



Silver Springs Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, January 10, 2018 7:00 pm

Board Attendees: Jeremy Gukert, Cydney Elofson, Jeff Van Wyk, Scott Chomistek, Darren Bourget, Kay Wilford, Jennifer Dotchin, Karen Kimbauer

Office Attendees: Rita McMillan, Sherry Gavlin

Guests: Robin Myette, Krista Van Kessel (Preschool)

Meeting Notes by: Scott Chomistek

Vice-President Cydney Elofson called the Silver Springs Community Association (SSCA) January 2018 Board of Directors meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Remarks from the Chair

Vice-President Cydney Elofson welcomed everyone to the January 2018 SSCA Board meeting and had everyone introduce themselves and welcomed guests.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Kay Wilford; seconded by Jeff Van Wyk to approve the meeting agenda as amended for order of preschool meeting. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of No, 2017 SSCA Board Meetings

Moved by Jeff Van Wyk, seconded by Darren Bourget to accept the Minutes of the SSCA Board of Directors Meeting of December 6, 2017. Motion carried.

4. NPC Report

No report this month.

5. Guest Reports

Cydney welcomed the preschool representatives. It was discussed that 4 year old tuitions would increase and 3 year old tuitions would stay the same. She noted an increase in registrations subsequent to the year-end. There were very few openings left. The preschool board wanted to raise rates \$10 per month. The rationale to not raise the 3 year old tuition rates was based on the longer week for 4 year olds. Jeff mentioned that registration costs went up as well. Field trips would be flexible based on cash available, and could be pulled from fundraising costs, potentially. It was also discussed that additional fees could be raised in the event that some funding for field trips was insufficient. Cydney asked whether there would be a perceived decrease in quality of experience of the preschool, and the board didn't think so. They wanted to have numbers in place before the end of the month before the open house. Jeff agreed with the changes because they gave purpose to the fundraising dollars. Jennifer asked about whether the SSPS was competitive with rates compared to the Spanish preschool. Rita said it was difficult to compare the two programs. Jeff suggested making

a motion to approve the registration and fee increases for the purposes of the open house at the end of month so costs would be known for prospective parents. Angela Myette had a question about rent increases and why the number went up so far. Jeff indicated an analysis was made with Deb Hall. Jeff indicated that the previous calculations were short of what they should have been. Cydney indicated that the analysis hadn't been done for several years. Jeff said that there was a loss budget last year, which was board approved. Cydney said that improved budget timing would help alleviate this. Jeff said certain logistical issues made that difficult. Again, a \$5,000 increase in rent was perceived to be quite high. Jeremy said that modest increases annually should be considered. Cydney emphasized that a small loss was tolerable. Cydney said the email discussion on the budget would be sent to demonstrate that there was previous communication on the issue. She also said improved communications would be attempted for future budgets.

Moved by Jeff Van Wyk, seconded by Darren Bourget to approve the SSPS proposed increases for one time registrations from \$80 to \$100 – the monthly tuition fees for 3 year olds to stay at \$155 – and the monthly 4 year old tuition fees to go from \$195 to \$205. Motion carried.

6. Office Report

Sherry discussed West Valley registrations going well. A pitching clinic was going to be offered. Next big thing was the Lego Competition. Eric McCallum was going to be at the competition. Joan who runs the Water Colours programming was not going to continue, but drop-in painting would continue. The casino was coming up March 20th and 21st and was posted on the website. Sherry asked about the spring engagement date. It was suggested something in the middle of April, April 12th. Themes were suggested. Outdoor spaces were suggested as a theme. It was suggested that the This is My Neighbourhood people from the City should attend, as well as other outdoor issues. Karen noted that the Co-op and Hitmen grants were coming up for availability. Darren suggested that projects needed to be more advanced to qualify for the funding.

Rita discussed the building, the new snowblower, which was very effective and will pay for itself by the end of the season. She said that one Sunday last month there was an issue with exhaust coming into the building because snow had covered all of the venting on the rooftop units. Rita thought the unit had shut down because of a lack of air. She said the gas company hadn't called her back.

7. Financial Reports

Jeff discussed the audited financial results, which were clean for the year. He discussed the increase in accounts receivable because of grants. He discussed the statement of revenues and expenditures with a slight profit for the year. He also discussed the related party note.

Moved by Jeff Van Wyk, seconded by Murray Scotton to approve the August 31, 2017 audited financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

Jeff discussed the internal financial results for December 2017, which were tracking well for the year. He said the preschool was tracking to budget more or less. He discussed

the programs balances as well. Cydney had questions about the mural net assets statement. The SSCA was in a good cash position as well.

Moved by Jeff Van Wyk, seconded by Darren Bourget to approve the December 2017 internal financial statements as presented. Motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

Executive Planning Committee – Jeremy Gukert

The pool was discussed briefly, as was the upcoming vacancy at the Secretary position.

