

KPWCA Board Meeting, 19th August 2025

Members present: Helen Santoro Jonathan Reiser
 Pamela Thibodeau Jeremy Hatfield
 Tim Hartle Alan Morris
 Keith Jodoin Sydney Jodoin (guest)
 Sarah Lennon (guest)

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm

Payments to Online Only:

Board had previously decided to accept online only payments for the future. Sarah suggested that we discuss this change at September’s Membership Meeting, stating that we need to have communication with the community. The change was originally proposed partly to simplify things, as we haven’t had a membership chair in some time. Helen noted the risk of continuing to accept checks in a digital-focused world.

Pamela proposed to table the issue until discussion at the membership meeting. Tim noted that 50% of payments are checks or cash, but that it would be easy enough to change the system. Alan suggested that we continue to accept paper forms/cash/checks for now, but strongly encourage submitting electronically. If it creates hardship, members can let the Treasurer know. This suggestion was upheld.

Board member/Committee vacancies:

Sarah suggested using the payments issue to demonstrate to our membership that we need more volunteers, and that without people we cannot function. Helen noted that people aren’t seeing the benefit of a civic association, and that our Association only exists because it has changed with the times. We agreed to advertise the meeting and our vacancies on social media, and via an email to members, and Helen agreed to submit a piece for the upcoming Herald. Tim noted that if we go all electronic, we’d have no further

need for Block Captains, and that this role could potentially pivot to a Welcoming Committee. Sydney Jodoin suggested the possibility of involving local high schoolers - if we create a service hour/youth leadership chair, and a compelling reason for them to care, a lot of local teens are in need of service hours, and this could be a big opportunity for us.

Halloween Festival:

Alan asked if \$4000 from the Civic Association was enough. Keith noted that Cathy DeLoach had said she intended to continue to financially support the Festival this year, but had no numbers yet. Helen asked what happens if Cathy chooses not to support this year – Keith said in that case the question would be whether downsizing would change the experience too much. Keith stated that he was underway with planning, and would like the Festival to look as it did last year, to include keeping it at 3 hours, but that that would depend on budget. Alan observed that we could have some budget wiggle room, and asked Keith to let us know after he's discussed budget with Cathy. Keith also agreed to get a Herald piece about the Festival to Christine this week.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm