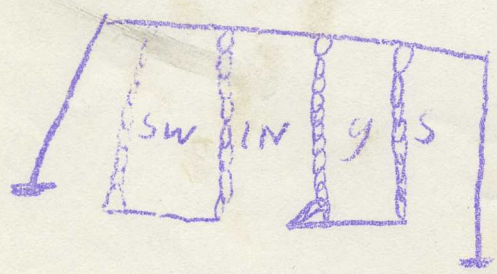
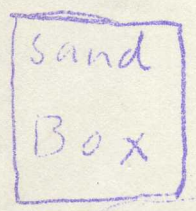
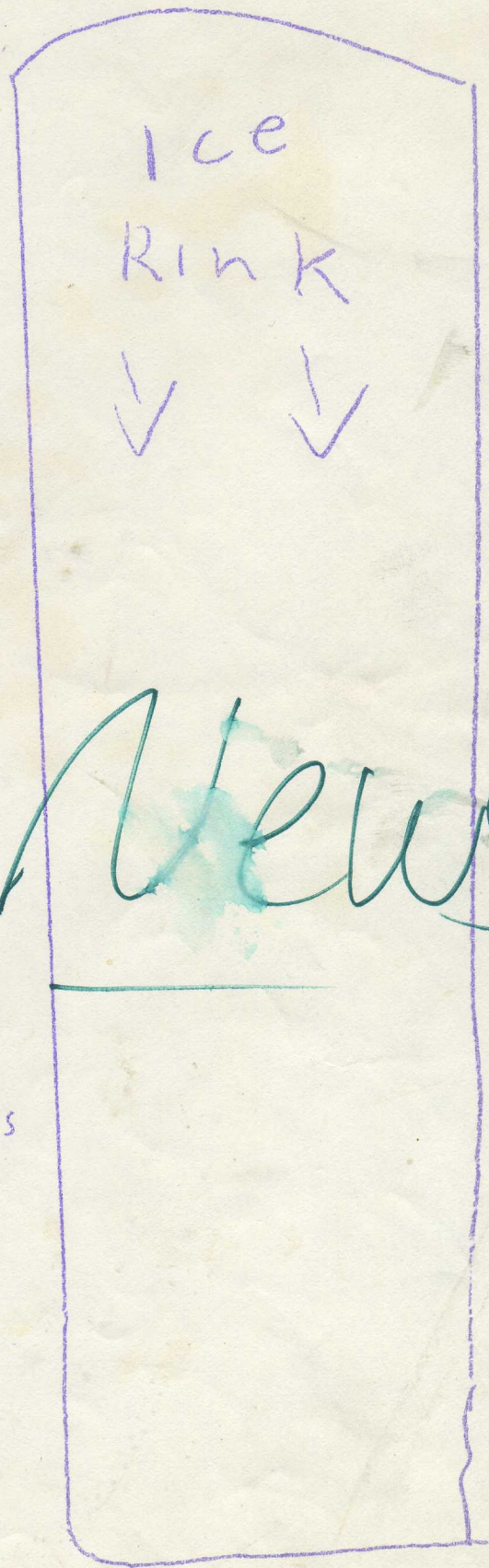
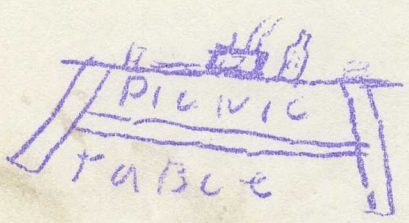


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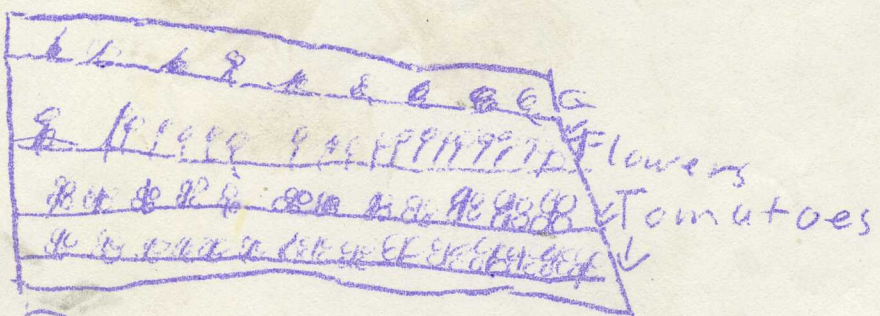


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BOARD'S

MINUTES

This general membership meeting was called for the purpose of discussing and taking a decision on the establishment of a Dachi playground for children.

The meeting began at 7.30 p.m. and was chaired by John Metson.

A report was presented which proposed nine separate areas in the suggested playground. The cost estimated for paving was stated to be approximately \$2,300; the cost for fencing, approximately \$300.

A number of members expressed concern that valuable contingency funds were going to be used for a playground when there were other vital needs in the co-op, like fire-alarms, fire-escapes, health concerns, renovations, and others.

When eventually a vote was taken whether to proceed with the paving of the playground or not, it was a tie. The chairman cast his vote in favour of the motion and the work is to start soon.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' meeting, June 18, 1979 at 7.30 p.m.

John Metson, chairman, Neil Brown, Mike Turner, Grant Patingale, Krishna Gandhi, Kay Battle, and Francis Rukevina were in attendance.

The Board approved the relocation of Frank Kubesch to 4 Dermott Place while Joseph A. Warden, Micki Laval and Loretta Deavey were accepted for membership. Warden and Laval were allocated 275C Carlton St. and 18A Spruce St. respectively.

Helmut Soldwisch gave the arrears report, stating that all commitments were being honoured.

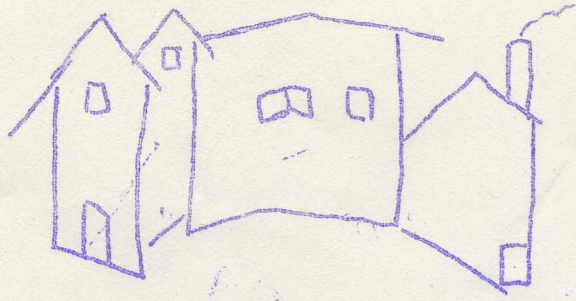
Mike Turner, of the Maintenance Committee gave a list of concerns. To receive priority are the roofs of 13 Dermott Place and 265 Carlton Street and the basements of 18 and 42 Spruce Street.

Joe Hedgepeth's letter was read regarding instalment of new fire alarms and their costs. Grant Patingale moved that up to \$20 per unit be made available for the purchase of battery operated fire alarms for housing units where at present no alarm systems exist. The motion carried.

The maintenance Committee was authorized to spend up to \$100 between Board meetings.

The Dachi News was allocated \$150 per year for its operation.

Volunteers for the Phase II committee were Eric Grunsky, Neil Brown, Krishna Gandhi and John Metson. The Board accepted this committee as its own.



AROUND THE CO-OP

- The playground will soon be a reality. The kids will have a decent place to play in. Hopefully, no more derelict cars and trucks on our property.
- The Feed Co-op, located right smack in the middle of Dashi, will start operating on Fridays and Saturdays. Dashi members are especially welcome. The co-op offers a nice variety of everything and its prices compare very well with those of the local supermarkets. Come and see for yourself. More and more Dashi people are availing themselves of our feed co-op.
- We are sorry to announce the death of Mrs. Cordelia Fournier, who lived for many years at 26 Spruce Street. Mrs. Fournier was the first to live in a renovated house of Dashi. Our sympathies to Cliff and the rest of the family.
- The Christian Resource Centre held its general annual meeting on June 19, Tuesday, and elected a new Board of Directors. Dr. T. Turner spoke on medical problems in the area and the help given to people by various projects in the Centre. Wendy Sheppard of Dashi is a member of the new Board.
- Phase 2 is to start soon. Possibly two houses will be built at the start and two other houses later on.
- The maintenance committee will be building a bulletin board near the Dashi office. All neighbourhood bits of news could be attached to it by members.
- The office advises that it still has to receive duplicate keys from a number of residents and that major repairs to leaking basements and roofs will be done in the summer.
- Those who have planted flowers on the lawn are to be commended for embellishing our co-op. Others, especially those with fronts on Carlton Spruce Streets, are encouraged to take time to plant some flowers.
- Pat Trudeau of the Home visiting Programme at CRC writes: The CRC needs volunteers for the home visiting programme to do friendly visiting, escorting, driving, errands, shopping etc. for the shut-in elderly or disabled in our area. Please let Pat Trudeau know if you have a little time to spare or know someone who would be interested (even if it is only one hour per week.) She is in the very back of 20 Spruce. Drop by or call 922-7391 or 922-8322.
- Experience 1979 at CRC. If you have children and want them to participate in this programme, call Kate or Kim at CRC, 922-7391.

