

MINUTES — AWWCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Monday, September 8, 2014

Location: St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church, 134 Emerson St.
Present: Julianne Burgess, John Coakley, Paul Faure, Cary Kinsley, Steve Metham, Ken Moyle, Jay Parlar, Ira Rosen, Kevin Russell
Non-board Members: Tordis Coakley
Regrets: Terri Bocz, A/Sgt. Gino Ciarmoli, Shelli Eisenberg, Lois Freeman, Councillor Brian McHattie, John Wigle
Guests: Aidan Johnson (Ward 1 councillor candidate), Barb Mansfield, Teddy Saull (president, McMaster Students Union), Sandy Shaw (Ward 1 councillor candidate), Vinnie Welsh
Call to Order: 7:00 p.m. by President Jay Parlar
Recording Secretary: Linda Ellis
Quorum (Nine)? Yes

Approval of Minutes – Ira moved and Julianne seconded that the June minutes be accepted; the motion passed.

Police Report (A/Sgt. Gino Ciarmoli) – Defer.

Councillor's Report – Defer.

Additions to the Agenda – None.

Agenda Items

- 1.0 Aidan Johnson, a candidate for Ward 1 councillor, introduced himself to the board and gave a short presentation. A brief question and answer period followed. For more information about Aidan, his website is www.aidanjohnson.ca.
- 2.0 Sandy Shaw, a candidate for Ward 1 councillor, introduced herself to the board and gave a short presentation. A brief question and answer period followed. For more information about Sandy, her website is www.sandyshaw.ca.
- 3.0 Teddy Saull, MSU president – Teddy stated he would like to be a resource for our board. The Student Community Support Network has six staff, a part-time manager, and student volunteers. If police or the city bylaw office has received complaints about a student house such as garbage issues or noise problems, they contact the SCSN. Two SCSN members will go to the house and talk to the tenants peer to peer. This has proven to be very successful. As this group only covers a limited area around the university, it was asked if there would be an opportunity to expand the area. Permanent residents know very little about this program. It was suggested that the Spectator be contacted to do a good-news story about it. The Silhouette campus newspaper could also run an article. Can we get statistics from the SCSN on the number of houses approached? Another initiative Teddy has been working on is increasing safety in the community for students. Mac 91/ 92 are going to be on bikes, weather permitting, and Teddy has been working with Gino on distributing safety tips to the students.
- 4.0 Conflict resolution (Julianne)
 - Julianne distributed a sample code of responsibility, governance basics, and a sample oath of office and confidentiality agreement to be reviewed by members of the board.
 - A number of boards have written codes in order to deal with conflicts that may arise.
 - It would be a good idea to have measures in place if any conflict arises.
 - Julianne will send the sample codes via e-mail to the board members.
- 5.0 Discuss agenda - Ira will not be distributing the agenda for October and November. Julianne has volunteered to take this over for these two months.
- 6.0 Town and Gown – Ira cannot attend the September meeting being held in Mississauga at the University of Toronto's new campus. He will send the information to the board, and if someone would like to go, please contact him.

Follow-up Items

- 1.0 AGM September 29 update (Jay)
 - The HWCDSD requires that the front doors be locked 15 minutes after the event starts (5:30 p.m.). We will want people coming in until 6:15 p.m. Paul Faure has volunteered to be the front-door monitor.

- There are strict rules about tables in the halls, so our registration will take place inside the cafeteria. Kevin, Terri, Julianne, Shelly, Cary, and Linda have volunteered to register new and renewing members.
- Ira volunteered to print out Save the Date posters. Jay will send Ira the PDF.
- Ira and Tordis have volunteered to distribute posters throughout Ainslie Wood and Westdale.
- Ken Moyle volunteered to contact the churches in Ainslie Wood/Westdale asking them to post a notice.
- There will be three sources of questions: Jay has set up a Survey Monkey link for residents of Ward 1 to submit questions, each of the three Ward 1 association boards is putting forward one question, and cards will be available at the debate. Steve has volunteered to help choose final written questions from the floor, along with a representative from each of the other two associations.
- Ken will ask Gino to attend this meeting along with an auxiliary officer.
- The debate will be available via live streaming by Joey Coleman.
- The AGM meeting will follow the debate. We will need a small float for membership renewals. Steve will present the treasurer's report, Linda will present the summary of last year's AGM minutes, and Kevin will present the membership report.

