membership Drive + Directory Update (Genn/Jude)

- Membership drive completed.
- Tami sought support from MCC users to pay an annual membership, this was well received and she also received a donation above the membership cost from one user. Home school group thought it was a good idea and will seek their members to support and would consider making a donation. Jude questioned if we should offer to include them in the newsletter and Tami will offer that when she connects with them next.
- Genn has provided \$4000 dollars from the drive. 358 houses paid, 113 no response, 22 not wanting to participate. Overall membership drive went well. Henry Troup assisted with the email transferred of the fees and offered to assist next year as well to coordinate the payments.
- Jude raised the question if we should only include people in the phonebook who have paid. The group discussed this suggestion and the pros and cons of including everyone and not including everyone. By removing people it provides an incomplete product and there may be reasons that long time supporters who may have missed the drive that year (i.e. heath/family issues, travel). If we remove people from the phonebook it can be seen as the drive only being about the phonebook. When we receive the phonebooks it also provides an opportunity to approach the residents again who didn't pay during the drive or where missed. Full majority of members at the meeting agreed to keep everyone in the book. Also discussed the potential to give a separate listing for every resident even if they have the same phone number. It was noted it did not seem necessary for this but if residents provided two numbers then they would be provided with entries for each person.

- Sidenote: Jude noted she wanted to ensure there is clear job descriptions with detailed information for each MCA position. Jude requested members to provide her with information for their position, she will be touching base with members for this information.

3. Financial update

- Jude provided financial update.

4. Holiday Lights and Santa

- Jude has booked Black and MacDonald to assist with lighting the trees on Friday, November 23 from 10am till complete. Jude will need 2-3 volunteers and Heather will provide an overview of the light locations in the CC.
- Jude is meeting with Heather tomorrow afternoon to discuss the event details. Jude will send an update to executive via email. Santa event is Dec 2 from 3-5pm at the CC. Jude has the sleigh ride scheduled for 4pm that day. Discussed the option to charge/provide photos and have Polaroid photos taken, if someone is available to do so. Jude noted she could take photos and email them. Laura raised a suggestion that candy for cookies should be pre-portioned in bags or Dixie cups as there are many kids and potential to spread germs is high. Group agreed that candy should be pre-portioned.
- It would ideal if all the tree lights came on at the same time as everyone is waiting for an 'Ahhhhh' moment. Should confirm if it is possible to have the lights go on with the timer so it all goes on at once instead of needing volunteers at each plug to plug in at the same time.
- Discussed including the pajama donation collection for PJ patrol organization. Also raised suggestion that foodbank or tornado donations could be taken.

5. Newsletter Update

- Jude asked Fred W to be a columnist of astrology section for Munster in the newsletter, also discussed with him having a junior astronomers night to have in the future in nice weather. Jude will also reach out to others to do op-ed pieces in the newsletter.
- Hoping to have newsletters in the mail by the end of next week in the mailboxes.

6. Christmas Decorating Contest

- Newsletter will announce the naming of the contest after Bonnie and Harry Fuller. Jude does require some background information on Bonnie and Harry to include.
- Competition will have 1 prize per quadrant, Bleeks and Biltmore and a grand prize.

- Jessica moved to approve \$175 for prizes, Lisa seconded, all in favour.
7. Youth Basketball (Jessica)
 - Discussed the number of adults needed to supervise; Laura (one of the volunteers) seemed confident program will be able to run again. Wednesdays evenings we believe are free so need check with the availability with the school. Noted there should be no rental costs as per community use of school agreement for Munster. There was no cost last year.
 8. Munster Outdoor Rink (Gabi)
 - Will need to promote again in newsletter for volunteers. Jessica will check with Heather and Dave to confirm if for paperwork was all submitted
 9. Winter use of Dogwood ball field and MCC update (Tami)
 - Tami discussed an idea for a future use in the park and she will explore with Scott Moffatt.
 10. Website Redesign Update (Lisa)
 - Dave, Jude, Lisa and Jessica met to discuss the new design of the website. There is still some work being done before going live.
 11. Roundtable
 - Karen questioned if we could do a movie night outside in the north field. Jessica mentioned that JoJos Pizza from Stittsville did purchase the projection equipment to be able to participate in community movie nights, they could be a potential partner for the event. Genn noted that she looked into the airing costs and it was approx. \$80. Good to consider doing it in the Spring or Fall so it is darker earlier as opposed to the summer.
 - Frank raised the suggestion to have Munster considered for the 40km community zone which was newly released for the City. Genn noted that to qualify they do review the number of Police reports, and we should encourage more reporting.
 - Karen asked for an update on the community traffic signs for the Munster signs, Frank and Jeremy Brown will work on the installation. Jessica mentioned it may be best to wait till Spring as winter has less speeding concerns.
 - Discussed if on Facebook group if we ensure business postings are MCA members, an effort is being made to ask if people joining have a business they wish to promote and

follow up is being made with those who do post business information to seek their support as members and/or advertisers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm