

# Stave Gardens Community Association (SGCA)

## COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE MEETING

### Minutes from

Monday, November 6, 2017

Call to Order: 7:03 pm

Directors in attendance:

Keith Billesberger

Phil Cooper

Birgit Keys

Colleen Beland

Tony Reid

Community Attendance:

64 signed in

### ***Welcome & Thank you Message***

#### ***Introduction of SGCA Board Of Directors:***

- Birgit Keys

thank you to all the many volunteers of Stave Gardens Community Association (past and present), thank you to the current Stave Falls Community Association and the many hours invested in trying to get the school re-opened.

Thank you to the community for coming out to this meeting.

BOD – introduced as noted above

#### ***Business of the Committee:***

- Colleen Beland

Pub night held on Saturday, October 21/17

We raised a total of \$1391. If there is community interest in organizing a Christmas party for the kids of Stave Falls, this money will be given to pay for that.

A request was made to have anyone interested in doing this to come forward.

SGCA – Mission Statement and information on membership

See Tony for membership applications this evening

AGM announcement:

AGM to be held on Monday, November 27/17 at 7pm at the Stave Falls Fire Hall.

We are accepting nominations.

Please let us know if you want to be nominated for the 2018 board of directors

#### ***History of the SGCA and how we came to be:***

- Brendan Keys

SGCA was resurrected as a society in order to regain ownership of the community hall for the benefit of the Stave Falls Community.

Minutes were prepared by Colleen Beland

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Taxes had been accumulating and in 12 years were nearing \$80K and we made the determination to preserve as much of the asset as possible.

As an association, our objectives were identified and encompass a broad range of community interests.

Although the school is a current priority, it is not the only thing that interests the residents of Stave Falls and our goal is to provide a forum for those concerns to be discussed.

### ***The community hall/its impact on our community & a vision for the future:***

- Phil Cooper

The community hall had basically been abandoned by the community. It had become derelict and has become an issue for neighbors because of loitering and vandalism.

The property was sold in a tax sale. The winning bid was for \$150K to a buyer in North Vancouver. There was one other bid for less than this amount.

SGCA has 12 months from the date of the tax sale to 'redeem' the property.

SGCA listed the property with a realtor and there have been offers. As those offers have not been even close to the current asking price, they have not been accepted.

The sale of the property will result in a large amount of cash that the community can use as it sees fit for the betterment of the community

There are other resources in Stave Falls, such as other District owned property bordering the school that the District could give our community for its use.

It will be critical that the community lobby the District to get back the taxes that should never have had to be paid as well as other tax dollars this community pays annually with no discernable investment back into the community.

### ***Identifying our Community Interests/ Creating community engagement:***

- Keith Billesberger

There are many issues that concern the residents of SF's

Commercial development, the school re-opening, the hall/a place to gather, road safety, getting the District to invest our tax dollars back into this community and more.

We hope to draw interest and increase membership to help bring about change and enhance the livability of our community.

### ***Open Discussion:***

There were two (2) motions arising from open discussion.

1.

Stave Gardens Community Association, in its support for the opening of the Stave Falls school will allow the Stave Falls Association to be the one voice without interference, representing the community of Stave Falls with the School District of Mission and other entities involved in the decision to re-open the school until the decision to open the school is made.

This could take until April 2018.

Motion put forward by: Dave Beland

Seconded: Birgit Keys

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All in favor: 9  
Against: none  
Abstain: 1  
Motion is passed

2.

Stave Gardens Community Association will not accept any offers on the property for sale that are below the current asking price prior to December 31, 2017 unless a community meeting is held and voting members vote to accept the offer.

Motion put forward by: Dave Beland  
Seconded: Birgit Keys  
All in Favor: Yes  
Against: none  
Abstain: none  
Motion is passed

Concerns regarding liability for the community hall were discussed.

Action:

SGCA will look into liability insurance

SGCA will look to cap the open well

**Meeting adjourned: 9:05pm**

**Attachments:**

none