

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
Thursday, November 1st, 2018

PRESENT:

R. Kelly, President
E. Janyk, Secretary
K. Kelly, Treasurer
S. Redl, Membership Coordinator
K. Wolfe, Youth Engagement Director
G. McConechy, Director
J. McConechy, Director
G. Denbigh, Director
D. Kuchma, Director
S. Wilcox
R. Kuchma



REGRETS:

B. Finch, Vice President
J. Rollier, Social Media Director
L. Bourgeois, Director
S. Delaney, Past President

1. Call to Order

- Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm in the Westsyde Neighborhood Centre.

2. Approval/Changes to Agenda

- G. Denbigh moved that agenda be approved as circulated. Seconded by S.Wilcox. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Regular Minutes October 4th, 2018

- G. McConechy moved that the October 4th, 2018 regular minutes be adopted as circulated. Seconded by D. Kuchma. CARRIED

4. Treasury Report

- K. Kelly reported that the account stands at \$18,138.73. There were 2 cheques written and bank fees withdrawn. There is and will be deposits from our fundraisers and events.
- D. Kuchma had a bill to be paid for the rejuvenation of the WCDS info board of \$119.36
- R. Kelly had 2 bills to be paid. \$10.07 for flowers to an employee at Harrison Industrial for their help with the application for the grant & \$72.80 for business cards and name placards for meetings.

5. Old Business

- a) Update on Oktoberfest
 - The Society will receive a donation cheque from the Dunes for our help.
 - The group discussed ways to increase our presence and engage with the community at future Oktoberfest's.
 - E. Janyk will look into getting "Square" for the group so we can receive donations and sell fundraising items via credit card.

- b) Costume Exchange
 - The costume box will be in the Community centre entrance until November 15th to collect for next year's swap.
 - \$15 was earned from the costume swap. There were very few costumes donated to sell.

- c) Centennial Park building
 - The application will go before council during the budgetary process.
 - We should have an answer by May 2019.

- d) Joint meeting with Bachelor Heights / WCDS
 - The city will do a traffic safety study in 2019 for the intersection at 8th Street and Westsyde road.

- e) Maintenance of Westsyde Ice Rink
 - R. Kuchma reported that he spent many hours cleaning the rink to get it ready for flooding.
 - R. Kuchma will service the snow blower and get it ready for the winter.
 - R. Kuchma inquired about "rent to own" for the leaf cleaner. He is awaiting a response.
 - R. Kuchma will also inquire about the possibility of testing the leaf removal equipment before purchasing and also query the cost of renting the needed equipment once a year.

- f) Spray Park Matting maintenance costs
 - R. Kelly is trying to coordinate with the Catholic Woman's group to gauge their interest in participating with the project.

- g) Pump Track
 - Expected that it will be in the city budget in 2019.

- h) TRU Research Project
 - R. Kelly is awaiting communication with his contact from TRU and will update the group via email or at the next meeting.

6. New Business

- a) Election Results – Impact on Westsyde
 - R. Kelly will bring up the topics of more city personnel for community groups and a budget for community groups at the next KNA meeting.
- b) Fall Craft Fair
 - Fair will be held November 10th at the Westsyde Fellowship Church
 - Volunteers needed at 4pm on November 9th to help set up at the church.
 - D. Kuchma will put together a small door prize from the society.
 - R. Kelly will send out a call for volunteers via email to society members.
- c) Christmas Party
 - November 30th, 6pm at the Dunes.
 - K. Kelly will call everyone around November 15th to confirm their attendance. The cost is \$10 per person.
 - There will be a Yankee gift exchange; attendees are to each bring a gift with value around \$15 wrapped in a unique, crazy or silly way.

7. Fundraising Updates

- Please return any unsold coupon books to K. Kelly at the December 6th meeting.
- D. Kuchma sent an email with the details of the Gary's Deli fundraiser, the society earned \$412.00 and the meats will arrive on November 8th.
- Purdy's Chocolate fundraiser is on for the month of November. Contact E. Janyk with any questions.

8. Membership Report

- S. Redl signed up 7 new members at Oktoberfest. We now have a total of 92 members.

9. Social Media Report

- E. Janyk reported that J. Rollier has made a few posts on social media since the last meeting to communicate our activities to the community.

10. Youth Engagement Report

- K. Wolfe engaged with youth at Friday Night lights and heard that floor hockey tournaments are something the youth would like to do.
- The group discussed the possibility of using the skating rink for organized ball hockey in spring, summer and fall. To be discussed further at a future meeting.
- This winter, the group plans to host a winter carnival at the rink. J. McConechy is involved with "unplug and play" and will discuss with them the possibility of cohosting a Winter Carnival during "Family Literacy Week" January 26th to February 2nd.

11. Sub-Committee Report (Marketing plan)

- S. Redl reported that the group discussed ways to increase membership, increase presence in the community and identify issues that are important to the community.
- The sub-committee plans to meet again in early December and will report to the group in January.

12. Other Topics

- The group expressed concern over losing our community centre next year and needing a replacement with a gymnasium for indoor activities.
- K. Wolfe will explore facilitating a joint meeting in the spring with The Westsyde Alumni group to fundraise for lights and a better track / field at Westsyde Secondary.
- WCDS is looking for someone to sponsor an ad for us in the Westsyde Connection magazine.
- The group discussed the continuation of the Halloween fireworks after the current facilitator steps down.

13. Adjournment

- Motion by G. McConechy that the meeting be adjourned at 8:22 pm; seconded by R. Kuchma.

**Next Regular Meeting December 6th, 2018 7:00 PM at
Westsyde Neighborhood Centre**