

ECA Board Meeting
May 15th, 2023

Location – Jeffrey’s house

Call meeting to order – 7:33pm

Board members present – David Barnes, Jeffrey Drichta, Bridget Foist, Huda Montemarano
Eric Rubel, Joyce Gwadz, Linda Wenger

Motion to approve March meeting minutes – seconded, PASSED.

Spring Meeting – event went very well, approximately 55 people attended. Huda and Alicia did an amazing job. The social hour before and after the meeting seemed to work well. Considerations for next time - maybe more finger food, set up sitting area for a small group of people to sit during social hours, possibly adding a sign to the yard of the Edgemoor Club a few days before the meeting to bring attention to the meeting.

Dues – The directory is being sent to printer today. 328 households have paid dues to date. Last year, 302 households paid dues, 39 households that paid last year didn’t pay this year (14 are on EC-Net), 81 people registered for A to Z accounts. The board discussed what changes we need to make to the process next year. Ideas included multi-year contracts, selling extra directories vs offering them in email encouraging people to join.

Future events –

- July 4th party – Jeffrey will take the lead again, Carmen’s will be there
- Progressive Wine Party – possibly in the fall, a few people have previously volunteered to host, Alicia knows a few volunteers,
- Do we want to do a “fall clean-up” day this year? BOWA and dumpsters, possibly do a paper shredding event paired with it, the board agreed to move forward with this. David will lead.

Montgomery County Civic Federation – the county council has taken funding for this office out of the budget, people are lobbying to restart it. **Motion to approve signing the letter to lobby restarting the funding for the MCCF office – seconded, PASSED**

By-laws revision – Eric reviewed the by-laws. Topics discussed included:

- membership criteria and staggered elections for board members – the board agrees to keep things as they are.
- Unanimous written consent – Joyce will research this topic
- Resident agent – this is a requirement of MD law and must be filed with the state, the board agreed to use an entity.
- Firing of board members by other board members – the board agreed to change the by-laws to state “firing a board member must be by a 2/3 vote by the board.”

Meeting Adjourned – 8:36pm