



Community Meeting
Tuesday August 28, 2007
7:00 pm
Royal on Gordon

Present: Fernanda Svaikaukas, Todd Dennis, Lynda Dennis, Pam Kozak, Ian Robson, Scott Dezell, Daliya Bhattacharyya, Ariyayuddy Bala

1. Approval of agenda – add Friday night drop in and Sunday Family programs
2. Approval of minutes – consensus
3. Background of the group for new members
 - community building events
 - local programs
4. South End Community Centre
 - presentation to ECO Committee on September 12th 5:00
 - NSC Finance will be sitting in the gallery for support
 - have received letters of support from Hanlon Creek and NSC
 - Tim Horton's request for support has to go upper management
 - requesting support from advertisers one more time
 - Westminster Woods Association will have a rep at the meeting
 - Pam will ask Reid's if they would do a letter
 - McKinnon's Todd has put a request in
 - Todd will make a presentation
 - one more request to all members will be made to complete the petition
 - GGHA how can they help? – can provide a letter of support, register as a delegate with the Clerks office to attend the ECO meeting
 - Todd will contact 'In Motion' to ask about them making a presentation
 - Nancy to get contact information to Todd for September 12th presentation have them participate
5. Fall Fiesta Planning and Status update
 - Sept 29 1:00 – 4:00 set up 12:00 tear down till 5:00
 - Scott has booked the lobby of Bishop Mac
 - Lynda will email details about volunteering to the guidance staff
 - Ian to ask Sarah to update the flyer
 - Todd has contacted Snap for the calendar
 - police and fire request in
 - Scott applied for City of Guelph box seats for a Storm game
 - food drive for Salvation Army
 - if nice outside do it all outside

- order a small bouncy castle – outside – may have the gym
 - colouring sheets - Lynda
 - face painting clowns through Todd Baker
 - refreshments –cider, water (member of the community can help with donation), bulk cookies (Sarah)
 - activities, games, contests
 - applied for Spyke to visit
 - Scott to see if pumpkins would be ready or if they have gourds
 - had 70 pumpkins last year and ran out – get 100
 - door prize – if have Storm box that will be the prize
 - Trib – Nancy to promote twice on the City Page
 - Nancy to see about getting parachute
 - CJOY and Magic – Scott to put in the request
 - space for 6 local businesses
 - Kumon – requested space at this meeting
 - Scott ask Cathy about Bishop Mac sign to promote the event
 - Fernanda to go Tri Star – purchased 150 – 200 items for children’s prizes
 - everyone please use email to update progress
6. October newsletter update
- ads are in
 - articles are coming in
 - editorial be on the Community Center
 - Nancy to check Project Serve volunteers for distribution; she has heard from them but has not received confirmation
 - how many copies to print? -have run out of copies last few times, print 1100 so can give more than one copy to each business
7. Santa Claus Parade
- idea was presented to use the southern hillbilly theme
 - need to have more lead time to prep
 - need a partnership to fill up the float – perhaps could partner with art program at the school
 - look like Hee Haw scene with opening windows and people popping out
 - Lynda can get heavy duty cardboard boxes could turn them into houses
 - Ian will send an email inviting people to reply if they are interested in participating in this initiative
8. Schneider Foundation
- Schneider Electric has an employee support program for volunteerism and funding,
 - on behalf of a non profit an employee can apply for a grant up to \$5000 the application will be approved locally requests over \$5000 go to the Board
 - need a lot of background information for the application
 - can also get funds for volunteer service – 25 - \$250 50 hrs \$500
 - could make the NSC the charity - the Foundation has funds to disburse

- consensus – Lynda and Nancy to research and once have information can make a presentation to NSC Finance
 - Lynda apply for the volunteer hours
9. City of Guelph Strategic Plan
- distributed for your information
10. Festival of Lights
- received an email from a community member addressing the concern of encouraging use of energy for the contest, and we should be encouraging them to conserve energy
 - following a discussion consensus was reached to keep it, encourage people to use timer and LED lights to conserve
11. Friday night drop in and Sunday program
- Friday program going well have 12 people coming
 - receiving a lot of inquiries of what will happen after September?
 - children are bringing friends along
 - parents are also involved playing
 - Nancy to check the availability of a gym Bishop Mac, St Paul's, Sir Isaac Brock,
 - first choice Fridays 7:00 – 8:30 second choice Sundays 1:30 – 3:00
- Sunday Family Program
- stopped running in the beginning of August
 - no one else was joining in – perhaps do it once a month, make it a bigger event
 - Bishop Mac fields were too hot in the afternoon
 - switch to Gosling Gardens
 - we have the field up till September if 5 families sign up Fernanda will coordinate
12. In Motion
- is a new initiative coming to Guelph/Wellington/Dufferin to promote and encourage physical activity. The health of our children is in jeopardy if we do not do something immediately to improve their physical health
 - there will be a launch in conjunction with a Guinness Book of World Records walk – watch for information to follow
13. Art program
- Daliya inquired if a craft program could be started in the community
 - yes this can happen – we would need volunteers to lead the program and a space to run it – Nancy to check on the availability of the library and schools after 6:30
14. Structure – need to create an organizational structure, vision, mission, ...
- Consensus – Todd will be the Chairperson for the organization.
15. Volunteer Policies and Procedures

- At the request of the NSC a Volunteer Management Manual has been created to guide and direct the volunteers in Neighbourhood Groups
- each group will be given a manual and some deadlines to implement the policies. Some policies and procedures must be implemented as is others are open as a guideline for best practices. The goal is to have a complete program in place by the end of 2009
- Wayne has offered to attend the training on behalf of Clairfields.

Next Meeting – Tuesday September 25th 7:00 pm Royal on Gordon