

Present

Camrose Burdon, Secretary
Lynne Byford, Treasurer
Tina Raymond, Co-Chair and Communications
Don Stephenson, Chair
Carol Workun, Executive Director

Joanne Lostracco, Guest

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Meeting called to order – 7:15 pm

Minutes of the meeting April 30, 2019 were reviewed and approval was deferred pending corrections.

Executive Director’s (ED) Report

- Programs: March Break Camp was a big success, running for the first time in a few years. Registrations for the forthcoming nine camps are at a level similar to last year at this time. For both Brantwood and Old Town Hall after school programs, next year registrations are currently a little higher than this year. Enabled by new Ontario legislation we will proceed to accept Kindergartners in JK and SK as of September. Winter program registration closed above projected numbers and above last year’s level. Spring program registration is in line with budget and some new youth programming has found success.
- Our survey of fitness, sport and general interest programming, for both children and adults, closed with 123 responses and useful feedback. Overall, program satisfaction rating was high. Responses concerning facilities reflected the small program spaces as well as the age-related limitations of Old Town Hall.
- Old Town Hall porch construction is meant to take place in July/August.
- A survey has been prepared to determine how effective the inclusion of our program guide in the Mainstreeter is.
- BBQs have started and volunteer recruitment for them remains strong.

YTD Financial Reports

Lynne reported that overall we are on track. Adult registrations increased; registrations for after school programs declined but associated expenses were adjusted accordingly.

The Main Event

Planning and volunteer recruitment for the Main Event are going well, except for the lack of a driver. Board members’ responsibilities pertaining to the event were reviewed.

Most Community Partner sponsors for the Main Event are returning, and there are two new ones. The new businesses moving in have been approached but so far not signed up.

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Facilities update

Don reported on discussions further to the April 24th meeting convened by Councillor Shawn Menard on which he reported last month. On May 2 OOECA and CAG met with representatives of the Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est (CECCE) concerning their interest in establishing a school in the Deschatelets building, to seek details of their intended use of the building.

The community representatives were encouraged by the discussions, including the school board's vision for the preservation of green space and shared use of complementary facilities. CECCE has also met with OCH to explore the possibility of integrating affordable housing into their project.

At the OOECA meeting of May 14 CECCE answered questions about their project and Don noted that people's response was relatively positive. There would be up to 300 elementary students in a program that emphasizes and integrates plenty of outdoor activity. Most would come from the local catchment area so busing would not be an issue. The board would seek to have a fenced-in day care area behind the building while students as well as the public would enjoy the public forecourt park in front.

Councillor Menard has undertaken to reconvene the group in the next few weeks, with appropriate additions, with a view to reaching consensus on a partnership for community use of the building and an eventual recommendation to City Council.

Board recruitment

Recruitment continues.

ED recruitment

In progress.

Other business

The June 18 meeting will include a Board social and will take place at 407 – 11 Oblats Avenue.

Juanita Cody, the Director of Marketing for the Greystone Village Retirement Residence, has reached out to OOECA to see what she may be able to offer in regard to supporting the OOECA and getting to know the community, and has been referred to CAG.

The meeting adjourned 8:20 p.m.

