**BURRITT’S RAPIDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING MINUTES – October 2019**

**Members in Attendance:** Bart Bilmer, John Dwyer, Jill MacDonald, Vanda Stanley, Inge vanGemeren

**Others in Attendance**: Angie Lysette (Rental Agent)

**Financial Report:** No financial report was presented

**Minutes:** Minutes of the September Meeting have not been distributed.

**Hall Maintenance & Rentals:**

***Trillium Grant and Other Potential Funders***

The Chairperson indicated that she would be attending a training meeting with the Trillium Foundation to ensure that our applications were meeting the acceptance criteria used by the Foundation. She would use this knowledge to prepare a grant application in the Spring.

The Chairperson also indicated that her contacts with the Rotary and Lions Clubs in Kemptville raised the possibility of their funding initiatives we might undertake.

***Electronic Payment of Rentals***

Jill MacDonald briefed the Board on the resolution of her efforts to allow rentals to use electronic banking. Discussions with the Bank were not fruitful and so a PayPal system was installed. It was agreed that renters using that process will pay the administrative fee imposed by PayPal.

***Exterior Painting***

After her follow-up with the painters, the Chairperson reported that the exterior painting was to take place as early as possible next year as the painters advised against starting this Fall.

**Community Issues:**

***Family Fun Day:***

Angie Lysette reported on the (positive) feed-back received about the Family Fun Day. Several suggestions for additional community events were made by those attending, including a movie night and a Christmas Pot Luck Dinner. With regard to the second, the Board informed Angie of the traditional dinner co-hosted with the Masons and its evolution over time. It was agreed that John Dwyer was to contact the Masons and determine their level of interest in co-hosting an Christmas pot-luck event again.

***Theme Dinner***

There was a discussion on whether we would be able to organise a Theme Dinner in 2020 and the Board, after considering various possibilities and options, decided to keep the idea on re-introduction a Theme Dinner open with the intention of doing so.

***Streetscape***

The materials developed for the public discussion were reviewed with various comments made. The process for the consultation was also reviewed and plans for a public consultation later in the months were finalised.

**Other business:**

***Help Line***

The Board considered the possibility of setting up a Help Line that residents might use to get assistance when needed from others in the community. Various needs that might trigger such requests – e.g. a drive to an appointment for someone needing this – were discussed, as well as ways in which the help line might be instituted. The Board agreed that setting up a help line would be a positive initiative and that we should consider the idea further.

***Algonquin Flag***

John Dwyer updated the Board on the issue of the flag. (A note from the Algonquins of Ontario received only after we had received the flag from the Pikwakanagan First Nation indicated that it might be more appropriate to install a plaque instead of a flag at the Hall. John Dwyer was to resolve the apparent difference of opinion between the two groups and report back.)

**Next Meeting**

**AGM**

**November 28th**

**7pm**