

**Our Ramara Steering Committee
Wednesday April 11, 2007- 9:30 am
Days Inn- Ramara Room**

MINUTES

Attendance

Julie Scott – Innovative Perspectives
Cathy MacDonald- Washago Community Centre
Janice McKinnon- Deputy Clerk Ramara Township
Al Read – Washago & Ramara Seniors
Gail Seaward- Friends of Ramara Public Library/North Mara Beach Residents Assoc.
Marian Davy – Community Member
Kevin Lehmann – Ramara Library Volunteer
Cheryl Thompson - Joyland Beach Association/Funfest Coordinator
*Caroline Schiavone – Recreation Coordinator Ramara * Recording minutes**
*Janet Banfield- CEO Ramara Public Library * Chairperson**
Diane Bell – Our Ramara Scholarship Fund
Louise Brooks – Ramara Chamber of Commerce
Don Barton- Soulvine Media
Sabine Houlden- Our Ramara Community Liaison

Regrets

Barb Bissett – Days Inn
Sherry Lawson – Casino Rama
Heather Tuline-Alden – Hospice Orillia
Mark Bissett – Orillia Packet
Leila Sherriff - Sherriff Paralegal Services- Executive Director – Alzheimer’s Society-NE Simcoe
Donna Hewitt – Community Development Coordinator

Additional Agenda Items

Under New Business:

1. Plan for after FunFest

Action Items from Last Meeting

1. Sabine: certificates for schools – finished today
2. Janet/Julie get certificates TO schools
3. Cheryl – FunFest license fees – twp waiving license fees, still have to fill out the forms
4. Kevin - met with Cathy Edney of Rama Mnjikaning. Kevin had sent last meeting’s minutes. Ron Douglas is able to attend Our Ramara meetings, but also suggested that Cathy, a official spokesperson for Rama Mnjikaning, should also be at the table
5. Re complaints from Days Inn staff about Our Ramara members, has been resolved.

Library Strategic Development Fund Update

1. Alex Caffary donated email component for server (*\$160 value*) that is needed for backend of database to be able to send out emails for updating listings.
2. Sabine reported that development is underway

Rural Community Capacity Building Update

- Julie is still inputting data. Two workshops that are needed have already been identified.
- Those who couldn't make it to meetings will be offered a questionnaire to seek their feedback. Sabine will email out when Julie sends to her.
- Six planned sessions were squeezed into three. Separating the sectors didn't work due to attendance issues.
- Georgian College student participation was hoped to be a possibility, but fell through.

Our Ramara FunFest 2007 Planning Committee Update

- Basil Clarke agreed to organize the teams for the Fire Truck Pull – gold sponsors also being asked to participate.
- Children's events are done.
- Morning coffee/food in morning for vendors/volunteers till at least 12 noon – Ramara Scholarship Fund to do this year's 'coffee shop'.
- Need more **adult** volunteers
- Parking and buses being organized
- Garfield Dunlop will present Minister's Award scrolls at Opening Ceremonies to Mnjikaning Library- Barbara Lewis & Chief Stinson-Henry, and Ramara Public Library

New Business

1. **Plan for next year:** after FunFest, policies and budget for next year will be put in place
 - Our Ramara will be sustained by the township?, but no discussion yet re: FunFest, as it is separate from Our Ramara and driven by community.
 - When we do evaluations this year, ask the non-profits where they see it going.
 - Use Julie for process to evaluate and guide for future; fits within RCCB mandate.
 - Owe it to ourselves, and funders, to show how well it worked.

Group Updates

Marian

- April 18th from 5-7 pm – Ramona Hall is holding a Pancake Supper

Cheryl

- meeting in Udney re: development at Starport Landing

Janice

- e-agendas for council meetings posted on website

Gail

- Friends of the Library – Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday April 11th at 6:30 pm @ Ramara Centre. Everyone welcome
- Plant Sale on May 12th at Atherley United Church starting 8:00 a.m.

Caroline

- Spring registrations ongoing
- Mayor's Walk – May 2nd
- Discussing with public schools re: joint usage for programs
- Defibrillators will be installed at Ramara Centre before summer. Training for Library staff May 30th
- Youth committee to be established to oversee fundraising, and decide a project that they can work toward

Louise

- Police Week in May
- Ramara Chamber Trade Show set for April 28th – Ramara Centre

Diane

- Scholarship Fund – press releases out April 2nd, two articles in the Packet, six radio spots on Jack FM. Discovered that \$46,000 is needed for it to be self-sustaining. Fundraising dance with the Sensations for May 12. Door prize donations would be appreciated.

Cathy

- Washago Community Centre has new roof, siding going up
- Regular spring programs signup Sat. at St. Paul's 10:30 – 12:30, Tues. 7-9. Registration forms on washago.ca
- General meeting next Wed. at Lions Hall
- Opening ceremonies on Canada Day
- Interviewing summer camp staff

Janet

- Library budget approved with no cutbacks
- Craft room to be created out of the now closed children's washroom
- March Break programs a great success.
- Susan Smith left for job at the township, her sister Jennifer taking her place as Library Page
- Two sets of tickets donated for Robert Munsch show April 25th at the Opera House; the library will have a draw for the tickets
- Have new handicapped access door to the Ramara Centre branch
- New accessible workstation that magnifies text and reads to you, with large print keyboard – plan full accessibility by summer. Thanks to Kevin for installing the software

Janet for Brechin Legion

- Sunday brunch is back – from 9:30 – 12:30. \$3.75. Janet is the new Membership Chairperson and is currently seeking new members.

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NEXT MEETING – MAY 9, 2007 @ 9:30 AM

DAYS INN RAMARA ROOM