



Minutes: GNAG BOARD MEETING November 15, 2017 7:30 PM

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

1. Welcome. Quorum established

2. Adopt Agenda

The agenda was adopted (*Kate Weider/Brad Sigouin*)

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting of October 18th, 2017, were approved with the following changes: Clare wasn't there, Michel was present. (*Brad Sigouin/ John Richardson*)

Carried

4. Operational Overview

Chairperson's Report (Michel):

- Strategic plan (Michel)
 - Michel will take the lead on this. Format: group will get together (3 or 4 people) then bring it back to the group. We can reference the old strategic plan.
 - Michel doing an MBA and one of the class project of board audit - we have been volunteered for his project!
- Code of Ethics: everyone has signed the document
- City of Ottawa SLA Agreement (Kate)
 - our agreement rolls over one more time then it goes to full negotiation. Pushing back on having to use the customer service people from the city, redundant given that we have our own staff. Moving towards getting more independence and reality check on inefficiencies.
- Executive Director's Report (Mary)
 - Winter Program Registration
 - Registration is December 7th (board can pre-register).
 - Sponsorship
 - approached by RBC for Taste in the Glebe. After thinking it through, decided that it's too tricky. Many people contribute (restaurants, breweries, etc.). However, negotiating sponsoring the community theatre.
 - October 29th Halloween Party: Had about 1000 people. Wild west theme. Wonderful event, huge success.
 - Sleepout for Youth. November 30th. 6th annual Sleepout, GNAG puts out a team. Youth from Cat squad and staff members. YSB estimates 1400 homeless youth in Ottawa with few beds available in the city. Event raises money to support Ottawa's youth emergency shelters and programs. Last year the cat squad team raised over \$13000.
 - Coffee House fundraiser for Sleepout on Friday the 24th at 7pm.



- Congratulations to GNAG for winning a Canada 150 award for GNAG as outstanding youth employer in Ottawa Centre!
 - Grant awarded for leadership program targeting kids who are newly landed immigrants/refugees offering leadership programs for free. Also leadership program for immigrant women/Syrian refugees. Awarded the grant on October 29th for program starting on November 1st (!). \$5000, gnag has to match \$1000 - November to March. Have support from Glebe high school.
5. Treasurer's Report (Brad)
- Between revenues right now, not much to report.
6. Community Partners Report (Geoff K)
- Snowmania happening again this year
 - Shopping Spree in Glebe also happening
 - Hockey Rink: Boards are gone, not sure where they have gone. In other news, there is a brand new rink with boards on Parliament Hill ☹️
 - Christmas market at Lansdowne this year
 - Santa Claus Parade this weekend
 - Holiday tree lighting December 1st at Lansdowne
 - Farmers market is finally doing very well.
7. Any other Standing Committee Reports
- GreyCup Party (Mary)
 - Festival starts on Thursday until the game on Sunday. Bank will be closed between 5th and Sunnyside before and after the game except for buses. OSEG is very excited about GNAG hosting the party. On the 26th, going to stream on the big screen. BBQ and Bar.
 - Snowflake Special (Mary)
 - Registration is the 7th, Special is on the 9th. Hayride outside.
 - Taste in the Glebe (Mary)
 - sold out for premiere and main event
 - Craft fair is this weekend.
 - Opens at 6pm on Friday until 9pm. All day Saturday and Sunday.
 - Need board members to give away raffle tickets at the door on Saturday and Sunday
8. Motion to adjourn (*Geoff Kellow*)/ *Clare Pearson* **Carried**