

High Park Board Meeting

January 11, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: 6:43 pm

Attendees: Janice, Jean, Eldon, Allison, Bing, Carrie, Ashish, Lesa, Jeff and Bev (Zoom/phone)

1. Ashish Business:

Cookbook:

- Surveyed attendees at Christmas Dinner regarding interest
- 28 entries (1 person/household)
- Will extend survey to social media and newsletter

Motion to accept the Staples quote for 50 cookbooks for a total of \$560 plus possible incidentals for a total of \$700.

Second: Allison

Motion Passed - All in favour.

Ashish to message contact at Staples to complete order.

2. Eldon Business:

Snow removal busy

Blower/shaft on snowblower froze. Required replacement. Considered options and costs to replace or fix and in consultation with Janice the decision was made to replace with new. Benefits: no chain but gears instead better for future use.

3. Jean Business:

Bingo scheduled for Saturday, January 15th.

- Short volunteers so inquired whether we should give back the bingo or pay workers (if necessary)
- Opt to pay, where necessary
- Janice to provide 2 signed concession cheques for Jean
- Inquiry re need to extend deadline for community credit use / unable to use due to COVID-19 cancellations
- Agreement to extend redemption deadline for credits accumulated in 2019-2020 to end of 2022.

Jeff would like to start 2022 fresh in relation to softball volunteer commitments. Nothing owing/no credits. Asked Jean what if anything has changed for volunteers - nothing other than masking and vaccination status.

4. Lesa Business

None

5. Carrie Business

Scavenger Hunt

- scheduled for December 26 / rescheduled for January 2, 2022 due to weather
- 9 teams expressed interest but due to schedule conflict and last minute cancellations, 3 teams participated (all from High Park)
- Two prizes: 1st prize and creativity prize
- Came in under budget - \$157.22 (receipts submitted and cheque issue to Carrie Berg by Janice)
- Difficult to get the word out had to be diligent using Facebook / Nextdoor and Community Board
- Bing suggested sharing to Crestwood/Laurier Community Board and would provide added meet up group information to consider for future events

6. Allison Business

None

7. Bing Business

Last Report – Oct 2021

Financials

- November 2021 – Income: \$805; Expenses: \$850; Memberships: \$20
- December 2021 – Income: \$180; Expense: \$520;
- 2021 Summary – Income: \$3,735; Expenses: \$4,813.68; Memberships: \$115; Deficit: \$1,193.68
- Honorarium Amount - \$820
- Yoga instructor (Stephanie) has resigned / Looking for new quite expensive most are \$80-100/hour
 - Weekly attendance on average 5;
 - Discussion regarding the level of experience required for community class agreed probably more entry level would be appropriate given the budget;
 - Bing conducting sessions intermittently to fill in for Stephanie / using app wishes to cast to projector. Jeff will assist with this.
 - Eldon suggested purchasing a program such as Beach Body in the event the position cannot be filled.
 - Discussion surrounding possible increase from \$30/hour.

***see attached financials (?) Bing provided for minutes.**

Bing proposed a motion to increase the budget for the yoga instructor from \$30/hour to \$40/hour.

Second: Eldon

Motion Passed - all in favour.

8. Janice Business

Janice proposed a motion to pay an honorarium to Bing in the amount of \$820 for the months of November and December 2021.

Second: Eldon

Motion passed – all in favour

- Proposed e-transfer payment to individuals rather than cheques
- Christmas Dinner was good – 85 people, half as many as usual due to COVID restrictions, good turnout with respect to volunteers.
- Next event – February (Sleigh Ride)
- Hall – nothing new done; no rentals; last rental November – bridal shower
- Fire Marshall – gave all clear / everything in compliance
- Accounts Balance
 - General: \$32,617.11
 - Casino: \$45,702.59
 - CD Bingo: \$786.12
 - Consolidated: \$5,611.91
 - Mastercard: **\$2,134.53** (need to pay – xmas expenses)
 - GICs: \$37,162.53

Jean proposed a motion to accept all the reports as presented.

Second: Lesa

Motion passed

9. New Business

- Facilities – Dale (minor repairs / volunteer – not painting)
- Suggested having Mark hired as handyman on retainer \$25/hour
 - 5-10 hours a month (potentially), no minimum hours, on call
 - Jeff suggested it might be difficult to get long-term commitment or reliability for handyman at much lower than market value rate – should offer better rate (Board Agreed)
 - Board to pre-approve a certain number of hours per month for discretionary tasks or repairs
 - Various jobs at Board's discretion / Jobs to be run through Janice first to determine whether there are volunteer resources are available to complete a particular job.
- Metal frame around shutters in kitchen and bar need to be painted
- Material (bulletin board) needs replacement

Janice proposed a motion to hire a handyman on retainer at a rate of \$40/hour with the Board's pre-approval for up to 20 hour/month.

Second: Eldon

Motion Passed – all in favour

10. Jeff Business

Softball

- Opening up softball registration this weekend (January 15) – register now to use community bingo credits (Board Agreed)
- 15-20 people have inquired about registration
- Wants to keep prices the same from 2019, High Park is one of the highest in the City for non-elite programs, probably no elite teams this season
- Wants mandate for coaches to be vaccinated rather than PCR testing. Tracking is beyond his capacity (Board Agreed)
- Changes to age groups i.e., Y6, Y8...(all even) to Y7, Y9 (all odd). Expecting this will affect some players, asking favour to play with friends/previous teammates
- Expects some older aged players have moved on and there may be an explosion of younger players
- Three other community programs formally in NW division will be joining NE / what should we do. We have capacity to take over NW with our program. High Park only program out of NW now.
- Plans to go back to drawing board on softball budget to avoid deficit as in prior years due to Elite Programming. Focus on being self-sufficient and balanced
- Consider players vaccination status in conjunction with City guidelines 12+ required, under 12 not required (Bing checks status for 5+ in his programs).

Further note: Janice to prepare schedule of events in 2022.

NEXT EVENT: February 18, 2022 (sleigh ride); 5-8 including hot dogs, hot chocolate, bannock and fire. Horses go from 6-8.

In anticipation of sleigh ride event, work will need to be done to clean/organize the skate room. Jeff has offered to lend a hand to Janice to get done.

Carrie and Lesa have offered to lend a hand to Janice with organization of the supply room.

11. Tripartite License Agreement

One of the last communities to sign off on Agreement

Janice and Bev will be the signatories on Agreement as approved by Board.

Janice moves to accept the Tripartite License Agreement for the period of 2022 – 2031.

Second: Allison

Motion Passed – all in favour

Lesa makes a motion to adjourn meeting - meeting adjourned 8:12 pm