

AGENDA

St. Elizabeth Seton Fundraising Association

Monday, November 20, 2023

1. **Call to Order** – Amberlee 6:04 pm

1.1. **Welcome and Introductions**

2. **Opening Prayer** – Ms. Molyneux

3. **Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement**- Mr Boyko

4. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes of September 18, 2023**

Minutes: Motion to Approve: Amanda

2nd: Lorraine

Agenda: Motion to Approve: Jennifer

2nd: Tracy

5. **Guest Speakers from ECSD Educational Planning Department - Jolene Thompson and from KJ Street Consulting (Grant Writers) - Kim Street; to speak to our Playground Update and Grant applications.** We are not going to be able to use the existing playground space for our new park. That park is on Edmonton Public Schools' Land and therefore, even with permission, Edmonton Catholic will not put funding into development not on their land. We will need to build our new park on our land somewhere. The old park will remain as is until it is deemed to have reached the end of its life span and will then be torn down. With this shift, Kim and Jolene are very optimistic that we will be successful in our current application for CFEP funding. We should hear before Christmas about our application. Once we are successful, it is often that additional funders will come forward and we will have even more funding available. Because we have our share raised and ready to go and we are not trying to build on the existing park there should be no more issues. We are their priority for support and if we do not get the funding, then the plan is for them to meet with our MLA to discuss the park and how to move it ahead. If we do hear that we are approved, then planning and development will be a push and hopefully fences will go up the last day of school and a new park can be up before the next school year. We will restart our park subcommittee to meet with developers and choose the designs. Questions asked about building costs and if they have gone up is a budget of 250 000 going to be enough. Kim and Jolene feel that is a decent budget and will build a nice new park. We discussed surfacing for the park. Sand is no longer used so minimally the surfacing would be woodchips. Rubberized surfacing can be quite expensive, but a blended surface is also something to

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consider. This will be further discussed in the design phase.

6. Standing Items

6.1. President Report - Robyn

Have been working so hard over the last year to fundraise for our park, and we have still been able to financially support grad gifts and a staff appreciation lunch last year. Hard work is paying off. Last year, we were also given the bottle money from bottles collected at school, which really helped. This year, the school will be using those funds to support other needs. Thank you for the extra gift last year!

6.1.1. Casino Update - Jennifer

Casino Dates are May 16 and 17 which is a Thurs & Fri. at Century Casino Fort Road. Robyn is going to check into the funding we had from previous casinos and ensure we will not be at risk losing any of it or having it expire. We had been carrying it over and given as exception to do so because we were fundraising for the park.

6.2. Treasurer Report - Tracy

Main Account: \$16 824.39

Casino Account: \$108,533.59

Still have some chocolates to be sold and profit that will be added to the balance. We have reached the 125 000 we need for our share of the park.

7. Old Business

7.1. Playground Update – see above

7.2. World's Finest Chocolate Almonds Fundraiser

Have already made \$7,340.00! Last year was \$5,987.10. Still have 8 more cases to sell. We have already paid for them, so if we can sell them we are looking at another \$720 in profit to bring us over \$8,000. The remaining chocolates will be sold in the office and at the Demonstration of Learning later this month.

7.3. Next Fundraiser(s)

7.3.1. Purdy's

Campaign has begun - last year we made \$788 on the Christmas Campaign. We are already over the \$1000 in sales to get a 25% profit. Catalogues have been sent out. Deadline for orders is Friday the 24th.

7.3.2. DFS

Looking to start in February. More information will be available at January meeting.

- 7.3.3. **Other?** We discussed the option of planning a Spring Fling. With the potential for building the park looking very lucky, this would be too much to take on. We will not plan a Spring Fling this year. May consider a park opening BBQ next fall.

8. New Business

8.1. Funding priorities for this year

Last year, we spent approximately \$3300 on year end gifts for grade 6s and grade 9s – t-shirts. The school said they are not in need of any additional funds at this time and is happy if we continue with providing the grad t-shirts for this year. This will be our plan and we will use the money from our hot dog days to fund these. Nicole will keep us updated if any other funding needs arise.

Date and time of Next Meeting: Monday, January 15 6:00pm

Meeting adjourned at: 6:51 pm

