



Community Meeting
March 27, 2007
7:00 pm
Royal on Gordon

Present: Todd Dennis, Lynda Dennis, Ian Robson, Vacila, Fernanda Svaikauskas, Nancy Kielar – City of Guelph

Agenda:

Welcome and Introductions
Review of Feb Minutes
April newsletter
Earth Day
CNG Development process
Soccer night/family group day
Neighbourhood Watch
Garage Sale
Community BBQ

1. Review of minutes: Lynda and Todd – two n's in Dennis, add Fernanda's last name was missed it is Svaikauskas

Posting minutes on the website: The group has two options, you can wait until the next meeting and once the minutes are approved then they can be posted or they can be posted as soon as they are completed with a disclaimer that they are unapproved minutes. Consensus was reached to have the minutes posted on website in draft as soon as they are complete with a disclaimer that they are unapproved.

2. April Newsletter –is now printed, we need volunteers do deliver them. Nancy to send email out tonight asking people to contact Todd and Lynda to volunteer to deliver. Streets will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

There is a new back page sponsor and a lot of interest for ads in upcoming issues.

Cost of newsletter will increase by \$75 due to the cost of paper. Next deadline for submissions is May 15th.

3. Website – Clairfields has a new website that is in the ownership of the group. Nancy will forward the distribution list to Ian so that the group is able to communicate with community members. People signed that they give permission to be contacted regarding business of the group, should be no issues of passing coordination on to Ian.

4. Earth Day is set for April 21 – 10 am start. Planning is going well. Sarah sent few options of flyers around – consensus to use the one with water mark.
The group will print 25 copies – grey scale for distribution through the community.
-if want blue bags Nancy can provide them,
-have gloves donated
-Todd is asking local business about providing refreshments
-need big map that is laminated showing green spaces, streets, water management areas, trails, commercial, school, lot boundaries Lowes to south side of Clair, bus stops – this will help with planning garbage pick up and can be used for other functions.

5. CNG Development process – Todd and Nancy met with Jim Mahone a professor at the University of Guelph who has a group of Master's students looking for real organizational planning projects. Jim is interested in helping Clairifield's however we need a commitment of participation from the community. Nancy will create a flyer promoting this opportunity.
Promotion will include:
 - emailing through distribution list
 - Sir Isaac Brock, St Paul's school newsletter
 - Tribune- City Pages
 - Flyer for mail boxes, and businesses
 - website
 - Handbill for library
 - We will offer childcare if there is a space to offer care – families will need to pre-register for this
 - need commitment from volunteers to attend one of the focus groups
 - Nancy send out flyer to members to encourage neighbours to attend
 - Nancy to call members to encourage them to attend

6. Soccer night – application is in for Bishop Mac soccer fields as soon as know about the booking we will proceed with planning and promoting

7. Neighbourhood Watch – information will be posted on the website – encourage people to register

8. Garage Sale – promoted in the newsletter – Dave and Cindy are the contact, they did a great job last year, everyone to register through their site, and they will coordinate promotion. Ian will link the event to their site.

9. Community Picnic – scheduled for June 24th, need volunteers to come out to plan this event or can not proceed.

10. Volunteer recognition – discussed the idea of having lapel pins made then after each event volunteers will get a pin and certificate of recognition. Offset printing 250 2.19 each, hard enamel 250 3.00 each – what about the cost of a mini button?

Next Meeting – Tuesday April 24th 7:00 pm at the Royal on Gordon.