

Glebe Neighbourhood Activities Group (GNAG)
Board Meeting March 19, 2014
7 pm GCC

Present: John Richardson, Geoff Kellow, Heather Irwin, Mary Tsai Davies, Suzanne Joyal, Joanne Lennon, Brad Sigouin, Michel Ouellette, Christy Oliver Clare Pearson, Nicole Allen

Regrets: Kate McCartney, Cathy McCallion

1. Quorum established.

2. Review/adopt agenda:

Michel Ouellette, Geoff Kellow

3. Review/adopt minutes from meeting of February 19, 2014:

Brad Sigouin, Michel Ouellette

4. Operational Overview

4.1 Chairperson's Report (Suzanne Joyal)

- Strategic Plan
 - We are due for a strategic plan meeting as it will two years this June since our last one; we need to review financials and risks; possible timing is this June; good discussion about how to maximize our meeting time with prep work
 - Mary and Suzanne will prepare and distribute a package prior to the meeting, which will include output of previous strategic plans and survey and results.
 - Potentially a survey of GCC users to be conducted prior to the planning session to incorporate/consider more user feedback; model on the last survey but build it further; suggestion made to include in the survey a question asking how serious to end users are certain issues, like online registration.
- GNAG Social
 - Proposed date is April 24th or 25th at Suzanne's

4.2 Pantry (Carolyn Best)

- Carolyn came in for part of the meeting to give an update on her thoughts and concerns and hopes about the future of the Pantry within the GCC. Some topics that were top of mind for her:
- She was concerned slanderous comments directed toward Mary T and wanted to make it clear that these did not come from the Pantry – they are not happy to hear that anyone should be unhappy with Mary and emphasized the Pantry's appreciation and awareness of Mary's great work at the GCC.
- She feels the community has spoken and is clear that they want a space for food at the GCC
- The Pantry understands that the space will need to be multi use and are open to sharing the space but would strongly prefer to keep their furnishings, understanding that they will be moved regularly, as they lend much to the look and feel in the Pantry

4.3 Executive Director's Report (Mary Tsai)

- March Break camp
 - A last-minute hit! Tons of last-minute registration – some days had lines at the registration counter for parents last-minute registering for the next day. Overall very successful.
- Be In The Band pub night

- Board attendance is encouraged at this event – a great venue for the youth bands to show their hard work
- A licensed event with food
- Rink Appreciation Party
 - A huge success but unfortunately not well attended by the board. Packed with community members with free hot dogs and chocolate milk and tons of activities. Overall a GREAT event.
 - Re the rink, work is underway to ensure the melt water is directed appropriately (not to neighbouring yards)
- Family in a Box theatre production
 - Looking for board attendance at the play – anyone who can attend please e-mail Mary
- John’s addition: we will soon get the city to inspect the landscaping

4.4 Treasurer’s Report (Brad Sigouin)

- Brad presents a look at the numbers, which show growth of about 3% and a projected increase in expenses for 13%...which translates to a forecasted deficit for the first time ever.
- Preschool age revenues are down – across the board for this age.
- Soccer registration is low right now but this is likely due to the snow – difficult to think of spring and grass with winter still in full swing
- Online payroll and direct deposits update: starting with the seven full-time staff as a trial. Cost is currently \$15/month. Will increase to \$50 - \$60/month if we move to a 2 – 250 transactions/month category.

4.5 Community Partners Report (Geoff Kellow)

- There is no traffic plan for the opening of Lansdowne – the city has opted for a wait and see approach, other than lowering the speed limit on Bank Street to 40 km/h from Chamberlain to Sunnyside.
- City of Ottawa is hosting “Flora 2017” – an outdoor flower show with a big following that is likely to increase “flowerage” in and around neighbourhoods.
- GCA expressing the view that they do not want to give up green space for community mail boxes.
- Metro multi-level parking garage on hold and the City is not saying why.
- Lansdowne to include a Cineplex and a Joey’s Restaurant.

4.5 Other Standing Committee Reports

- Jewelry Show/Glamour in the Glebe (Clare Pearson)
 - Work is progressing and a new poster is being developed to attract more people. It is now considered a jewelry and trunk show. Friday ticket price to increase but it will now include all-weekend entry. Teens to model and wander wearing the jewelry. Much interest from vendors but not enough room to accommodate everyone.
- Strut Your Stuff (Clare Pearson)
 - Clare has a team of helpers for this event and now needs board members with badges.

5. Adjournment:

Michel Ouellette, John Richardson