

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY MARCH 2ND 2017

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
M. Youds, Vice President
A. Grineau, Secretary
K. Kelly, Treasurer
R. Kelly, Past President
M. Chan, Director
B. Kelly, Director
S. Wilcox, Director
S. Logan, Director
K. MacKay

REGRETS:

D. Kuchma, Director
L. Bourgeois, Director

GUESTS:

P.J. Reimer
Sharon Wood

1. Call to order

- Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in the Westsyde Community Centre.

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- Addition: 7) c) Outdoor movie fundraiser

3. Minutes

- R. Kelly moved that the January 12th, 2017 minutes be adopted as circulated with the minor correction of the date for the next meeting (minutes should have read "March 2nd). Seconded by K. MacKay. CARRIED.
- It was agreed that Steve would post the minutes on our website westsyde.info.

4. Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly)

- Chequing account balance as of March 2, 2017 is \$16,461.26 (this figure includes \$5,000 designated for the picnic shelter, and \$400 cheque to Rotary Club).
- Karen confirmed that the Rotary Club has deposited the \$400.00 cheque.

- Hub Insurance: The invoice for WCDS insurance contracts (for renewal) has been paid (\$1,805.00). Karen has the copy of our new policy.
- Bills paid:
 - \$3.75 Monthly bank service charge
 - \$15.00 to the BC Societies Act to update the list of directors.
- Bills to be paid:
 - \$336.00 (Promo mugs)

5. Memberships (Monica Chan)

- 71 Grandfathered-in members.
- 23 new members so far this year, one of which (Westsyde Home Hardware) is a corporate member.
- Promo mugs look wonderful (thank you, Monica, for making this happen!).

6. WCDS Website and Newsletter (Steve Delaney)

- Steve has contacted the publisher (Yvonne Dmyterko), and submitted several generic WCDS ads that she can insert in available space. Westsyde Connection magazine is willing to promote the Westsyde Yard Sale; Mike offered to submit the article.
- All past minutes are now available on the website (wcds.westsyde.info). This website uses WordPress, which most people find easy to use for posting material.
- Suggestion was made that WSS students could earn extra credits for website assistance. P.J. Reimer offered to contact the WSS principal regarding this suggestion.

7. Fundraisers

a) Coupon Booklets:

- We are to continue selling these until the May 6th Yard Sale, which will be the last date for this fundraiser. So far, 53 booklets have been sold. Home Hardware, and Karen, both have lots still available.

b) Penguin Meats:

- K. Kelly moved that the WCDS withdraw from this fundraiser. Seconded by B. Kelly. CARRIED.
- Alternative fundraiser suggested through local deli (Murphy's Meats; owner is apparently willing to participate).

c) Outdoor Movie Event:

- Brent contacted Connor Shelton who has put on one of these events; the cost is \$7,000.00 (sound system, movie copyright fee, screen rental).

- If this event was held in a City park, there would have to be a permit issued.
- As well, the movie shown could not compete with any genre of film currently showing at any local cinema.
- Washroom facilities would be a concern, as would possible violations of the Noise By-law (which has no time limit).
- Brent will make further inquiries, and update information for the next meeting.

8. Yard Sale May 6th

a) Vendor Stalls:

- Vendor space in the field rented for \$10.00.
- Table rental fees for use of tables in the gym for vendors of collectibles (\$25.00/table).

b) Committees and Tasks:

- To be finalized at the April meeting.
- Karen will be in charge of the concession, with assistance from Arlene, Lucie, and Diane.
- Robert will help cook hot dogs.
- Steve will oversee the collectibles tables in the gym.
- There needs to be 2 parking attendants.
- Steve and Robert will set up the tables in the gym on Friday evening.
- Steve has spoken with Emma and Ian about having a Bouncy Castle at this event.
- No donkeys this year.
- Monica will provide Mike with information for the Q&A / Membership table.

c) Advertising:

- Signage needs to be put up in both directions on Westsyde Road; Karen and Diane will contact Jacki Anderson, who apparently has the Yard Sale signs.
- The Yard Sale was mentioned in the February newsletter, and in the Westsyde Connection magazine.
- R. Kelly moved that \$100.00 be allotted for an Advertising Budget for the Yard Sale. Seconded by S. Wilcox. CARRIED.

9. Community

a) Westsyde Pool and Fitness Centre:

- City propose late summer as the new opening date.

b) Centennial Park:

i. Ice Rink:

- 80' pole is now in place, where speaker could be mounted.
- Monica created a poll posted on both the Westsyde It's Our Community Facebook page (2,600 members), as well as the Westsyde Community Development Society Facebook page; and got a lot of replies.
- Consensus for speaker(s) to face the river, away from homes near the park, and also downwards, towards the ice rink surface.
- Suggested partnering with the City to cover equipment costs (BlueTooth, power cords, speaker(s)). Brent offered to contact GK Sound for more information (equipment needed, and costs).

ii. Picnic Shelter and Future Upgrades:

- Construction of the shelter will be done by the City, to be completed by the summer. WCDS is contributing \$5,500.00 towards the cost of the shelter.
- Steve has sent a list of proposed upgrades to Parks Department (Shawn Cook).

c) '150' Canada birthday celebrations:

- R. Kelly will draft a letter to Mayor and Council asking the City to pursue acquiring land for another park in Westsyde to be located north of Dairy Road.

Meeting Adjournment: 8:20 pm

**Next regular meeting April 6th 2017 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde
Neighbourhood Centre.**