

Montgomery Place Community Association
Executive Meeting
March 13/07

Attended: Laurie Bent, Gary Berg, Barb Biddle, Jim Earle, Juanita Kiztul,
Kevin Gooding, Dave Price, Larry Rempel, Paula Woodhouse.

Guests: Pat Lorje, Claire Middleton, Dave Whitenect

Meeting called to order at 7:05.

Motion to adopt the agenda, Paula W, 2nd Gary B. The agenda was adopted.

Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting as amended Dave P, 2nd Barb B. Carried .

Guests

Dave Whitenect – Community Consultant

The city approved the \$2000 grant application for the play.

There is a city volunteer conference on Mar. 24. Registration for the annual conference is down a bit.

Sarcan is challenging community associations to gather empty milk jugs. We can register at a Sarcan location and they will track the amount of jugs dropped off until the end of May. The prize for the community that brings the most jugs is a day in the park. Second prize is a snow blower. Third prize is a DJ for a community dance.

The Saskatoon in Bloom committee works with community associations on various neighborhood beautification programs. Gary has information about this.

There will be a volunteer recognition event in May.

There is some concern about the danger of deep puddles in community parks. The number to phone about this at city hall is 975-3300.

Pat Lorje – Our city councillor

The Jan. 11 blizzard cost the city \$950 000 in snow removal costs

It looks as though Mitchell's meat packing plant will be closing sooner than announced. Three hundred people have been laid off. The new bridge will probably go through the site of the plant. Pat prefers that a new bridge be built on the north end of the city first, but it looks like a south bridge will be built around 2010.

A new truck route bylaw is being developed to deal with truck traffic on 11th St.

Land near the off leash dog park has been sold. There is some concern about how it will be developed. The off leash park may have some barricades put up to stop vehicle traffic on it.

The city provides a mediation service for neighbors that are having trouble settling differences.

It looks as though 19th St. will be closed at the underpass near Ave. A.

Claire Middleton – Claire is our artist in the community

Claire has been working in the schools on Fridays and has had a few evening classes. The drama clubs are going well. The members are all girls. She has started a small creative writing class as well.

A play is being developed about Montgomery Place, A public meeting will be held at Trinity United Church on May 20 at 7:00 to read the first scene. Claire will need actors and crew. The Parkridge Centre, Oliver Lodge and a few other places are interested in seeing the play as well.

Directors' Reports

President – Jim Earle

Mail – Canada Post has sent a letter to households expressing a concern about cars driving too quickly in our area. We do not want this to become a reason to stop home delivery of mail.

Politicians are writing Jim because they would like to advertise in our newsletter.
The executive decided to establish a policy concerning political advertising.

Motion – Moved by Gary Berg, 2nd Barb Biddle

The Montgomery Community Association adopt as their policy that candidates in federal, provincial and municipal elections will have their names, party affiliations and contact information printed in the newsletter closest to the election, and that all candidates will be offered the opportunity to purchase a business card ad for that newsletter at a predetermined rate.
The motion was carried.

President's Report

Garbage is being left on the ground in front of the paper recycling bin. Jim has asked about having a fence built around the recycling areas. Dave Whitenect will look into it.

Vice President – Dave Price

Thirteen teams are registered for the fun spiel on March 24th. Fees will be \$60 per team so that it doesn't lose money.

Treasurer – Kevin Gooding

Bank Balances as of Feb. 28/07	Operating Account	\$	7 551.96
	GIC 1 (Rink)	\$	2 018.93
	GIC 3	\$	10 125.20
	GIC 4 (Cairn)	\$	3 032.83
	GIC 5	\$	5 630.25
	200 Club	\$	1 600.00
	TOTAL	\$	29 959.17

All activities are breaking even or making a little money. Soccer may lose a bit because it is being done through the Parkridge Community Assoc. We will likely be a bit ahead financially by the end of the year.

200 Club – Winner this month is Theresa Mack

Indoor Programs – Paula Woodhouse

Our gym teacher is getting a lot of compliments. The blizzard has put some programs a bit behind.

The executive thanked Paula for a smoothly run year.

Communications Director – Gary Berg

The two schools were asked if they wanted to put information on our community website. St. Dominique is not interested. Montgomery school might be interested. The community website had 334 hits in Feb.

Regarding Pat Lorje's request to put a write-up in the newsletter

Motion by Gary Berg, 2nd Dave Price

A write-up from our city councillor will be accepted every 2 months.

It will deal with issues affecting Montgomery Place. Its length will be 100 to 200 words. It will only be in the newsletter if there is room for it.

The motion was carried.

Education Directors

St. Dominique - Juanita Kitzul

There is some concern about the new community councils being set up by the provincial government. The home and school president is inquiring about how to get money that has been designated for these councils. There is some confusion about overlapping roles between the councils and home and school associations.

There are 14 students enrolled in kindergarten.

A dance is being held on Apr. 27.

Montgomery School – Laurie Bent

Report cards were handed out last Friday and interviews are on Wed. evening and Thursday morning. Friday is a professional development day.

There will be a Gr. 5 – 8 ski trip on the 21st and a family bingo that is open to the public on Apr. 20. There will be a steak night at Joe Dogs on Apr. 3 for the Gr. 8's.

Science trek parent information night is on Mar. 27 at 7:30.

Enrolment is growing in the school. It is presently 191 students with 21 in kindergarten.

Neighborhood Watch – Barb Biddle

Barb attended the sessions for citizen patrols last Sat. There were a number of good speakers. Some interesting points were made. Citizens can take pictures of people in the public domain, and the pictures can be used as evidence. Community Watch people in some areas have been shot with paintball guns. People using the guns this way can be charged with assault.

A group called Safer Communities and Neighborhoods (SCAN) has 5 officers whose job it is to investigate properties that may cause problems in a neighborhood. After an investigation people can be made to leave the houses they are living in.

The city is providing graffiti removal kits.

Sports Director – Earle Johnson

Earl spoke with the soccer coordinator, Erin Culbertson. We currently have 10 soccer teams for the upcoming outdoor season. There were quite a few late registrations, many from Meadowgreen and Fairhaven who will not be having programs this year.

Teams are as follows:

- 1 under 10 boys
- 1 under 10 girls
- 3 under 8 co-ed
- 5 under 6 co-ed

Earl also spoke with Dan Streisel, who will again be helping with the soccer equipment. The two men will determine what is required, look at the condition of the old equipment and get cost estimates for any new equipment. We will have that information for the next meeting.

In regard to last month's discussion about indoor soccer nets, Earl confirms that there is a set of indoor nets at each school and that they appear to be in good condition.

The meeting was adjourned.