

**Minutes  
ECCO Board Meeting  
April 14, 2022 6:30 p.m.  
New Hope United Methodist Church**

Call to Order

Roll Call & Introductions

Attendees – Paul, Ken, Eric, Vicki, Teri, Tom, Dennis, Mary, Sally and

New Board Members – Chuck Hassebrook & Amanda Martinson

Guests – Vero Montessinos

Additions or Changes to the Agenda and Approval of the Agenda – no changes

Review and Approval of Minutes – Board members indicated that they had not reviewed the March minutes, so will carry them over to next meeting.

Review and Approval of the Treasurer's Report – Treasurer's report sent earlier, but Roy not present, so passed until next meeting.

**Report from LPD**

No representative from LPD, but received email from NE District Captain with some statistics. Email will be forwarded to Board.

**Committee Reports**

- *Yard of the Month* – Teri Ourada-Hubka
  - Teri said that since plants are just coming up, no homes chosen yet. Tries to pick 2/month. Looking for suggested homes. Email her with nominees. People feel honored when they are picked.
- *Communications/Newsletter Delivery*
  - Delivery volunteers – All of the routes were covered, but 2 do not have permanent people. Asked for Board members to keep on the lookout
  - New newsletter standard articles --
    - "Thinking about selling your home? Tell ECCO first"- Add as a permanent item on the front page of the newsletter. Members thought it was good idea; different members knew of people that would like to buy in the neighborhood.
    - "Connection" Section – Permanent article for the neighborhood churches (American Lutheran, New Hope & Connecting Point to announce some of their upcoming activities that would be of interest or involve the neighborhood.
- *Neighborhood Cleanup* – Tom – Saturday, April 23, 2020, 9 am – 1 pm
  - Volunteers – Neighborhood pick up & Drop-off Site
    - Tom is out of town. Eric, Ken, Dennis, Paul, Mary will be able to help. Mary will be there for most of the event, Paul – from 8 – 11 am
    - Paul will contact the fraternities to find volunteers to help at site and to pick up stuff in the neighborhood.
    - Paul will get forms needed for volunteers to complete and for people wanting to join ECCO.
  - Roll offs – Niederhaus delivery time & contact -- Gregg – 402-429-7397
  - Goodwill – 1 pm pickup
    - Tom to contact Niederhaus to verify that rollofs will be in church parking lot by 8 am and that Goodwill will be there at 1 pm to pick up their material.

Tom & Mary had both been contacted by Bob Bienhoff's brother, Kevin, about picking up stuff from their house on Saturday. Teri is trying to contact neighbor that has some old fencing that needs to be cleaned up.

Discussed that April 23 is Earth Day and that there is events at Innovation Campus for Earth Day and the CHARM event. CHARM event is for Hard to Recycle Material such as electronics. Send CHARM information to Board members

- *Web-Site / Neighborhood Communication*

Paul said that he had Donnette do some updating of the website with more current information. Also sent out login information to Board member for Board Member pages. Documentation submitted to IRS for reactivation of ECCO's 502c4 non-profit status; waiting for paperwork back.

- *Membership – Teri, Vicki, Janelle*

Teri said that it was difficult to determine the number of paid ECCO members, but thought that it was about 87 people. Many people that were not current did not know if they had paid dues, but were willing to do so. Teri, Vicki, Janelle are starting membership drive to recruit new members, bring back old members. Feel that neighbors need to be educated about ECCO and the benefits of being a member. Want to develop a "New Neighbor Packet" with information about neighborhood history, possibly coupons from neighborhood businesses, old Garden Tour greeting cards as giveaways. American Lutheran would like to work with ECCO to do a "Meet Your Neighbor" event.

- Printed brochures re: neighborhood - Discussed location of the brochures that were printed a few years ago. Mary to check with Roy. We have the electronic file to have more printed, if paper ones not located.
- Reasons to join ECCO – Discussed reasons to join ECCO—What do members get for being a member?
  - ECCO is not a homeowners association;
  - Liaison to City of Lincoln;
  - Not a large time commitment; help when you can;
  - What do dues pay for?
  - Neighborhood annual events – Clean up, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, Annual Meeting
  - Neighborhood periodic events – Meet the Candidates forums, Neighborhood Re-treeing projects, Garden Tour
  - Build Community bond with the neighborhood

Vicki said that people don't know the time period the dues cover. Need notation in newsletter that dues are from October to September (ECCO's fiscal year).

- *Rental/Property Committee*

- *Reports from ECCO Neighborhood Fraternities*

No representatives present from any of the fraternities. Paul to contact about getting volunteers to help with Cleanup event.

- *Mayor's Neighborhood Roundtable*

- Lincoln Parks & Recreation – Tree Programs & Projects  
Report about some of the programs LPR has to promote replacement of street & property trees.  
Paul to send additional information out to Board for review.

## **Old Business**

- American Lutheran Church meeting report  
Teri reported about meeting with American Lutheran Church. Would like to collaborate with ECCO on some activities. Had sheet with suggested activities & areas that could include ECCO. Church having anniversary event on May 15 (90<sup>th</sup> year of church, 60<sup>th</sup> year at 42 & Vine location). Church also willing to allow use of their community hall for some neighborhood events.
- ECCO non-profit status – submitted & waiting for IRS
- "Cool, Kitsch & Collectible" event update – Mary – Additional volunteers have been recruited to help. Mary has been contacted about goods to be sold at the event. Neighbors have volunteered to help store goods and provide additional display space, if needed. Large items for the event are being photographed for people to look at instead of being hauled to & from storage location.

- Discovery Days table – permission for ECCO to have a table – Eric to check on ECCO having a table at Discovery Days, details of participating, cost.

### **New Business**

Eric moved that new business be moved to next meeting due to time constraints. No information for discussing finances were available for this meeting

- ECCO Financial statements – Committed funding, operating expenses, cash balances
- Hartley School partnership – Mary to discuss with the Membership / American Lutheran meeting committee members. To be discussed at future meeting.

### **Pending Business**

Both Paul & Eric will be gone for the regular May 12 meeting. Mary said that she could preside on that date, so will keep the date.

Next Meeting – Thursday, May 12, 2021, 6:30 pm. Location – New Hope United Methodist Church

Adjourn

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

Sat, 4/16	Easter Egg Hunt
Sun, 4/17	Easter
	Neighborhood Cleanup - 9
Sat, 4/23	am - 1 pm

### **May**

Tues, 5/10	<i>Primary Elections</i>
Thur, 5/12	ECCO Board Meeting
Fri, 5/20	Newsletter Articles Due

### **June**

Wknd 6/3-5	Summer Newsletter Delivery
Thurs, 6/9	ECCO Board Meeting
	Discovery Days booth /
	"Cool, Kisch & Collectible"
Sat, 6/11	Fundraiser

### **July**

Mon, 7/4	Fourth of July Parade
Thurs, 7/14	ECCO Board Meeting