SOME humour

- An Indian petitioned a judge in Saskatchewan to give him a shorter name. "What is your name now?" asked the judge.
"Big Chief Serweching Train Whistles."
"And what do you want to shorten it to?"
The Indian folded his arms majestically and said: "Tets."
- Papa fly and his little boy were walking across the head of a bald-headed man.
Pap a fly remarked to his offspring: "When I was your age, Junior, this big field was only a foot-path."
- An Arkansas grandmother was bitten on the chin by a rattle-snake, and the snake died a horrible death. The coroner's verdict was "Snuff-poisoning."
- X One man told another: "My wife is like the preacher. I don't think she could tell a lie to save her soul."
The other man said: "You're lucky. Mine can tell a lie the minute I get it out of my mouth."
- More and more doctors are running their practices like an assembly line. One fella walked into a doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had. He said "Shingles." So she took down his name, address, OHIP number and told him to have a seat.
Fifteen minutes later a nurse aide came out and asked him what he had. "Shingles," he said. So, she took down his weight, height, medical history and told him to wait in the examining room.
A half hour later, a nurse came and asked him what he had. "Shingles."
So, she gave him a blood test, a blood pressure test and an electrocardiogram and told him to take off his clothes and wait for the doctor.
An hour later, the doctor came and asked him what he had. "Shingles," he said.
"Where?" the doctor asked.
"Outside in the truck, Where do you want them?"
- Alexander the Great, Julius Caesar and Napoleon were watching the October parade in Moscow's Red Square. Alexander could hardly take his eyes off the tanks. "If I had had chariots like these, I could have conquered the whole of Asia," he said.
Caesar admired the intercontinental missiles. "If I had had such arrows, I could have ruled the world," he said.
Napoleon glanced up from a copy of Pravda which he was reading. "If I had had a newspaper like this," he exclaimed, "no one would even have heard of Waterloo!"

A Review on the General Membership Meeting of
June 11th - Playground.

Turnout at the general membership meeting concerning the playground was moderate. About 25 people showed including a few of the newer members; an encouraging sign.

Shortly after the meeting began it became apparent that there were two main issues to be settled:

- 1) approval to build the playground
- 2) approval to pave a portion of the playground at a cost of approximately \$2500.00.

From the general discussion that followed on the first point, it was unanimous that no one objected to the playground, although it was pointed out that it would be difficult to supervise.

The main concern, which occupied most of the meeting, was whether or not the paving of the playground should be approved. The points in favour of paving stated that the children of DACHI need a place to play hockey which would also serve as a less than regulation size tennis court and basketball court. It would also reduce the amount of damage done by children, although no one could say how much damage has actually been done. However, objections were raised against the paving, since there are local playgrounds already existing and a number of people were concerned as to whether or not DACHI has enough funds for the paving.

During the past two months, Joe Hedgepeth has been compiling a list of repairs and maintenance that are required around DACHI. Several of the required repairs are major and will cost several thousand dollars. There are repairs that require urgent attention, namely the collapsing wall on 263 Carlton St. and the leaking basements of 40 Spruce, 279 and 281 Carlton and a collapsing wall at 18 Spruce St. Those opposed to the paving of the playground were concerned primarily with the need of assuring there are funds for urgent and necessary repairs.

We were told during the meeting, that DACHI has \$40,000 of which \$10,000 is part of a contingency fund for upgrading the Co-op (repairs etc.), although there were no documented financial statements present to show that we actually had the money at that time. Tom Hartman asked Helmut Soldwisch (our property manager), four times, if there was enough money to pave the playground and get the repairs done. Helmut answered yes each time.

As it turned out, three motions were made:

- 1) Motion to build a playground - carried unanimously
- 2) Motion to table the paving of the playground until DACHI's Financial figures were produced - defeated 11 - 10.
- 3) Motion to pave part of the playground - Carried 9 - 8

Interestingly enough, the deciding vote was cast after the show of hands by the president, John Metson, in order to break a tie. So ended the meeting.

The entire procedure of the meeting was particularly disturbing for two reasons:

1. The President cast a deciding vote for something that he does not have to live with.
2. There was a general lack of regard for our very serious maintenance situation.

The concern over the significant number of required repairs and maintenance was brought to the meeting as a matter of urgency and it was promised that these repairs would be looked into as quickly as possible, although no commitment to dates was specified. Why not? We have lots of money according to Helmut. The list of repairs was presented to Helmut two days after the meeting in an effort to emphasize the need to get the repairs done. It is now more than two weeks later and nothing has been done on these major repairs.

