

German Mills Community Centre Board
Sept 18, 2013

Attendance:

Present: Erin Cattral (Co-Chair), Kathy Branny (Co-Chair), Athena Hui, Eileen Carter, Anastasia Tsouropakis, Sharon Raibmon, Howard Shore, and Priscilla Austen (nursery school rep & manager)

Absent: Null

The German Mills Community Centre Board convened at 8:05 p.m. with Erin Cattral presiding as Chair.

Approval of the Minutes

Moved by Anastasia Tsouropakis

Seconded by Athena Hui

That the Minutes from the June 5th meeting of the German Mills Community Centre Board be approved with the correction of one error: it's Arsenal Cleaning, not city maintenance who looks after floor cleaning and waxing.

CARRIED

1. Treasurer Report, Athena:

The GIC was renewed until August 2014 at a better rate; 1.5%. A request was given to Kathy Branny to apply to the city for the annual grant.

Athena gave Priscilla a spreadsheet outlining what the rent is for Sept and the next 9 months with the phone long distance amount included. It was noted that the long distance phone amount (\$1.40) needs to be paid with Sept rent and the other months on the spreadsheet adjusted accordingly, since the lease is expected to be month-to-month.

Post dated cheques won't be given for the same reason.

2. Building Accessibility, Howard Shore:

The bathroom renovation will be covered by the city to bring it up to accessibility. Erin said Rob Bell hasn't said he has done any bathroom measurements.

3. Nursery School Report, Priscilla Austen:

Currently the school is running Tue – Fri with low enrollment (5 students).

The nursery school is running tours, has put flyers in Metroland, and an advertisement in the Thornhill Post. They will get volunteer high school students to deliver flyers. They will also be at the Thornhill Village Festival with promotional materials.

Howard suggested contacting the GMRA President to have a presence at their annual general meeting. He also gave Priscilla a Liberal paper contact name for a public relations story.

A member is a nutritionist and is planning the snacks. Cleaning is now done by the teachers who are paid a lump sum for this. The president and Treasurer board positions are filled

Howard asked if the bylaws specify a minimum number of people on their board. Priscilla said she thinks it says 50% of members or 2 people, but will check.

Note: Priscilla will e-mail Erin what the by-laws say for the minimum number on their board.

Priscilla asked what the parameters are for additional premises activities. Eileen explained the nursery school holds the lease, so they look after sub-leasing, with GMCC board's approval of the sub-renter. Priscilla needs to send GMCC board the sub-lease request details in writing. A reminder was given that no alcohol is allowed.

4. Other Business

Erin motioned to do a donation to Lupus Ontario for \$200 in memory of Helen Duffy, who board members had recently learned passed away earlier in 2013. (Helen Duffy was a German Mills Community Centre board member from its inception in 1974 until 2013.) Kathy Branny 2nd the motion. All were in favour. A discussion then took place if and how Helen should also be permanently honoured on the school property. Priscilla suggested installing a bench with a dedication plaque. Since Priscilla isn't a GMCC board voting member, Anastasia put forward this as a motion and Athena 2nd it. All were in favour. Howard will talk to Rob Bell about installing a bench.

The lease needs several revisions to go to month-to-month term. Erin will revise it and send it to Priscilla after Priscilla checks on the minimum number of members needed on their board. Priscilla will then pass it on to the school's board for signing and send it back to Erin.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, 2013 at 8:00 PM at the German Mills Community Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:49 p.m. by Sharon Raibmon, 2nd by Athena Hui.