

Minutes

Kortright Hills Neighbourhood Group – Monthly Meeting Nov. 15/07

Special Topic: 2008 Budget Consultation Meeting

In attendance: Dean Post, Doug Johnson, Marko Thom, Carol Chaplain, Lorne Emery, Laura Murr, Dennis Murr, Ines Ojkic, Susan Cullis, Dorothy Griggs, Mark Stewart, Tammy Oakley, Heather Arsenault

Regrets: Nancy Kielar (City of Guelph)

Chaired by Doug Johnson.

Minutes taken by Heather Arsenault.

Meeting started at 7:07 pm.

Welcome by chairperson Doug.

Introductions of everyone to each other.

Overview of KHNG

Discussion of how to prevent confusion between KHNG and KHCA, Inc.

Suggested that each group make sure to identify themselves when putting out emails.

2007 Treasurer's Report

Presented by H. Arsenault (see Appendix 1).

Comments from the floor:

1. Dennis Murr about line by line style of budget. That this is out of date.
2. Dennis Murr about moving amounts from different lines. Told that approval was granted.
3. Laura pointed out to others in meeting what items in the room were purchased by city funds in previous years.
4. Susan asked why she is seeing the same people coming to the bbq, why there are not new people? Doug responded by saying we are trying hard. Tammy said that the schools require a lot of parent volunteer time.

5. Laura noted that she never received the Fall Newsletter which was delivered by Project Serve.

Moving Forward - Ideas

Moderated by Dean Post

- Scout About – a program explained by Dean.
- Health & Wellness program
- Book Club
- Photo Club
- Ways to meet other people when your children do not attend school in the community. Things already tried – family gym night, games night, movie night. Failed due to lack of program leaders and volunteers.
- Laura has contact with someone in the neighbourhood who could lead birding hikes.
- Speakers Series
- Hodgepodge program which is run elsewhere in the city. It is a Friday evening program of youth play. Could be modified for here – kids in the gym and parents in the community room.
- How to build your own computer course by Lorne Emery.
- Golf Tournament.
- Hiking and/or Walking Club.
- Group activities such as attending sport events and shows.
- Winterfest: Planning will be done at Jan. 17th meeting. Date of event is Sunday Feb. 3 city-wide. Usually operated by neighbourhood groups. Our event could be centered on the ice rink. For KHNG, the 26th Scouts have committed to be our partners to run this event. A list of suggested activities was created.
- Tammy: add something to our website or email as a call for engagement.
- Laura suggested programs or talks by the Health & Performance Centre at U of G. But to this requires planning and funding.
- Earth Day 2008: Susan wants more than Scouts participating. Laura: maybe people want to do more than garbage picking.
- Tammy: KHNG is currently trying to build a better relationship between KHNG and the school.

- Marko: communications a problem. Feels people are not reading the flyers/newsletters. Suggested that there be 4 or 5 places in the neighbourhood where our message is given or shown all the time so people know where to look. Discussion led to suggestion of a sign outside of the Hasty Market. Laura knows the building owner and could contact him about it. Or permanent bulletin boards in 3 or 4 locations. Laura suggested partnering with Home Depot to build them (some sort of community program that they have if it is okay with NSC).

General comments:

Limitations – volunteers.

WANT TO ENGAGE OUR COMMUNITY.

Laura suggested more money to be spent on advertising.

Holiday Social: Tammy

60 people for a buffet at Empress of India

Advertise in Pennysaver, Tribune, & on CJOY.

Door prizes – approach vendors in plaza.

Newsletter Schedule: Tammy

January – report on Holiday Social, advertise Winterfest

Susan volunteered to proof read it.

Laura wants her group KHCA, Inc. described better. Tammy asked

Laura to provide a write-up that could be put in.

Meeting adjourned.

Appendix 1

Treasurer's Report – Nov. 15, 2007

Here are the new 2007 funding lines:

- Telephone \$1050 (was 900) will spend \$1002.69 (monthly \$73.95)
- Internet \$330 (was 480) will spend \$328.39 (monthly \$48.05)
- Office supplies/bank charges \$600 (was 400) spent so far \$514.82 (bank monthly \$5)
- Promo Advertising \$730 (unchanged) spent so far \$550.11
- On-going Programs \$127 (was 327) spent so far \$26.50
- Special Events \$1000 (unchanged) spent so far \$417.48
- Volunteer Appreciation \$150 (unchanged)
- CIAF Outreach \$226 (was 166) spent so far \$225.15
- CIAF Equipment \$873 (was 933)
- Outreach Worker (Delilah) \$7605 (10hrs/week)

Comments:

- Internet – had start-up costs but didn't get the internet until halfway through the year so saved some money there, which covered the connection fee and allowed the extra to be transferred to the telephone.
- Telephone – when we went to preauthorized payments there was 2 payments in one month because we were a month behind on our payments. Also had a charge to correct the listing.
- Office supplies – one big purchase for printer cabinet which put us over the original budget figure. Recommend that we check with Delilah on supplies before the end of the year and purchase anything needed. Also have new cheques coming.
- Promotion & Advertising – new logo and banner created.
- Special Events – **One:** didn't do the bigger Earth Day event that was originally planned when budget was created. **Two:** won the use of the Fusion Fun Zone for our BBQ so we didn't have the costs of the bouncy tent rental or the services of clowns for face painting & balloons (or the cost of doing other children's activities in their place). **Three:** still have the costs of the up-coming Holiday Social to add in.
- BBQ – proceeds of \$541.65 added to our bank account.