Nominating Committee – Jeff Van Wyk

Jeff discussed the nominating committee report and candidates. Trish Wiegele (volunteers), Stephanie Reid (communications), and Monique Tambay-Roest (additional seniors resources and transportation). The nominating committee had met with all 3 of them. Darren said that Monique came forward with interest in transportation on her own. The vacant secretary position was discussed. Darren thought over the next month people could think about this. Darren thought about the logic of not having an executive on the nominating committee. Cydney said the bylaws needed an executive on the committee.

Strategic Planning Committee – Scott Chomistek

Nothing to report.

Seniors – Kay Wilford

Nothing to report.

Preschool – Jeff

Discussed in guest reports.

Developments/approvals – Jeremy Gukert

There was one secondary suite for a detached garden house, and an update on the Habitat development.

Rinks/Facilities – Jeremy Gukert

Jeremy discussed the outdoor rinks. The ice was being well used, Grass Roots was starting up soon.

Outdoor Pool – Cydney Elofson

Cydney discussed two pieces. Rita met with Jack and said lots of work was needed on the policies and procedures manual. Cydney asked about ordering chemicals, and Rita said she would wait. Darren asked about the chlorination system. Rita said there would be lots of training. Cydney and Jeremy met with the City in December with James McLaughlin, who previously worked with S2 Architecture, and Jack Birkett, Ward Sutherland, and Ralph Smith, and a technical advisor for the City. The meeting was regarding a status update and wanted a worst-case scenario. Cydney said they wanted answers as to when the pool would open up. She was concerned with the project being a complete loss. She said the City had consulted their legal group. Cydney said the City was asking the

Contractor for plans to finish the project. She said there would be a followup meeting with the City. She said the plan was to still paint the basin. Rita said that James wanted to paint the basin in the summer. Cydney said they were considering building a weeping system behind the wall. She said they would need to continue pressing the issue. Rita was concerned with staffing again this summer, but the City would likely backstop things if the pool didn't open. Jeremy asked about a pool update at the AGM. Jeremy was going to address in the President's speech.

Community Spaces - Bowmont
Nothing to report.

BGSS –Marilyn Turner
Nothing to report.

Edible Gardens – Kay Wilford
Speakers' Series is finalized for the year. 4 sessions are planned on March 21 (Ready Set Grow!), April 18 (Gardening with Native Plants), May 16 (All About Roses), and June 20 (Trees, Shrubs, and Perennials). All had entrance fees of \$15, and were to be held at the SSCA Hall except for the June 20th session to be held at the Botanical Gardens. Promotional materials were being developed. The speaker series is jointly presented by the Botanical Gardens and the Edible Garden.

Playgrounds – Darren Bourget
Darren was waiting on Heather and Guy for information to finalize his report.

Norwest Soccer – Murray
Registration was to start in February.

West Valley Softball - Murray
A 2018 planning meeting was held on November 25th, they were looking for people wanting to join the advisory board and plan for the upcoming season. There was a small turnout but people were excited about the upcoming season. Age group coordinators were in place, planning for Canpitch and preseason clinics was underway. They were trying to put together a group to investigate the idea of West Valley forming its own not for profit enabling them to hold Casinos.

Crowchild Twin Arenas - Jeff
Jeff discussed the Crowchild Twin Arenas and high ice utilization for the year so far. The Zamboni was delayed still.

Crowchild Hockey Association - Darren
Hockey Calgary would be doing a boundary review. Ranchlands and Dalhousie might get rolled into the Association. Ranchlands was discussed previously. The boundary review will happen over the spring/summer. Darren said there were issues with conduct of fans, players, and parents.

Guides/Scouts - Murray

Nothing to report.

Seniors' Housing

Karen met with Vincent Leung of Wingkei. She said they had good facilities and had good funding from the Ralph Klein era. She said the facility has been open for over 20 years. She said they had bought 3 acres from Centre Street Church, with whom they had a partnership. She also discussed the land transfer with Marta Azocar, the ministerial assistant to Sandra Janzen. She indicated some confusing correspondence indicating that the Southern Francophone Education Region has requested to declare their interest in the Silver Springs Land. Karen tried to clarify, and Karen's email was transferred to the Education Minister, from which there was not response. The original discussion focused around the Francophone school board relinquishing the parcel of land in SS for a parcel elsewhere in the city. That piece of property would be transferred to the City of Calgary. Once the land transfer is completed, the City is proposing a pilot project for seniors housing. Karen CC'd Tom Mahler on the issue. She thought about letting Ward know but stayed with Tom for the time being. Darren thought the Education Minister needed to make this happen. Jennifer asked if we could ask Michael Connelly to do something, and Karen thought this was a good idea. Jeremy thanked Karen for his efforts. Karen also emailed the head of Truman Homes.

Safety/Transportation

Nothing to report.

Social and Events

Nothing to report.

Website and Social Media

Nothing to report.

9. New Business

Jeremy discussed the AGM and any possible edits, none were noted.

10. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next SSCA Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Moved by Murray Scotton to adjourn the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Motion Carried.