



Meeting Minutes - Regular Meeting
 Wednesday February 22, 2024
 7:00pm
 Greely Community Centre

Minutes recorded by Secretary

	Agenda	Discussion	Action
1	Welcome	Agenda approved	
2	AGM Minutes	AGM minutes not yet approved. Waiting on executive board review.	Secretary to send draft meeting minutes to members by email once approved by the executive board, before Member approval at the following meeting. Secretariat to send out AGM and Regular Meeting minutes.
3	Financial Reports and Sponsor Program - 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost at the same donation level already as last year. • Total revenue so far is \$28,000. • Halloween was slightly over budget at \$5,000 due to the addition of the dance. • To date, \$5,400 in positive on the balance sheet. 	Executive Members to reach out to individuals and businesses to seek annual sponsorship renewal.
4	Act Changes for ON Non-Profits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the Osgoode Community Association. Will use their documentation to see how we need to modify and update our constitution. • Has to be implemented by Oct 2024. 	Question from Members wondering if the GCA is a registered corporation. GCA is a registered not for profit organization with letters patent; Treasurer to confirm and share specific information with Members.
5	Retrospective/ Feedback on Events to Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of cancelling Sunday afternoon events for the Winter Carnival due to underwhelming turnout. 	Next year: Decorate the small tree and keep doing the small bushes. Test the lights several weeks ahead of time.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue with plugs for tree lighting ceremony. Discussed whether it continues to make sense to partner with other organisations to execute the dance as it is a potential source of revenue for GCA. Encourage organisers not to have age cut off for younger children. Volunteer shortage for Halloween event, especially the canteen. 	<p>Timer and lights will be removed this week.</p>
6	New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will still have to track membership even if we're not charging fees to be in compliance with ONCA. Spring activities: polled residents to vote on hosting either an Easter or Mother's Day event. Residents generally favoured a Mother's day event. Garage sale will be the first weekend of June and will be led by Amy. Members announced the opening of the Greely Good Market in the area. 	<p>Members agreed to host a Mother's Day Event (lunch or tea) on May 11/12 weekend.</p> <p>Secretary to update Membership list.</p>
7	Update on Volunteerism in Greely and Call out for Canada Day Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st Greely Scouts are losing programs because of the lack of volunteers. Consider having a GCA table to recruit volunteers at the Metcalfe Farmers Market when they come to the GCC. 	<p>President to write an open letter to the community and share available roles to fill.</p> <p>Connect with other community groups to come up with next steps.</p> <p>Member: attend the Business Meet and Greet on Victoria Street - May 11.</p>
8	Open Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should host another Business Meet and Greet - End of July/August. 	<p>President asked member to convey any evidence of illegal activity directly to police and will follow-up</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member: Socotra has opened so many businesses and dissolved them. Owner posted pictures online trying to get franchisees for Socotra, with pictures of an operating business. • Member: introduced himself as the public education representative at the fire department on Parkway. He conveyed ideas for this year: Open houses, BBQ etc. to coincide with Spring Cleanup beginning of April until the end of May (last Sat of May). • Member expressed the community's need for our own Foodbank noting concerns with accessibility of the OEFC. 	generally with community officer to confirm process for such concerns.
9	Open Floor: Youth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some members are interested in acquiring the police building on Parkway for a Greely Youth Group. • There was discussion about the need for volunteers and the potential use of GCC for such a group, but concerns were expressed that the GCC was not adequate to get a "space to call their own". • Use OYA as a model of success and possibly have the Greely chapter be a "Satellite office" to OYA. • A project was initiated by the member to pursue this further, get more info and solicit for interest from the community. 	<p>President to draft a letter to the mayor and councillor noting resident's interest in having the first opportunity to obtain the police station and to discuss options for its transfer of use.</p> <p>Members to start on a business plan and meet with OYA.</p> <p>Doug: meet with Nicole</p>
10	Canada Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President has applied to the grant from Heritage Canada 	



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next executive meeting is next week	

Next meeting: General Meeting on Wednesday June 26th 6-9pm

- Will include presentation on Fire Safety