



Minutes: GNAG BOARD MEETING January 17, 2018, 2017 7:30 PM

Present: Geoff Kellow, John Richardson, Brad Sigouin, Elspeth Tory, Mary Tsai, Sarah Wilson, Kate Weider, Heather Moncur, Michel Ouelette, Dominique Milne, Cathy McCallion
Regrets: Liz Izaguirre, Heather Irwin, Kellylee Evans, Clare Pearson

1. **Welcome. Quorum established**
2. **Adopt Agenda**
The agenda was adopted (*Dominique Milne/ Kate Weider*)
Carried
3. **Approval of Minutes**
The minutes from the previous meeting of November 15, 2017, were approved with the (*Kate Weider/Cathy McCallion*) **Carried**
4. **Operational Overview**

Chairperson's Report (Michel):

- **Strategic plan**
 - Strategic plan: No meeting yet, but proposing next Monday at Michel's place at 7:30pm.
- **City of Ottawa Update**
 - discussion about GNAG taking over community centre bookings from the city in the next contract. There are some community centres where the transfer of ownership hasn't worked, but this shouldn't be very relevant to our situation. We would manage bookings and it would become part of our revenue stream (while staying within general city rates, prices tbd)
 - Janet is retiring (party next Tuesday at lunch). Her position is being replaced by an acting (not a permanent position).
 - Kate put together document with redundancies and overlap between GNAG and City positions
 - Next meeting with the city is taking place after March Break
 - There was some concern that the city will be less involved with renovations, upgrades, etc. if they don't have staff here. Need to make sure we include certain maintenance in our contract going forward.

Executive Director's Report (Mary)

- **Multicultural Capacity**
 - Awarded this grant \$5k very last minute. Project will be starting shortly. Two parts: new Canadian youth access to leadership programs (Glebe High School). Second part is to give new Canadian women employment skills/opportunities. Training sessions: have reached out to a catering company, OCRA (Angela). Series of 3 workshops of 2 hours each. Commercial kitchen/cook en masse/ smaller kitchen work like a café. Grant covers the training and transportation, and we get to employ them in Feb and March to work in the café, create dishes, and facilitate this space. Open for Sunday brunch, they will help out. Feb 4th start.
- **Ontario Sports and Recreation Communities Fund**



- Another grant that we're applying for (this previously funded Youthfit). Taking the same model and creating "Get up and Go", targeted for senior adults. Two year program, would start fall 2018 if successful. Have partnerships with Abbotsford, Lord Lansdowne, Villagio (have letters of support from all of them). Free fitness and sports programs at their residences and here. Total \$67K over two years. \$22K donations in kind. 10% cash commitment over the two year period.
- **Stephanie Stewart**
 - Moving to a government job. Very tough decision. Jordan will become the main face of the gccafe and coordinating catering, etc. In the interim, we have Paige Hewitt (has a degree in hotel management). Posting a position (part time). We haven't decided when this will happen. Stephanie's last day of work will be Wednesday.
- **Summer Camp 2018**
 - Just put together the guide (thank you Dominique Milne for sponsoring). Registration Feb 1st. Need to let us know anytime before then.

5. Treasurer's Report (Brad)

- Not much to report. We're in very good shape. Pete's working well with Legend right now to make sure that the reporting is more accurate. Minimum wage costs will mean some increases in camp costs. Expenses up in youth because grant is done. Pottery numbers up again! Most other numbers are the same. GcCafe is tracking the same as last year. Still have enough money in the reserves. Didn't put any in the restricted fund last year.

6. Community Partners Report (Geoff K)

- GCA: the city will be paying for new boards for a rink at Sylvia Holden Park but won't be set up until next year. In the meantime, the city has agreed to avoid salting sidewalks in the Glebe to ensure all residents have access to a rink this year.
- Energy & Carbon Project at the GCC (John): The GCA would like to show that we are reducing carbon footprint. Want to reduce energy operating costs, reduce carbon footprint by half. Sensor lights. Consultant came by and said we should do an energy audit. Board is concerned that this project does not fit within GNAG's mission statement or mandate and therefore should not come out of our budget.

Motion to adjourn (*Cathy McCallion / Kate Weider*) **Carried**