

## JRA Agenda and Minutes

Eleni (Helen) Vassilakos is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: JRA Board Meeting

Time: Jan 17, 2024 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Attendees: Helen, Mario, Vicky, Katie, Sue, Stephanie, Mahima, Patricia

Regrets: Sam

Chair: Helen & Mario

Minute/Note taker: Patricia

Time	Item	Discussion	Notes	Action items (who & what)
	Look back at 2023 and ahead to 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-reflect on what went well</li><li>-identify how we can improve</li><li>-identify our priorities for 2024</li><li>-identify what we need to do to sustain our efforts into 2024</li></ul>	<p><b>Sue:</b> HH (preference for Mahima's playlist); Helen also had mixed feelings; DJ had a cost, but it relieved Mahima of the task; could we consider a volunteer DJ/MC next year? Board members should be at HHNHH and welcome tables. Could also use a Spotify mix (Katie has shared: <a href="https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7a ul2YDm4keZVL5jabkMrV">https://open.spotify.com/playlist/7a ul2YDm4keZVL5jabkMrV</a></p>	First committee meeting will be in Feb, and we'll look at the budget.

			<p>Mahima is happy to be the MC for HH.</p> <p><b>Helen:</b> Sponsorship went really well.</p> <p><b>Mahima:</b> Having Sarah on board was very valuable.</p> <p>DYMS: CSJ youth were very successful; one of them was inspired to go back to school</p> <p>Community tabling is a good way to keep people engaged between our larger events.</p> <p>Priorities for 2024: Finding more people Succession planning (Mahima is working on this via policies)</p>	<p><b>ACTION:</b> Helen will reach out to Annette Farmer's Market. Stephanie is now co-chair of the St. C. Fun Fair, and JRA is welcome back.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> We can look at this at our March mtg. Once Mario and Mahima have had a chance to meet and prepare recommendations/options.</p>
	Volunteers	-identify who would like to participate in a working group to organize our current volunteers.	<p>Need a committee to prepare a toolkit (role &amp; responsibilities) for Volunteer/Membership Co-ordinator.</p> <p>Helen has streamlined the membership process.</p> <p>We extended the Membership Co-ordinator role for Sam, and added Community Engagement.</p>	<p>Volunteer Committee: Vicky, Helen, Patricia</p> <p>Membership: Sue can take this work from Helen. Busiest time is from Sep to Jan during renewal or during any push. <b>ACTION:</b> Stephanie will hide all unnecessary tabs on file, add checkboxes, and update renewals.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Helen will reach out to Katie to complete year-end and taxes.</p>

			<p>Discussion re: Board positions: Co-chairs, Treasurer, Secretaries, Membership, Communication, Members at Large; Committee structure</p> <p>Example of school parent council with 4 executive positions, and all members leading/participating on committee</p>	<p>We can brainstorm on this at another time.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Mahima will work on policies</p>
	Traffic Calming	<p>-Traffic Calming Message from Joseph for the board to consider. Mario will provide context: <a href="https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:48328b53-07f4-3498-b8d0-e29549f6b710">https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:48328b53-07f4-3498-b8d0-e29549f6b710</a></p>	<p>Mario: Joe would like speed bumps on Maria. He has written a letter and is asking JRA to review and share with Gord Perk.</p> <p>Concern re: engaging in political endorsements as an RA.</p> <p>We also have safety on our agenda with Gord. 3 areas: Maria, Vine/McMurray, and Mavity.</p> <p>Helen: This request does fit in with our advocacy work on DYMS; there were many responses to our survey about street safety.</p>	<p>Rather than directly advocating for this, we can support it with a broader approach <b>ACTION:</b> Mario will redraft the letter and share.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Mario will follow up with Gord's office about meeting with the JRA, maybe Feb or March even.</p>
	Committees	<p>-identify a more streamlined approach to committee work</p> <p>-We need to establish a working group to focus on Design Your Main Street and Street Safety (under the the Development and Community Spaces Committee ). Mario and Helen will provide summary.</p>	<p>Mahima: Would like to explore events for single individuals or those without families.</p> <p>Stephanie: Could look at partnering with other RAs or groups to reduce our event work e.g. BWV hosts 2 movie nights each summer, so perhaps we could partner with them rather than organize our own.</p>	

		<p>-HHNHH financial update:</p> <p>Expenses to date (Dec 27)= \$1723.93</p> <p>Sales to date (Dec 27)= \$1357.89</p> <p>= minus \$366.04</p>		
	Structure of the Board	-identify key items that Mahima and Mario need to include in the updated bylaws/policies related to the board.		
	Board Meetings	-identify the dates for our 2024 board meetings	Jan2024, Mar2024, Jun2024, and Sep2024	<p>March mtg will focus on board structure, policies, and strategic direction.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Helen will schedule calls for first Wed of Jan/Mar/Jun/Sep.</p>
	Next steps	Reminder to renew your membership if you already haven't done so.		E-transfer to junctionra@gmail.com