

WESTSYDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY
MEETING MINUTES FROM
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3RD 2016

PRESENT:

S. Delaney, President
M. Youds, Vice President
K. Kelly, Treasurer
A. Grineau, Secretary
G. Denbigh, Membership Coordinator
R. Kelly, Past President
L. Bourgeois, Director
M. McGillivray (nee Chan), Director
B. Kelly, Director
K. MacKay

REGRETS:

S. Wilcox, Director
D. Kuchma, Director
C. Douglas, Director
S. Logan, Director

GUESTS:

Jennifer Fuller
Jan Charlton
Charlie Charlton

1. Call to order

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

2. Approval / Changes to the Agenda

- Additions to the agenda:
 - 5. Kim MacKay
 - 9. a) Penguin Meats fundraiser
 - 9. b) Coupon booklets fundraiser
 - 9. c) Grants
 - 11. b) Vandalism

3. Minutes

- The following change needs to be made to the October 6th, 2016 minutes: the bank balance should be \$4,365.08 (the \$400.00 cheque owing to the Rotary Club is still outstanding).
- R. Kelly moved that the September 8th, 2016 minutes be adopted as amended. Seconded by B. Kelly. CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report (Karen Kelly)

- New bank balance is \$3,708.03 (includes the debit of October Service Charge of \$3.75):
 - Includes a deposit of \$25.00
 - Outstanding cheques:
 - \$400.00 to Rotary Club
 - \$500.00 for Halloween fireworks
 - Cheque to Steve for Office Supplies (\$182.05)
- All authorized bills have been paid, and there are no new bills to be paid.
- WCDS also has a GIC in the amount of \$5,000.00, which is coming up for renewal December 12, 2016. It was decided, due to the current low interest rates, to deposit these monies into the WCDS Chequing account, rather than renewing the GIC.
- Deposits to be made:
 - \$15.00 (membership fees)
 - \$250.00 cheque from The Dunes Oktoberfest Pumpkin Patch fundraiser
 - \$18.10 in donations from The Dunes Oktoberfest Pumpkin Patch fundraiser
- Robert has heard from Ben Chobater concerning the previous grant application for the opening ceremonies at the Spray Park; the grant has been denied, as the Committee felt that the WCDS had 'been to the well' too many times already, and that the City had paid for most of the expenditures involved in this event.
- Steve mentioned that there would have to be an accounting adjustment regarding the depreciation of Furniture and Equipment. He will report back in December as to the exact amount of this adjustment.

5. Centennial Park (Kim MacKay)

- Picnic Shelter:
 - Kim MacKay's grant application to the North Kamloops Elks Club was accepted, and they have awarded the WCDS \$5,000.00 towards the cost of the picnic shelter for Centennial Park.
 - They have requested that a plaque with their name on it be placed on the shelter.

6. Membership Coordinator (Gerri Denbigh)

- Monica provided Gerri with the new Coupon Booklet (on cardstock) for the WCDS members.
- There are only 3 local businesses participating in this year's booklet.
- Westsyde Home Hardware has expressed their intent to become Corporate Members.
- There are 3 new members (Karen provided Gerri with the paperwork for the 3 new members who have signed up through the mail).
- Gerri will staff the membership table (with door prize) at the upcoming Craft Fair on November 12th.

7. WCDS Website and Newsletter (Steve Delaney)

- October's newsletter has been distributed; it advertised the Fall Craft Fair (November 12th) and Bill Bilton's Octoberfest (October 23rd at The Dunes).
- The newsletter led with an article about the extreme vandalism of the washrooms at Centennial Park, and asked the community for input on deterrents and solutions.
- Mike offered to help redesign the WCDS website.
- Articles from community members can now be directly posted onto the website.
- Monica will post a link to the WCDS website on 2 Facebook pages ("It's Our Community", and the other WCDS website).

8. Current Projects

- Fall Home-based Business and Craft Fair:
 - WCDS will provide our tables and help set them up for the Craft Fair (meeting at the Westsyde Fellowship Church about 2pm on Friday 11th November)
 - Gerri will staff the membership table, and Monica will float between that table and the table (staffed by Diane and Nan Rueger) at the front door selling raffle tickets for the WCDS door prize.
 - The WCDS promo board will also be displayed at one of these tables; Lucie will contact Diane about updating the board. And Diane will contact Nan about staffing the raffle ticket table.
 - The WCDS banner will also be needed.

9. 2017 Fall Fundraiser

- The decision to invite Ray Nyuli, a local entertainment / event organizer and fundraiser to the January meeting, was tabled until December.

- The discussion highlighted that there are only 3 venues realistically available in Westsyde for 'entertainment' events: The Dunes, Westsyder Pub, and Nishino Sushi.
- Current Fundraisers:
 - a) Penguin Meats
 - Starting now, we can begin gathering meat orders which will be delivered on May 10 2017. The cut-off date for orders will be April 26, 2017.
 - Steaks are individually wrapped; all other items are double-wrapped.
 - L. Bourgeois moved that the WCDS do this fundraiser. Seconded by M. Youds. CARRIED.
 - b) Kamloops Coupons Booklets
 - All money collected from the sale of these booklets goes to Karen, who is the comptroller of this fundraiser.
 - These booklets will be sold at the Craft Fair (membership table).
 - c) Grants
 - Robert submitted an application to the 2017 Social Planning Committee of the City for funds for the picnic table at the Spray Park.
 - d) Hockey Card Packages
 - Steve has made up hockey card packages which he gives out to local kids at Home Hardware (in lieu of suckers).
 - The packages have the WCDS contact information on them.

10. Spring Projects

- a) Ladies Night:
 - The proposed date is February 11, 2017, venue The Dunes, yet to be confirmed.
 - There is no cost for use of the dining room, but there is a 'reset fee' (returning tables and chairs to their original positions).
 - The theme is 'Flawsome Festival' (the term 'flawsome' "is used to describe something that is awesome because of its flaws").
 - Plans include presenters like a local naturopath, home-based businesses, wine-tasting, and an appie buffet.
 - Cost if \$15/ticket.
 - Further information, posters, and tickets to be presented at the December meeting.
- b) Pool Re-opening:
 - Heidi Ogilvie from the City wants to work with the WCDS for the March 2017 re-opening.
 - City representatives will be attending the December meeting.

11. Centennial Park

- All the washrooms at Centennial Park have been closed by the Parks Department due to the wanton extreme vandalism.
- All 4 murals on the washroom / change room doors have also been vandalized, and there was a report of a broken spray park feature.
- R. Kelly moved that Steve, as President of the WCDS, contact all Kamloops media outlets, and prepare a statement, accompanied by pictures of the damage done to Centennial Park; said statement is to include a reference to the thousands of dollars that the WCDS has contributed over the years to improve Centennial Park. Seconded by L. Bourgeois. CARRIED.
- R. Kelly moved that the WCDS put an article, with pictures of the damage to the washrooms, on social media. Seconded by B. Kelly. CARRIED.
- Robert will take photographs of the damage and email these to Monica, who will then post them on social media.
- R. Kelly moved that the WCDS write a letter to Mayor and Council requesting that the City put up security cameras in Centennial Park to deter future vandalism. Seconded by M. Chan. CARRIED.
- A copy of this letter is to be forwarded to Byron McCorkell, Parks Department.

12. WCDS Executive Christmas Party

- R. Kelly moved that the Executive Christmas party on Saturday December 17th be held at Nishino Sushi. Seconded by M. Chan. CARRIED.
- It was agreed that we would have the Yankee Swap again (Monica provided us with a hand-out).

Meeting Adjournment: 8:48pm

**Next regular meeting December 1st, 2016 at 7:00 PM at Westsyde
Neighbourhood Centre.**