2.0 Prince Philip subcommittee (Ira/Tordis)

- The city will proceed to bid to purchase this property.
- If the city purchases this property they have committed \$40,000/year at the start for upkeep of the building.
- A working group of 16 people have formed a steering committee for development of this property.
- A public meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. at Fortino's will include representatives from the city's recreation department.
- Money has been set aside to do a master plan for Alexander Park.

3.0 Churchill Park Clubhouse (Ira)

- The official new name is Churchill Park Clubhouse.
- The current committee will be disbanding.
- They would like the clubhouse to be community run.
- The city's recreation department will maintain the building.

4.0 Senior Activities in Southwest Hamilton (SASH) -- (Ira)

- Ira distributed brochures from SAM (Seniors Activation Maintenance program). They will be moving their head office into the Good Shepherd home in Strathcona.
- Events are running. They will be doing events in Ainslie Wood and Westdale.
- They also will be using city recreation centres.

New Business -- None

Treasurer's Report (Steve)

ING balance: \$2,937.77 (we earned \$2.40 interest).

TD activity:

July: \$4.95 monthly service charge. \$171.15 for UPS mailbox renewal. Balance end of July: \$237.90.

August: \$4.95 monthly service charge. \$22.27 for package postage. \$0.01 received from Tangerine. Balance end of August: \$210.69.

September: \$25.00 received for membership renewal. Balance as of Sept. 8: \$235.69.

Membership Secretary's Report (Kevin)

As of Aug. 31, there were 345 paid-up members. That's down one. One member notified us that he had moved out of the area. Several renewals have been processed. No new members joined over the last month. About 290 of those memberships expire in September. Renewal-notice e-mails will be going out over the next week.

Corresponding Secretary's Report (Cary)

Our Mailchimp e-mail list is down to 374 names, as someone who has moved away asked to be unsubscribed.

7.3 E-mail from Jay to Ward 1 candidate Sandy Shaw

7.7 Letter to Councillor Brian McHattie re 71-77 Leland

7.7 Letter to Committee of Adjustment re 6 Sanders Blvd.

Many e-mails, mainly from Jay's side, to the Kirkendall and Strathcona associations to set up the all-candidates debate for Sept. 29

7.31 Letter to City Council in support of McHattie's motion for the city to purchase Prince Philip School

8.15 E-mail from Mark Coakley resigning from the board

8.15 Jay's reply thanking him

8.18 E-mail from Cary to Michael Egan re a local oral-history project

8.23 E-mail from Jay replying to Krista Kruja's e-mail of June 29--a Mac student who wanted to be involved with the community association along with her housemate

8.25-26 E-mail exchange between Jay and Ward 1 candidate Brian Lewis to set up a meeting

9.1 Letter to Committee of Adjustment re 198 Broadway

Committee Reports (Jay)

- PACCR (Ira) – Gord Arbeau was not present, but Andrea Farquhar was there. Snow shovels were discussed and could be purchased for \$7 each. It was suggested that we wait to see what the city does with city-wide sidewalk clearing. It also was noted that even if shovels are provided to students, there is no guarantee they will use them.
- Town and Gown Association of Ontario (TGAO) - Ira has been appointed treasurer.
- Police Liaison (Ken) – There is a meeting on Sept. 17 of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. Ken has been in contact with Gino from the Hamilton Police Service and Samantha from SOCS (Society of Off-Campus Students) regarding buying bike lights to give away to cyclists stopped during the upcoming problem-oriented policing project.
- Licensing and Land Zoning – nothing to report.
- Participatory Budgeting Advisory Committee (Steve and Ed) – nothing to report.

Next Meeting – Monday, Oct. 6, at 7:00 p.m., St. George's Reformed Episcopal Church, 134 Emerson St.