

Glebe Neighbourhood Activities Group (GNAG)
Board Meeting May 14, 2014
7 pm GCC

Present: Kate McCartney, Mary Tsai, Cathy McCallion, Clare Pearson, Christy Oliver, Joanne Lennon, John Richardson, Heather Irwin, Geoff Kellow

Regrets: Brad Sigouin, Suzanne Joyal, Michel Ouellette, Nicole Allen

1. Welcome. Quorum established.

2. Review/adopt agenda:

Clare Pearson, Christy Oliver

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

Cathy McCallion, Joanne Lennon

4. Operational Overview

4.1 Chairperson's Report (Kate McCartney)

- Pantry Contract Update
 - Furniture contract went out to tender and Randall's was selected.
 - New contract (for the space) was presented to The Pantry today.
 - Likely that art by local artists will be displayed on the walls.
- Board nomination
 - Board to receive an e-mail in the next couple of weeks re returning to their positions next year
- Strategic Planning Session Date
 - The survey that will be a key piece of input to the strategic planning session is not yet done so rather than a June meeting, we are potentially looking at late August or September. We will try to poll board for summer availability.

4.2 Executive Director's Report (Mary Tsai)

- Glebe Collegiate Institute partnership
 - Trial fitness awareness week took place at the GCI; designed to enhance their phys-ed program as an extra curricular, non competitive offering. Great instructors were on hand offering dance, bootcamp, boxing and yoga. There was a sign up process to gauge interest which didn't turn out to be indicative of whether participants would show up. The week this took place was a very busy week for the school. GCI phys-ed department is very motivated for this to succeed. They suggest a small charge to encourage kids to show up once they sign up. Considering going back during school hours to market to a captive audience.
 - We are losing the Mutchmor space for Q4 vets. There is now space at the Glebe CI which they are willing to trade for classes delivered at the school by the GCC staff.
- Community Partnerships
 - First Avenue Public School book sale winners won an activity at the GCC and the first round of winners came to the GCC today. They were presented a menu of options and they chose a music class and an art project. The kids loved it.
 - The end goal is to continue exploring community offerings through partnerships to address the changing daytime programming needs.
 - still considered strictly a pilot project.
- Q4 Registration Update

- Q4 pre-registration is going well. Closes on the 23rd of May but the GCC staff does much follow-up with families who do not respond by that date.
- No numbers available yet for open spots that will be available next year.
- Q4 vets (grades 5 and 6 students) will be moving to the GCI next year. News sent out to current Q4 families. Most fine with the change, but two families contacted Mary as they had concerns about mixing children and youth, bathroom security. Enquiries will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.
- G-Factor
 - Coming up on May 30th – a talent show with local celebrity judges; licensed event; all ages welcome.
- Online registration and website update (Joanne)
 - There are three pieces:
 - The website and how it looks
 - Where family data is stored
 - Registration system
 - There are companies that do pieces very well, for example registration but not web sites. We can elect to use more than one company – don't have to have one do both website and registration.
 - Most systems are cloud based.
 - Will continue to attend demos.
 - Dovercourt and Old Ottawa South are in more of a hurry so we'll stay in touch with their progress but there is no need to rush GNAG updates.
- 4.3 Treasurer's Report (May for Brad)

Some highlights of the numbers:

 - Increase in adult general, likely due to the popularity of the wine tasting classes and just better programming in this category.
 - *Factoid*: camp numbers today compared to last year show that we are well ahead.
 - Decrease in preschool and children and family as predicted (these are school-aged programs that are affected by full-day kindergarten).
 - Looking at reformatting some dance classes based on Kailena's upcoming departure.
 - Looking at all health and wellness for best rooms to host programs, now that the dance studio will be more available.
 - Discussed GNAG fundraisers and allocations to the Community Development Fund to build on the existing balance. More money to be moved by year's end as Strut, Jewelry and Lobster Fest not yet reflected.
- Non agenda item update from Mary about Kailena's position and how her position will be handled – all scenarios being considered – including potentially adding child and youth dance portfolios to the existing child and youth coordinators (Tim and Ally). Mary to meet with Suzanne and Michel to put together a proposal and share with the board.
- 4.4 Community Partners Report (Geoff Kellow)
 - GCA Parks Committee
 - New initiative: they don't want boards on any rinks.
 - Exploration garden underway.
 - Parking garage delayed for at least one year based on an appeal from a nearby resident.
 - Canada Post says they can use the city right of way for post boxes.
 - July 13th is the "soft opening" for Lansdowne and Glebe residents can go for a tour.

- Canderel bought two properties on Bank Street (Beer Store and the muffler shop) and they are not planning condos.
- 4.5 Standing Committee Reports
 - Strut Your Stuff (Clare Pearson): a great success with 94 entries (5 sold). Changes being considered such as leaving the art up for a longer period of time, changing the name of the event, changing the timing of the event.
 - Glamour in the Glebe/Jewelry show (Clare Pearson): new poster and new prices this year; Clare received some complaints about the \$2 entry fee for the Saturday. Friday charge (opening night with wine) increased but attendance remained the same.
 - Lobster update (Cathy McCallion): Cathy needs volunteers, some came today from GCC volunteers (10) and board is encouraged to contact Cathy if they are available. Some wine has been donated and beer negotiations are underway.

5. Adjournment:

Geoff Kellow, Joanne Lennon