

German Mills Community Centre Board

April 3, 2013

Present: Erin Cattral, Kathy Branny, Athena Hui, Sharon Raibmon, Eileen Carter, Anastasia Tsouropakis, Howard Shore, Tulio Walles (nursery school rep)

Absent: Null

Meeting called to order at 8:10pm. Minutes approved by Anastasia, seconded by Athena.

Treasurer Report, Athena:

Athena is going away in May, so she will send the city an e-mail stating this and cc Howard.

The books are still with the city being audited.

Nursery School Report, Tulio:

Tanya has been officially appointed manager. Priscilla Austen is the new V.P.; the secretary has left. Two new families joining and one will continue to the new school year.

They will lose a lot of children to the new all day junior kindergarten.

Tulio drafted a new mission statement for their website. It needs approval from the new board, and then the new material will include it.

The school will be focusing on the attributes they already have, not changing to a daycare or after school programme. (Tulio later mentioned that the German Mills Academy daycare at the public school was suffering from lower enrollment too.) The school's board has the survey back from parents and they like the current teacher. They haven't decided yet if they will give her a contract for the next school year.

Some new toys were purchased.

Tentative summer camp at the nursery school will be: July 1-5, July 22-26, July 29-Aug2, Aug12-16, Aug19-23.

Building Maintenance,

Regarding the kitchen renovations: Erin suggested changing the office alcove into a handicap washroom and combining the current north side washroom and kitchen area into a larger kitchen area that could accommodate the fridge and stove. This would clear the fridge and stove out of the classroom. Everyone agreed this was a very good idea, especially from a safety perspective of getting the stove away from where the children are and providing a building that is more amenable to disable persons.

It was noted that Erin should ask Rob Bell for a consultant to be brought in for drafting this over the summer.

Howard will try to get City money to put towards this when City budgeting is discussed in Oct-Nov because this should be part of the City's mandate on making public buildings more accessible to people with disabilities.

Regarding what renovations need to be first approved by the heritage committee: Erin said she checked with the committee and they said they are only concerned with the exterior of the building and the interior's trim and millwork. It will be up to Rob Bell and the GMCC board about interior changes.

Non-kitchen related: the linoleum needs replacing and the City needs 3-4 days to do the work. After discussion on where to work around camp dates, it was decided Erin will schedule for July 8th.

Only the floor re-do is on the City's capital budget this year.

Furnace: Erin said the City is concerned about the oil cost, but 10 years is left on the expected life of the furnace. The City asked for the cost of oil since 2007. Athena did a chart of usage and of costs. Cost is trending up, but so is usage. It is not clear why usage is trending up. The City has said, when our board decides to get a new furnace, they suggest conversion to gas. A discussion took place about what might be involved in conversion to gas since the school doesn't have standard ducting in place.

Out of the above discussion, Howard agreed to have the City schedule an energy audit of the building.

Erin will call Rob Bell this week to get the storm windows taken off and the screens put on.

A new dehumidifier is needed.

Other Items:

Board Appointments: Laura Gold called about appointment approvals. Helen Duffy's term has expired. All other current board members are re-appointed.

Helen will be invited to one of the council community recognition nights and Howard will have a 'lifetime board member' plaque made up to present to her.

Howard asked board members, for the sake of recognizing Helen Duffy's contributions to the board, when Helen started with the GMCC board and what positions she held. Kathy said she had found in old files that the nursery school started operating in 1974 and Helen joined the board in 1975. She always held a non-titled position.

Laura Gold needs meeting dates for the rest of the calendar year.

Dates set: June 5th, Sept 18th, and Dec 4th.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 by Sharon, seconded by Erin.

NEXT MEETING: WED, June 5th, 8:00PM.