

FIRA General Meeting

April 28, 2019

Dave Chevrefils opened the meeting at 4:40pm and reviewed the past meeting minutes. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jackie Brandbury and a 2nd by Brian Kelly & all approved.

Cleaning Person:

~ A new cleaning person was hired for the hall and started last week. She will clean once a month.

Blind Curve:

~ Dave Chevrefils spoke with Walt McKechnie regarding concerns at the blind curve. Walt agreed to have road crew look at the tree and we now have a commitment for the lower tree limbs to be trimmed.

Quilt and Craft project:

~ Dianne Kelly announced that quilt tickets are being printed and because they are in-house tickets, we will no longer need them to have numbers. There will now be a spot for the name of the person who sold the tickets and the person who sells the winning ticket will get a prize.
~ The quilt is finished and the 2nd prize lap quilt is still being worked on.
~ Purses, bags & towels were also made and will be sold at Summerfest.

Summerfest:

~ Dianne Chevrefils said people are making the pie crusts and are in our freezer in the storage room. Over 50 are being made but we'll need more.
~ Chris Cochrane is taking pie pre-orders and people can also order at the HLCA AGM on May 18th.
~ Duty rosters will be put up soon for Summerfest volunteers.
~ There will also be more baked goods available this year, other than just cookies.

Fitness:

~ Carrie DiFrancesco explained that we are looking for a yoga instructor but so far we haven't found one. We are still doing yoga to an app on our ipads. The summer schedule for yoga's new times/days and the rest of the classes will be emailed in a few days.

Meat Sale:

~ Graham Newton announced that this is the 11th year of the meat sale!! He created a visual board with the sale's information and is at the hall.
~ Orders need to be in to Graham by Sunday May 12 and the orders will be available by the May long weekend.
~ There are some new products & some discontinued. Some products will be highlighted in an email.
~ Dianne Kelly will order burgers for FIRA's summer BBQ

Front Entrance project:

~ Andy Valickis approached the municipality with our plans for the deck and the municipality responded that they want us to buy this property. We'd like to deal with the safety of front stairs in the meantime but they want us to buy first then deal with stairs. Two letters have been sent back regarding the danger of the stairs and the other regarding the property sale. We see these as separate issues.

~ There was very little information and we do not know if the sale offer will be like it was in 2003 where the property was offered for \$1, we pay taxes and they give us a grant in lieu of them. We are hoping for more details as far as terms and conditions.

~ There is also worry that conditions could change every time we have a new council. May need a lawyer to draw up a proper agreement. This could take a long time and we need the stairs done now. Our lease is not up till Aug 2027.

~ Dave Chevrefils met with Walt McKechnie and spoke about both issues and how delaying the safety issue is increasing their liability.

~ The next step to meet with Mayor. The executive board will create and mail a letter to Andrea Roberts and will present our findings to the membership.

~ Front Entrance now has caution tape as the steps are wearing down. Someone has twisted their ankle.

~ MaryAnn Hodgins asked if we could remind the council that we will have the public here at our SummerFest and Pancake Breakfast. Jackie Bradbury asked if we can temporarily fix the one step?

~ Dave Chevrefils read the letter from the municipality. It was sent after Dave Chevrefils and Andy Valickis requested permission to redo our front entrance where council then met in a closed session on March 26th. There was no mention of our stair issue, just that they wanted to sell us the land but didn't provide any details.

~ Dave then sent a response with further questions and received another letter repeating that we buy the land so municipality doesn't need to be involved in our proposals except building permits, etc... and still no details in how to buy. There is no response as of yet to our last 2 letters.

~ MaryAnn H asked that if after we meet with the Mayor, could we get our case put on next public meeting to present to council so we can show up in support. Is it too early for us to send letters to Andrea and/or Walt? We are free to do that. But, maybe get more information after meeting with Mayor then ask for letters.

~ Glenn Scott added that we maybe we need to do the temporary fix right now as this is going to take some time. Maybe Murray Feary would have some more background on the land sale and it's history.

Pot Lucks: Please sign up for further Pot Luck set ups!!!

Time for dinner and our Silent Auction!

A motion was made by Wayne MacKenzie & a 2nd by Dianne Kelly to adjourn the meeting.