

Queenswood Heights Community Association

Minutes of the meeting held 7:30 p.m., April 5, 2006, at the Queenswood Heights Community Centre

Present: Steve Blais; Denise Skellington; Christine Tetrault; Pete Weston; Lori Nash; Dawn Stroz; Mark Leahy; Catherine Greenidge; Philip Berthiaume; Jeanine Mader. Guest Margaret McIsaac

Regrets: Al Tweddle; Helen Tweddle; Suzanne Sanford; Louise Lapensée; Darryl Martella; Royal Galipeau; Bob Monette; Doug Gee; Russ Benner; John Morgan; Sue Guarda

1. Approval of Agenda. Agenda approved

2. Approval of March 2006 Minutes. Moved D Skellington; approved

3. Treasurer's Report

See Handout. Money paid for Easter Colouring Contest. She feels that it became virtually a "QH Schools Colouring Contest"; feels that only entries brought physically to QHCC should be considered, will re-visit this next year.

Some of our account balance of over \$11K should be put into another account or investment (s) in order to earn more interest.

The Book account is closed; the \$100 has been put into our regular account.

Re Budget: Owe \$800 for Key Agent; will put this item on May Agenda. Ditto donations: need to determine #s of people involved in Guiding etc and give accordingly. **Action:** J Mader.

Incorporation: S Blais will re-apply, partly due to errors on last years Application; he will get info from J Morgan.

Moved C Tetrault; Report approved.

4. Committee Reports

a. Newsliner.

See Proposal: Renewal of Newsliner & Membership Drives for September 2006. Submitted by Lori Nash; April 2006.

L Nash told us about the new delivery system for The Star, through The Citizen; no change to Weekly Journal delivery system. She feels that we should not have a Membership Drive as such, we should just solicit memberships differently; she suggested levels of membership, eg \$10; or sponsoring family \$100. Also would like someone to get involved in the revenue-producing aspects of The Newsliner; responsible for all aspects of advertising; liaison with Weekly Journal; .for Newsliner, next year; suggest M Leahy, S Blais and D Martella She advised pre-payment for ads. Will put Classifieds on website. (Which needs re-doing)

H Tweddle will be responsible for articles; liaison with WJ re this.

First issue September 15th.

By next meeting, should have more definite plan.

M Leahy will staff Membership Table at Family Fun Day in June.

b. Guides

Girl Guide cookies this weekend - vanilla chocolate.

4th Orleans Guides

Activity Report for February & March 2006 On February 7th, we had a Valentines Day party with crafts and snacks.

On February 14th our unit attended the Guide Night at the Science and Technology Museum. We took part in a workshop on roller coasters and then did the SimEX roller coaster experience. AND what an experience it was for those of us who are not fond of amusement park rides!

On February 21st, we celebrated Thinking Day and began work on a new badge, "Feeling Good". The girls used the coffee cans I have been collecting since September to decorate what they dubbed "happy cans", which they filled with little treasures that help relieve stress and make them feel good. We will be completing the remaining elements for this badge at our residential camp at the end of April.

On February 28th and March 7th, Kathie Kompass (a.k.a. Cricket) visited our unit. She did the Performing Arts badge with us. This was an absolutely wonderful experience. Kathie is a wonderful storyteller and had the girls attention for the full two nights. At the end of the session, the girls put on skits based on the stories that Kathie had told them.

For those who may have forgotten about the "Art Team"; I urge you to consider looking into this wonderful resource. Bookings are arranged through Guide House.

On March 21st, we will be having our St. Patricks Day Party. Members of the Celtic band *Herringbone* will be joining the unit to sing Irish songs with the girls. Refreshments will be served. The girls have decided to wear green OR PYJAMAS!!

3rd Orleans Brownies Unit Report: Feb/March 2006

February's Badge testing saw every single Brownie present had at least 1 badge. As a result Brown Owl's hair took a turn, a colour turn. The Brownies laughed, so did their parents, and we were happy with the badge results.

We took part in our annual Badge Exchange with the 1st Arnold Brownies from Nottingham (yes, England). The British Brownies earned our "All About Art" badge and we completed their "Friends to Animals" badge. We had 5 dogs (and their companions/trainers) come visit the Unit. 1 dog was a working seeing eye dog and the other 4 were from Canines With a Cause. 3 were in various stages of training and 1 was a working dog. They put on a demonstration of what they can do, (one picked up a dropped coin in his teeth and another can lead his master through a shopping mall and back to the car.) The girls then had an opportunity to visit with the dogs once the harnesses were off. They finished up the badge making posters of their own pets or what they would like to have for a pet. There were some cats, dogs and fish, but one girl would love to someday own a lovely "pink penguwin". We also traded hat crafts and photos with the British Brownies and looked at their catalogue and other things from them.

We have been playing active games at the beginning of each meeting and the girls were awarded the silver GIM badge in February. The girls had to take part in 15 minutes of physical activity in 15 meetings.

We visited the 22nd Guides at their meeting just before Thinking Day. The 3rd year Guides planned the meeting and your girls had great fun making a fruit person, playing crabwalk soccer and eating a healthy snack. It was a great evening of fun. The Brownies took part in

the Guide Horseshoe.

So far in March we have had a visit from Ray's Reptiles. I cannot report on what reptiles came except for the big snake which is why I can't really say how it went, because I was not there! I heard the evening was lots of fun, though.

After the March Break, we have planned a spa/relaxation evening for the girls and then we are going to do some star gazing at the end of the month, (part of the Key to STEM).

c. Scouts

Reg. fees are going up. Banquet went very well. Big Jamboree coming up, in Quebec (north of Montreal). Apple day is second weekend in September.

e. Council Meetings.

First four items B Monette had on his platform were completed within 52 days.

Ward One Monthly Report Councillor Bob Monette

Bob Monette, with the help of Councillor Bloess and Jellett, announced the creation of a Community Presidents Council. This group, consisting of presidents of community associations in Ottawa-Orleans, will meet on a by-monthly basis to address issues in our community at large with one voice a united front.

Councillor Monette welcomed the news of money for the East Orleans Arts facility.

Hopes The City will use some of the provincial to address/Fix the split.

Ray Friel:

New management under Ken Marentette will take over the Ray Friel Complex. In addition, City staff will increase their visits to ensure that the facility meets adequate standards. Bob plans on visiting the Centre for a second visit in May to make sure that improvements are showing.

Park and Ride:

Councillor Monette will announce a Park and Ride next week. Location will be revealed at that time.

Graffiti:

A Public meeting will take place on Thursday April 27th at Queenswood Heights Community Centre at 7pm. Michel Lavoie is sending invitations to all community groups and associations and we hope that Queenswood Heights Association will be able to send a representative. Community police will also be participating.

Spring Clean the Capital

April is the Spring Clean the Capital month. Contact our office if you require additional info or assistance.

k. Neighbourhood Watch. See handout

Date	B&E	Theft/Lost & Found	Vandalism	Auto	Assault
31 Mar 2006	7	n/a	11	1	n/a
31 Mar 2005	4	n/a	7	n/a	n/a

Can go on website www.ottawapolice.ca LHS; Resources; click. All this info comes from there.

S Blais attended a meeting of the East Orleans Community Association Presidents. Meets to discuss common issues, eg a "watering beach" for dogs (since they aren't allowed on Petrie Island). Also: Trim Rd between St Joseph and Innes - have requested City reduce speed limit from 80 to 60 kph.

P Weston: "split" needs modifying; D Stroz: some funds available.

P McNeely is having an Open House on April 20th, 7.00 pm at Maple Ridge School

The meeting was adjourned at 9.10 pm.

Next meeting May 3, 2006