

SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT APA AGM 2021

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This past year, we focussed on holding small social activities due to COVID. We organized small seasonal activities, contests and online interactions.

SUMMER GARDEN TOUR: In July, four gardeners in the gates opened their yards for viewing: 48 East Gate – “Tapestry of Texture”; 6 East Gate – “Soleil et Fleurs au Jardin”; 9 Middle Gate – “My Mental Health Garden”; and 34 Middle Gate – “Eclectic Beauty”. Thanks to hosts Melva Widdicombe, Ivan Sabeski, Jocelyne Hullen, Sheri Blake, Pat & Peter Thomson for working so hard to open their gardens to residents. All participants were staggered on the route, to avoid congestion. Weather cooperated and ice cream from Decadence was served to participants afterwards.

BUDGET: \$129.00

FALL SCAVENGER HUNT: The Scavenger Hunt on September 27 was a success with 8 families taking part - 13 kids (ages 1 – 12) signed up. Hand sanitizer was provided and social distancing was adhered to. Each child received a plant to nurture over the winter and each family got a pumpkin for Halloween. Photos were posted on facebook. Thanks to parents Ash, Samantha and Dawn for helping out.

BUDGET: \$119.31

WINTER CHEESY SLIPPER CONTEST: As residents settled in for the winter, we invited them to share pictures of the cheesy slippers they wear behind closed doors. We posted them on facebook and shared photos via the community email list. Adult winner got a small Cheesemonger selection and child winner got cheezie crackers.

BUDGET: \$32.27

CHRISTMAS: Twelve Christmas carollers from the Reynar household on Cornish visited homes of older residents in Armstrong's Point so they would know we were thinking of them during the holiday season. Singing took place outside the homes.

BUDGET: \$129.39 – gift basket for carollers

JANUARY: Ice / snow sculpture contest. Residents were encouraged to make ice or snow sculptures for their front lawns - we provided tips and instructions to get them started. Two winners received gift certificates to Decadence.

BUDGET: \$30.00

FEBRUARY/MARCH: Normally we gather donations at the APA Holiday Party. This year we collected money and cards from residents and presented it to the Misericordia Health Centre.

TOTAL RAISED: \$575.00

SPRING CLEANUP: 19 families signed up to help out at the community clean up on May 8. This was a joint effort with West Broadway Residents Association. Take Pride Winnipeg supplied the litter grabbers, pointers and bags.

BUDGET: \$160.00 for gift certificates from local businesses Thom Borgen, Decadence and Hudson Bagels.

MAY AGM: New residents who moved to the point during COVID times are to receive a signed copy (while supplies last) of Randy Rostecki's "Armstrong's Point, a History" to welcome them and provide more information about our cherished neighbourhood.

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