## **Rio Terrace Community League executive board meeting**

## **Jan 24th, 2018**

**Rio Terrace Community League Hall**

**In attendance:**

**Lance Burns, Aman Athwal, Daniel Mallett, Tony Andrzejewski, Stephen Deck, Samantha Gullekson, Perry Wynn (7:33pm), Auriana Burns (7:10-9:17pm) Nafisa (Josh’s proxy 7:21pm-7:31); Emma Woolner (recording)**

**NON-VOTING: Carrie Anne Doucette (7:15pm), Una Bryce (CRC), Rose Parker (preschool)**

**With regrets: Gary Burton, Erin Waye, Giselle General, Brett Myers, Josh Bowen, Rachelle Roberts, Kelly Picard, Lorne Dach (MLA),**

**Meeting minutes**

**Meeting called to order at 7:04pm**

1. **Approval of November 2017 Minutes**

**Motion to approve** by TONY; seconded by SAM; unanimously approved, carried

1. **Approval of Agenda**

**Motion to approve** by TONY; seconded by SAM; unanimously approved, carried

1. **Approval of budget**

Additional information: NOV AND DEC financial reports are distributed; we are ½ way through the year. In short, we are on budget or better for most things (with the occasional exception like the city of Edmonton passes). The energy efficiency project grant money should be coming in soon. However, the contract is not signed yet. Brett is still working with the company so as to not leave holes (making sure we can optimize energy usage; i.e. selectively turn off lights, scheduling, etc.), and the contract was skimpy on details. The company has been amenable to making those changes.

**Motion to accept the November financial reports as information** by Dan; seconded by SAM; unanimously approved, carried

**Motion to accept the December financial reports as information** by Dan; seconded by Stephen; unanimously approved, carried

1. **Items for discussion**
   * **Preschool report:** registration for alumni started on January 8th. As of right now, there are only 4 spots in the 3 year old am class (of 16), 5 spots in the 3/4 year old split afternoon class (offered 3 days a week); the 4 year old class is full. Registration opens to the community on Jan 29th and to the public on Feb 7th.

The silent auction raised over $16,200. IGA has expressed interest in repeating the shopping spree fundraiser and will confirm the date by their next meeting on Feb 15th. There has been discussion about installing a slide from upper loft to the lower level (whilst keeping the stairs). They are in the process of getting quotes.

Shay became ill, but she is fine now, but still not yet back at work. Thanks to Kelly for changing the sign.

* + **Hall rental report**: February is pretty full. On February 4th, there will be a 3 on 3 hockey tournament from 12 – 6 pm.

Aug 25th was booked for the summer social. Pedalheads will be sending their dates.

There have been a lot of inquiries. And we are having some fun events such as Lorne Dach’s birthday.

* + **Old business**
    1. LRT WEST extension: Nafisa will send out a report, but in short: There will likely be an underpass 142nd and stony. The route will cut across stony before heading north. However, the routes are set in stone (since 2012) as are the methods (rail). The design is open for discussion. Nafisa would like to know what method would be the best way to get news out. NEWSLETTER and email blast. The deadline for submission is this Friday. All public input before they go to their executive meeting on Mar 20th. No park and ride exists in the current plan. But this detail is being lobbied. Nafisa will send to Lance to distribute to the membership.
    2. Past events: Breakfast with Santa (Emma): it went very well. Photos with Santa raised just over $500. The money will be put towards for future upgrades to the hall. There was lots of food and Santa was delightful. The music didn’t start as early as we had hoped. Suggestions: craft only and no cookie decoration.
    3. Upcoming events: WECP 40th anniversary party (Emma). Donations accepted. Sam can donate pass left over from Halloween party. No one objects to that.
    4. Corner store project: Stephen and Lance went to the mtg. The city and owner are happy to renovate. Timeline? Due diligence done by the end of March. Braden had things in mind that would take up most of the budget therefore we are unclear as to our involvement. $250,000 doesn’t go far. Survey stuff all came out. Output: more accessibility, lighting. Café.
    5. Infill variance position letter responses & EFCL planning and development committee call for representative (Dan): read aloud. In short: we received responses from all 3 places. All +’ve or neutral. One of which states that they’ve never heard from our community before and requested a representative from our community to sit on the EFCL community planning committee. OPTIONS: fill out survey to find the right person? Put in newsletter. We do not someone who is focused on a singular subject.
* **New business**
  1. Green shack: $1000 donation vs $5000. Donation does not make or break getting a site. Notes from last year: it seemed to always be the same families. Averaging about 6-7 kids/day. Perhaps this is a problem of advertising (as some parents spoken to did not know about it). Possible programs this summer in Rio Terrace – ½ time site. Patricia and Quesnell Heights - pop up play 3 ½ h, 2 days a week
  2. Standing table for the hall (Sam) and events bizar (German Christmas market): This was her favorite event thus far. It was beautifully done. ~$4000 raised.

Round standing cocktail tables: One of the dad’s made standing tables and a stand for storing and moving them. They are $125 unfinished, $150 top vanished, but we would get a special deal of $125 for finished top with holders on wall installation included.

We should get 10? Get him to make a quote for 11+rack

2 ½ cases of the mulled wine were used.

**Motion that the CL spend up to $1500 for the purchase of standing tables and wall rack** by Sam; seconded by Auriana; unanimously approved, carried

* 1. Solar system performance kiosk location: The entryway, but where? Our energy efficiency grant requires one. The word kiosk is being used broadly. Format is the most important question to ask before we can make a decision? It must be VISIBLE.
  2. Appreciation dinner: somewhere different? Or would we like to go back to the Glass Monkey. We also need to set date. Sam: Doodle poll for date. POLL for Feb. Friday or Saturday.
  3. Bylaws: Aman was on her way to filing when EFCL came out and said that you can only have 1 vote/membership. This point conflicts with one of our bylaws.

CRC recommendation is to state that: “The board is going to submit and any amendments recommended by AGLC will be done at the next review of the bylaws.”

If we change it, we will need to redo our special general meeting, and our CL. Tabled.

* 1. Clothing swap and drive (for kids): talked to James doing a clothing drive for children. When is the hall available in April on a weekend? Lots of availability. Send a date. Floating the idea of the weekend before or after Easter. Poster. Give people opportunity to drop in advance. EARTH DAY?

1. **Reports** 
   * NRC (neighborhood resource coordinator)– Una Bryce. CRC for over 11 years. 5 years at each portfolio. Chase is back with city. Sent Lance report. Now has 9 community leagues. 14 neighborhoods. UNA.BRYCE@edmonton.ca
   * President – Lance: nothing to report
   * Vice President – Aman: nothing to report
   * Soccer report – Perry: as per **attached report**
   * Membership – Erin: no one in attendance to report
   * Programs & Social – Stephen: 3 on 3 hockey tournament has had an ok response. There are 100 door knockers left.

Suggested program:

-Seniors card night. However, the current icy sidewalks are prohibitive. Early afternoon coffee, tea and biscuits.

-Craft beer night. Haven’t locked down times to put in next newsletter. Suggested breweries: Situation, Yellowhead, Alley Cat, Blind Man, Russell, are some options. Perhaps have 4 brewers? 1 in each corner?

* + Maintenance – no one in attendance to report. Email statement that there is nothing to report. QUESTION: Is the contract for upgrades handed out and started yet?
  + Newsletter – Giselle: as per **attached report**.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm**

**Next meeting is Feb 28th at 7pm**