In closing this review I would like to point out that most of the units in DACHI were poorly constructed and the units require continuous repairs, yet the Co-op is barely 5 years old. When one considers the state of many of the units that people leave behind them when they move out, it seems obvious that the houses will not be habitable in 25 years. Since our mortgage with CMHC is for 50 years, it looks like the Co-op won't make it. What can save the Co-Op is a substantial contingency fund that will be used to renovate the houses properly. This is not an overnight process and we must plan into the future. Considering this aspect, it is obvious that DACHI is not rich and if we don't plan now for a substantial contingency fund, DACHI won't survive. All that will be left will be a paved playground with a pile of broken dry wall covered by cheap paint.

E. Grunsky

Lets Help People Vote

In the past, the general elections of DACHI have taken place in one session at the general elections meeting. Both the nominations and elections have been held in the same place and time. This system has many disadvantages, particularly for those who can't make it on Monday nights or those who can't make it for other reasons. Its a good idea to change this procedure. The elections could be more efficient and more people could participate if we tried the following:

- 1) Nominations be open two weeks before the elections and close 3 days before the elections
- 2) Deliver a list of the nominees to each member who can make his choice prior to election night.
- 3) Collect in sealed envelopes, ballots from members who cannot make it to the meeting.
- 4) Open the ballots at the meeting.

E. Grunsky

A Gardening Tale

Good ol' Joe Hedgepath. He's a real lay-back guy most of the time. But when he sets his mind to do something he tackles it with gusto. Such has been the case when he not only undertook the cleaning of his new unit but also of his old one. Talk about work. Our dear departed Angel left a veritable slum. Whatever the work brings to your mind applies to the condition of that place. What a mess!

Anyhow, Joe tackles it, with lots of help from Jim and his son Richard. And as if this isn't enough to do Joe also pitches in to do various chores around the Co-op. Now then, I don't know about you, but when I see someone doing such things I get this feeling that unless I help too then I'm shirking my duty. So out I go. It's not bad at all. I mean, work is no great shakes by itself. But there's something special, something communicative about such activity with a neighbour. We get to know each other a little better. It gives us something in common. We feel great.

During one of our many pauses to chat and dream about near impossibilities like getting more people involved in the co-op's affairs, a little birdie saddles up to us.

"Hi," he says.

"Howdy," Joe replies. (Joe prefers talking like a cowboy instead of an English major. (something to do with not being able to make a kernel).

"What are you guys doing?" the birdie asks.

"What's it look like?" Joe responds, with his usual diplomacy.

"Doing our bit to keep co-op costs down," I jump in, worried that an offended birdie around here can cause a lot of trouble, since they outnumber us. And while their aim isn't very accurate, they can still get you dirtied.

"Yeh, that's great," says the birdie, "but while you two are doing all this stuff there are others around here who are getting paid for their labours. Three dollars an hour in a couple of cases; five in a couple of others. How much are you jerks getting? And who do you think you're making happy by all your noble efforts and ideas? The people who are getting paid probably feel you're preventing them from making more money and all the others probably think you're crazy for volunteering for anything seeing as how the management is letting things run down. And besides, any cornhusker would know that what you guys are doing only creates resentment. You yuks aren't winning friends around here by making them feel guilty for not participating."

"Hey, hold on a minute!" I said. "How dare you imply things are running down around here" The management is spending a lot of money on maintenance. Just because some bricks are falling out, paint is peeling, plaster is cracking, basements are leaking and... Oh, hell, lets skip it. God will come through."

"And I resent being called a 'jerk'," Joe jumps in. "That's nothing but an 'ad hominum' you spindly-legged chatterbox."

"Hah!" says the birdie. "And bah! to you both. You're in a no-win position. Why should you and a few others work to make this a better place, trying to save others money in the process, if those very same people don't give a hoot? Any why should you do work that a few others are getting paid for?"

"Take off, little birdie," we both say. "We've had enough of your trouble-making talk. And may the bird of paradise forget your nest number."

"Well that was a rare bird," says Joe, ducking some Pigeon shit. "Yeh," I replies, "certainly some crucial issues raised. I mean, there's no doubt that the co-op needs so-called 'professional' people to do many jobs around here. After all, it ensures that they get done. But who oversees this work? And how is it farmed out? Heaven forbid there should be any kind of favoritism."

"Well," responds Joe, "you could go and ask Helmut."
"Uh, um, uh," I reply with my usual flair for articulation.
"Or we could take it up at a board meeting".

