

FCA Meeting No. 2

Date: Nov.16/15

Time: 7 to 8-30 pm

Location : Berwick Royal Oak Retirement Residence

Membership (present)

Sue Maitland, Terri Birmingham, Bob Lucas, Mac Nanton , Lucas Gerry, Dale Summers, Daniel Conti, and Nooshin Keshavarz

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Review of Minutes from AGM
3. Discussion of Actions from AGM
4. SCAN De-brief
5. Christmas Event
6. Next Newsletter
7. Membership
8. New Business
 - Calendar of Events
 - Environmental Development Permit Area (EDPA)
9. Next Meeting Date

1. Introductions

Sue welcomed us all to a new FCA year with a complete turn out of all board members-bravo! Sue then asked everyone to give a short synopsis of their backgrounds including past experience , if any , on this Committee.

2. Review of Minutes

General acceptance ,with concerns by the Secretary that some members did not receive the "e-mailed " minutes-will try and ensure that this won't happen again by asking all members to acknowledge receipt of same.

3 Discussion of actions from the AGM

3- Sponsoring a refugee, or contributing to a form of sponsorship

Bob gave us some background on refugee sponsorship in which there had to be a minimum of 5 families to sponsor one family for a year requiring around \$50,000 which would include accommodation, health, dental coverage and transportation. The FCA Executive felt that they could not entertain such a proposition, but suggested that we should in our next newsletter make mention of refugee sponsorship, and that they could contact Bob for further information.

3-2 Pop up library

Terri to check with Saanich as to it's viability, and report back to the FCA committee.

3-3 Park benches

Bob had some preliminary discussions with the Park Branch of Saanich with ball park costs around \$3000. The location of park benches would be determined by Parks such that it may not be placed in our Community, and the general feeling was that in view of this and other concerns we would not pursue this topic further at this time.

3-4 Seniors connecting with younger people, 3-5 Young people helping seniors, and 3-7 Encourage more young people to get involved

Items 3-4, 3-5, and 3-7 combined comments. Our next newsletter should encourage seniors to interact with younger people, with the FCA looking for a facility where it could be held.

3-6 Electronic Newsletter

It was felt that while this was desirable, it was unlikely that all the FCA members would agree to this suggestion in view of privacy laws etc.. It was decided that we would use a one page flyer as we have done in the past.

3-8 Research Community Insurance

Nooshin to look into costs and ramifications.

3-9 Look at matching trees

Terri and Nooshin to take on this project

3-10 Highway Noise barrier feasibility

Mac and Terri to contact Saanich, regarding an up-date on this topic , further to their last correspondence on March 12, this year.

3-11 Gazebo-Saanich approval, location, maintenance etc.

Terri to check with it's status under Canada Remembers

4 .SCAN De-Brief

There was some discussion on the need for a historic record of the FCA. Daniel volunteered to undertake this project with input from Sue and others.

5. Christmas Event

It was agreed that it would be held on Sunday December 6th at Lucas's home/driveway in the afternoon between 3-5pm. We would use the same format as last year with hot chocolate and cookies (all low cal!) with the suggestion that attendees contribute money and/or or canned food etc .to the Mustard Seed. Terri and Lucas to supply the eats(funded by the FCA), and with a tent from Thrifty's to house the event. Lucas offered to produce the flyer, similar to last year, with distribution to be arranged through Bob and his dynamic postees (some of us) to be delivered to our Community around November 26th.

6. Next Newsletter

It was decided that our first Newsletter would go out in the New Year, with discussion of it's contents to be finalized at our Tuesday January 5th meeting.

7. Membership

Terri has agreed to carry out the membership drive in January/February 2016. Not sure if she wants any assistance, however we can discuss this further at the January 5th meeting.

8. New Business

8-1 EDPA

Mac had mentioned the T/C article of November 14th with the headline " Cadboro Bay threatens to secede over Saanich's ecological bylaw (EDPA)". The article went on to state that the Cadboro Bay Resident's Association is threatening to separate it's neighbourhood from Saanich if a controversial EDPA bylaw is not changed by next spring. Fortunately it has no impact on our Community based on the EDPA Atlas , and on the discussions Bob and I had had at an earlier town hall EDPA meeting this fall.

8-2 2015/16 Calendar of Events

Deferred to the January 5th meeting, as we ran out of time, and it was not a pressing item at this time.

It was decided at the meeting that all board members be given a copy of the FCA constitution.

9.Next Meeting Date

January 5th at Berwick Retirement Residence

Would all RSVP myself re: receipt of these minutes, as a few members did not receive the AGM minutes.

Thanks.

Mac N

Secretary