

## **FIRA General Meeting June 23, 2019**

Secretary Carrie DiFrancesco was unable to attend this meeting - minutes were submitted by Dianne Chevrefils.

### **Update on front entrance project**

~ The permit has been obtained. The front entrance will be across the entire front of the FIRA building. It will have stairs at both ends. It will be 7 feet wide with standard rails. There are some issues with the drawings and material list which are being worked out. Updates will be provided.

### **Update on potential land purchase**

~ The Municipality is quite anxious for FIRA to make a decision about purchasing the property that FIRA hall is on. A recent letter from the Municipality asked about FIRA's intentions. Dave C and Andy V. explained that additional information is required prior to presenting the sale's details to the FIRA membership. Legal opinion on the Common-use part of contract, amount of taxes ( current MPAC evaluation), questions around water supply system all need to be addressed prior to the issue being decided on by FIRA membership. FIRA does has a contract / lease until August of 2027 so there is time to obtain answers to these questions. A letter is being delivered to the Municipality restating the need for this information prior to moving forward.

### **Committee Updates**

**Fitness:** There seemed to be a lot of interest in yoga DVD classes but few members attend. We are still hoping for a yoga instructor.

**Craft and sewing:** Dianne Kelly reported that this will be the last year for the quilt raffle. It has gradually become less popular and fewer tickets have been sold. The group will concentrate on other fund raising events such as pop up sales, etc...

**Pig Roast:** Keith Clarkson reminded us that there will be a meeting for FIRA men on July 18th at FIRA Hall.

**Pancake Breakfast:** Carrie will be sending out an email looking for volunteers.

**Summerfest:** Dianne C reported that the planning is going well. Volunteers are still needed. Please have a look at sign-up sheets. Currently there are 47 pies ordered. Plans to make extra pies that will be available for purchase at the event. Strawberries are late this year. Fingers crossed that local berries will be available this week or it will be a trip to Niagara area. The Rhubarb is coming in but we'll need more. Cookies and baked goods still required. We have 3 pop up tents for Summerfest morning. Volunteers

for set-up are needed. We will start around 7/7:30am. Remember to please park on road. Glenn Scott will monitor side entrance/exit to ensure safety.

**Reading of prior meeting minutes:** In order to save time it was suggested that prior minutes of meeting not be read. However, there will be a motion to approve them. It will be up to members to ensure that they have read the minutes on the FIRA website prior to the meeting or email Carrie at [firasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:firasecretary@gmail.com) for a copy. A Motion was made by Dianne K and seconded Glen Smith - all approved

**New Membership Forms are available on the FIRA website.**

### **Thank you**

~ A big thank you to Andy Valickis, Chris Cochrane and Keith Clarkson for their efforts in the completion of the Trillum Grant application. Despite time pressure, it was completed and submitted on time. Andy talked about the criteria for the grant. We may have a chance of receiving it. Andy will keep FIRA membership posted.

~ Many thanks to Cindy Woodrow for donating and planting the garden moved to location under FIRA sign. It looks great!

No additional business.

Motion to adjourn by Dianne Kelly and seconded Glen Smith and approved.