And just then, at that very moment of critical decision - a fortune cookie lands at our feet. Trembling with anticipation we pick it up, break it open and shakily unfold the paper. Written on it were these words:

As you ramble on through life, brother,
Whatever be your goal.
Keep your eye upon the doughnut,
and not upon the hole.

Membership Outside the Co-Op

During, the last board of directors meeting of June 18th, it was pointed out that membership to the Co-op was being refused to applicants for whom a unit was not available. Concern was expressed that if memberships were awarded before a unit could be provided, then the Co-op would have too many voting members on the outside. It was stated also that membership is a prerequisite for being assigned a unit. As a result, a typical meeting constituted the Membership committee accepting an application for membership on one motion and immediately assigning the membership to a unit in a following motion. This method keeps our outside membership down but it holds back people who would like to join the co-op. It was agreed at the meeting, that the board would have to discuss this issue in the future. One suggestion was that memberships could be approved but only those assigned a unit could be eligible voters. It is interesting to note that our President does not live in DACHI and yet he has a vote. How can we solve this dilemma? Anyone have any ideas?

E.C. Grunsky.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Joe Hedgepeth

At the last general meeting I suggested that the members who do not make contributions to the Coop be charged a monthly rate in exchange for their non-participation.

I think it is reprehensible that anyone can live in our Co-op, enjoy the benefits at the expense of other members.

Its putrid that someone can fill out a membership form which requires a commitment, and then do nothing. Its distressing, dishonest, and an unpleasant indigence known as a rip-off.

Our older members, single women; blind members have a right to limited participation. I even accept that new members need a 3 or 4 month period to figure it all out. But there comes a point when healthy people have got to contribute or face a surcharge.

If we don't get more help from members, we have to face the reality of a rent increase and one really pissed-off member - me. On the basis of a \$5.00 per hour salary, I have saved the Co-op just short of \$3,000.00. (but I also spent about \$1000.00 in materials).

Neil Brown, a short term member of DACHI assured me that a rent increase is inevitable. I don't think so. With more labor from members, we don't need an increase. My conviction will always be that a Co-op does not really need any rent increases ever or ever.

Those who voted the \$2500. for paving of the playground, for the use of 8 kids and 4 adults can pay the increase - not me!

THINGS TO KNOW

A Rechargeable battery operated garden trimmer is available from Joe Hedgepeth, 261-c Carlton for your use if you want to trim around your house or walk-way. This is a recent purchase by the Co-Op, so if you wish to use it, return it so others may use it.

The board has approved the purchase of battery operated smoke detectors for all DACHI units. The detectors will be provided on the basis of one detector for each floor. If you wish to have a detector, contact Mike Turner at 281A Carlton or Joe Hedpepe-h at 261A Carlton - phone 921-0100. If you need any assistance in placing the alarms Joe or Mike will be glad to give you a hand.

Also, because of some legal complications, we cannot install permanent fire escapes. However, we will give you advice and help in installing a temporary heavy rope to allow you to flee the flames in style. If you wish to have a rope, let us know. fill out the form below or get in touch with Mike or Joe.

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NAME: Linda Sevier & Dave Dickey

UNIT: 277 B. Carlton St

No. of Smoke Detectors required: 1

Rope required: 1

of Feet: 25 ft.

Ron Ouellette and Fred Kubrsch deserve much credit for the hours they put into digging the sewer out at 11 Dermott. A 9 foot sewer hole is a shitty job, and no thanks to the uncooperative people at 11 Dermott. Their lack of cooperation cost us another \$400.00. Thanks Folks!

3 cheers to Kay Battle from an admiring fan who could not attend board meetings without her raw and vivid comments. If they don't like it, Kay, they can shove it up their pipes.

Goodbye to Neil Brown and thanks Neil for your participation and service on the Board.

40 Spruce has a chronic flooding problem. The basement gets an annual 4 to 5 inches of water. I request that the board request that Bruce Flood change his name to alleviate the problem. If that does not work, we will buy boots for Laurie.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Mike Turner and Joe Hedgepeth cleaned the eaves troughs at 36 - 38 and 40 Spruce St. on Saturday morning.

A large number of minor repairs have been completed around the Co-op in the past 3 weeks and things are planned for this Saturday morning. If you are free and want to do a few jobs, contact Joe or Mike, we have lots of jobs that need to be done.

We still have about \$10,000 to \$15,000 in major repairs to be done when the contractors' estimates come in - if we could only get the estimates.

The paid employees of Dachi have been kept busy on Spruce St. cleaning and painting. All the units are ready. We need some painters and cleaners to volunteer their help along several units on Carlton St.