

STRATHEARN COMMUNITY LEAGUE – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday June 6, 2019
Strathearn Community Hall
9511 – 90 Street, Edmonton
7:00 PM



Present Members:

Chris Samuel	Jason Ruhl
Leah Poetzsch	Andy Reid
Andrew Struthers	
Erin Turnell	

In addition to present board members, there were approximately 9 residents in attendance. Erin Flaherty (City of Edmonton - NRC) was in attendance.

Absent Members:

Evan Joyes Yasir Syed James Kosowan Alicia Lewis Jeff Letourneau
Melissa Mrzliak

Agenda:

1. Introductions of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors
2. Thank you to outgoing Board of Directors
3. Approval of 2018 AGM Minutes
4. President's report
5. Financial statements
6. Appointment of auditors
7. Elections
8. Adjournment

The AGM was called to order at 7:07 PM

Motion to approve minutes of the 2018 AGM as presented:

First: Brittany Earl

Second: Rob Hodgkins.

Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report – Chris Samuel

You don't have to look very far to see that our community is one that is undergoing a time of transition. The biggest topic of conversation in our community, by far, has been the ongoing LRT construction. Construction has certainly impacted all of us, in different ways, but let's all remind ourselves that it will - eventually - come to an end. We can look forward to the day when construction is finished and we find ourselves with a serviceable LRT station just down the street, which will certainly bring additional growth and opportunities to our neighborhood. During the construction period, the Strathearn Community League has vociferously advocated for the interests of our residents and businesses by making media appearances and lobbying decision-makers at the City. Unfortunately, many of the details for this project were determined long before the excavator rolled into our neighborhood. But we have worked hard, and will continue to work, to make sure that our residents have a voice throughout this process.

Although it's obvious that our neighborhood is undergoing changes, an equally dramatic but perhaps less visible transformation is also occurring within our own Community League. For starters, those of you who were here last year will recall that I was previously elected as the Vice-President of the organization. In January, former President Yasir Syed and I swapped positions and I stepped into my current role as President. I'd be remiss in not thanking Yasir for serving as our President for the majority of this fiscal year.

Over the last year, we have grown into our role as stewards of the beautiful community hall in which this meeting is being held. We rent space in our hall for everything from meetings, birthday parties, workshops, and many other types of events – consider us for your next event! To help us achieve our rental goals, we've contracted the services of two wonderful community members to help us with managing the hall. Darrah is our hall rental coordinator, and Jeff assists us with the facilities and building maintenance. I'd like to take a second to thank both of them for the great work they've done over the last year.

On top of coping with all the aforementioned changes, the Starthearn Community League has continued to grow and develop our existing programs. Our signature community event, Strathearn ArtWalk, was another tremendous success this year. Hayrides & Hot Chocolate, Strathearn AV Club, Stay & Play, and many other programs continue to be offered by our league. A quick look outside the window will show you the wonderful progress that has been made by our community garden group! Behind each and every one of these programs are dedicated volunteers who are helping to enrich this community, so a huge thank you is due to all of them.

Past-president Jenny McAllister was fond of ending her annual reports by saying, "It has definitely been a busy year for Strathearn and there is no indication that the coming year will be any different." I'm going to put a slight twist on that, and end my report by saying: "We have grown tremendously as an organization and as a community in the last year, and there is no indication that the coming year will be any different."

Financial Statements – Jason Ruhl

Jason presented the proposed budget (attached), outlining expected income and expenses. Of note, we have only had one month so far of hall operations in which we made enough money to be financially viable. It is critical to take in a regular amount per month to pay our expenses. We anticipated up to two years of 'buildup' as the hall became increasingly well-known and word of mouth spread regarding rentals; however, after this two year period, we must bring in a regular amount of income to maintain viability. We are doing better than the 'worst case scenario' by about \$14,000; however, we are still not making our minimum budget income. Also of note, a separate budget is done for Art Walk. That budget balances to zero.

Jason showed the background info that allowed us to create this year's budget. For the past 8 months, we have been monitoring expenses and this budget was built on that information.

Jason presented the financial statements for Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 2019 (Attached). These statements have been audited by three volunteer auditors this year.

- Motion to accept Financial Statements as presented:

First: Jen Freund

Second: Olivia Kachman

Motion approved

Appointment of Auditors

Floor was opened for volunteers to be auditors for fiscal year 2019 / 2020.

Brittany Earl volunteered.

Board will put out a call to the community to obtain one more auditor.

Elections – Erin Flaherty (NRC) conducted the elections.

Terms currently up for election:

1 year term – President

2 year term – Treasurer

2 year term – Membership Director

2 year term – Communication Director

2 year term – Member at large (2 positions)

2 year term – Buildings and Grounds Director

President:

Chris Samuel let his name stand.

Acclaimed as President.

Treasurer:

Jason Ruhl let his name stand.

Acclaimed as Treasurer.

Membership Director:

Jen Freund let her name stand.

Acclaimed as Membership Director.

Communications Director:

Position remains vacant.

Member at Large (1):

Andy Reid let his name stand

Acclaimed as Member-at- Large.

Member at Large (2):

Annette Lemire let her name stand.

Acclaimed as Member-at-Large.

Buildings and Grounds Director

Position remains vacant

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm

First: Brittany Earl

Second: Andrew Struthers

Motion passed.