



GNAG BOARD MEETING April 19, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Present: John Richardson, Elspeth Tory, Kate Weider, Brad Sigouin, Mary Tsai, Liz Izaguirre, Michel Ouellette, June Creelman, Cathy McCallion, Heather Irwin

Regrets: Clare Pearson, Geoff Kellow, Suzanne Joyal, Heather Moncur, Sarah Wilson

1. Welcome. Quorum established

2. Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting of February 15th, were approved with the following changes:

- Fix spelling of Michel's last name.
(Heather Irwin/John Richardson) **Carried**

4. GCA's 50th Anniversary (June Creelman)

June was visiting from the GCA, who are organizing the 50th anniversary celebrations. They will have a special event Sat. Sept. 30th at the community centre (afternoon and evening). Afternoon will be family friendly, evening will be concert/music ticketed event (Sneezy Waters performing). MP/MPP, mayor will likely attend. Tentative theme is "many hands, many hearts, one community".

GCA's 50th Anniversary Art project: Participatory art project could replace the upside down houses. They are still working on ideas, but possibly something with leaves/handprints. GNAG has also talked about doing a Lego version of the streetscape under the stairs in the main entrance. We could also have a big map of glebe where people can mark where they live, or a large word cloud. We are encouraged to think of ideas!

4. Operational Overview

Nothing to report from **Kate/Michel**

Executive Director's Report (Mary):

- Child Care and Early Year's Act: Not much to report. Lots of policy writing involved. Had some help from Leanne Gallop at Algonquin who provided us with lots of great information.
- Police reports: missing Heather Irwin and Geoff

Fiddler on the Roof (John):

- Huge success - sold out! Everything came together at the very end. Six shows sold out except for the preview. This helps to create a sense of community. Ages 6-69 and about 55 people in the cast, including seven whole families, came in for 6 months, two days a week. First time for many adults taking part. Good press (CBC radio). Music directors are coming back. Financial success. Collected \$24K in ticket sales, \$13K from the actors, for a total of \$37889 in gross revenue. Expenses were \$28K. With admin costs comes out about even, but great for the community.

- Article in the Glebe report in May. Would be nice to mention Susan Irvine and her team to made the costumes as volunteers. Carleton students did the video projections in the background.
- **Into the Woods:** this production is for 16 year olds and much smaller, only two shows. We don't ticket the show. Nice to have this option for people who want to do theatre but don't want to do a full production.

Canada Summer Jobs:

- We applied for funding through the federal government (Tim did the writing) for \$16,000. We have been awarded the funds for four positions (2 for special needs integration support work, another 2 floaters).

gcCafé:

- We're 6 months in and have done some fun things to adjust as we're learning. Core staff (Jordan, Nuka, Josh) are great. Recommendations have been implemented (pizza wednesdays, q4 staff snack at discount, kids menu). Every Friday we have cheap leftovers. Also adjusted food costs. Writeup in the ottawa magazine. Italian sodas, iced coffees/teas, 10% off student pricing. Expenses \$5300/\$5600 per month. Revenue about \$3000 per month but should improve with nicer weather and with camps.

5. Treasurer's Report (Brad)

- Revenue is up but our expenses have also increased. Specialty camps take up a lot more money to run, but people love it. Childcare - growth in expenses, sometimes classes not running at full capacity. Youth expenses will go up now that we don't have the gov. funding. Health and wellness - increase with new classes, found a niche for new people participating. Pottery is hit and miss.
- gcCafe - we only have 6 months of data and could be balanced out with a really busy summer. Margin is very low which is great for non-profit (should end up with 2% surplus).
- Michel said it would be nice to see the number of people served instead of just looking at the financials.
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6. Any other Standing Committee Reports

- **GNAG Arts (Mary for Clare)** Annual art show and sale coming up. Work exhibited for the month of may. Vernissage on May the 4th 6-7pm. Throughout the main foyer and lobby.
- **Sustainable Fashion Showcase (Mary Tsai):** Curated fashion show. Looking for clothing donations. Cocktails and pop up stores. Proceeds for special needs support. May 5th
- **Lobster Kitchen Party (Cathy):** June 1st. Have our band, same as last year (On Better Ground). 6:30-9:30. Bloomfields is willing to sell tickets.
- **House Tour:** looking for houses, only have one secure at the moment
- **Be in the Band:** Youth Music Night on Friday at 7pm. Cash bar and Candy Bar.

7. Motion to adjourn:

- (*John Richardson/ Brad Sigouin*) **Carried**