



**CHURCH STREET  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## **Annual General Meeting of the Members Tuesday, September 27, 2011 Minutes**

### **6:00 p.m. Dinner for members, friends and guests**

The community dinner was catered by FABARNAK. Fourteen volunteers worked with chef Eric Wood and the kitchen staff to create and serve a fabulous meal.

### **7:00 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Members**

1. The meeting was opened at 7:00 by Natasha Garda, Chair of the Board of Directors.
2. **Adoption of the agenda**  
Adoption of the agenda was moved by Lisa Duke and seconded by Lee Schofield. Carried.
3. **Adoption of the minutes**  
Adoption of the minutes of the Sept 29, 2010 Annual General Meeting was moved by Lisa Duke and seconded by Pascal Dessureault. Carried.
4. **Finance and Auditor's Reports**  
Anthony Partipilo, Treasurer, presented the finance and auditor's report for 2010.  
  
Motion: Acceptance of the auditor's report was moved by Anthony Partipilo and seconded by Lisa Duke. Carried.
5. **Report of the Chair – Natasha Garda**  
Natasha discussed the Board's accomplishments in 2009/10, which include:
  - One of the Central roles of the Board is to support the Centre's efforts to raise money to support the programs and services at the 519.
  - In 2009, the Centre embarked on an ambitious strategy to increase our funding and donations by over 25% to better serve the community. In an effort to reach this target the Board members attended 2 resource development workshops with a professional fundraising to help us develop our fundraising skills

- Thanks to the efforts of the Board, staff, the City of Toronto, the Provincial Government, United Way, BMO Financial Group, Cineplex Media, Scotiabank, TD Canada Trust, and Salah Bachir who, together with over 600 donors and funders have provided the financial support necessary to help us meet our objectives of providing responsive community programs and services.
- Green Space on Church was again a huge success this year. We had over 21,000 people come to the 519 during Pride. Thank-you to Mathieu Chantelois for his support to make the Sunday probably the busiest Sunday we have ever seen at The 519. Remember all those proceeds go directly to support the programs and services at the 519 - thank you to the staff and countless volunteers who make that a reality

## 6. **Report of the Executive Director**

Maura reported on key organizational priorities:

- Continue to implement strategic and comprehensive resource development and financial planning in response to 2012 / 2013 budget pressures in the City of Toronto.
- Continue to broaden our relevance and enhance community capacity and social inclusion by increasing ways for the community to intersect with the Centre and each other – arts, culture, recreation, education, training, events, membership campaigns, park animation, etc.
- Continue to support and develop creative opportunities that foster and expand public / private community investment partnerships to support community programs and services.
- Provide strategic leadership on the Association of Community Centres (AOCC) shared services and governance review, including finalizing the measurement outcome methods on all service standards in the financial systems in support of the City of Toronto's service planning process.
- Complete the next round of community/ participant/ neighbourhood evaluation/ reviews. Use community input in the development of short and long-term strategies and develop a Centre-wide diversity equality action plan to respond to community needs and priorities for the future.
- Over the next two years establish a framework to support the development of the Centre's next Strategic Plan, with an outward focus including developing opportunities for World Pride in 2014 and the Pan Am Games in 2015.

Motion: Acceptance of the Chair's and Executive Director's Report was moved by Susan Gapka and seconded by Anthony Partipilo. Carried.

## 7. **Election of the Board of Directors – Natasha Garda**

Before meeting the candidates who have been nominated, Natasha introduced those board members who are remaining on the board and whose terms end in 2012.

- **Scott Bomhof**
- **Tyler Fleming**
- **Donald Middleton**
- **Anthony Partipilo**
- **Michael von Teichman**
- **Jeff Zoeller**

According to The 519's constitution, at least 6 Board members must live within the catchment area. There are 3 positions for "inside the catchment" candidates and 2 positions for "outside the catchment" candidates. You may vote for up to 5 candidates. Ballots marked for more than 5 candidates will be deemed to be destroyed.

Each candidate will have 3 minutes to speak in an order by a pre-set draw that was conducted by Helen Rykens and Centre Host Ken Harrower:

Inside the catchment area candidates:

- **Pascal Dessureault**
- **Margo Foster**
- **Julia Lo**
- **Pedro J Lopez**
- **Andre Papadimitriou**

Outside the catchment area candidates:

- **Derrick Navarro**
- **Jane Riccioppo**
- **Rudy Ticzon**

Random Speaking Order by draw

- **Margo Foster**
- **Julia Lo**
- **Derrick Navarro**
- **Rudy Ticzon**
- **Pascal Dessureault**
- **Jane Riccioppo**
- **Pedro J Lopez**
- **Andre Papadimitriou**

The scrutineer committee distributed and collected ballots.

## **8. Envisioning Global LGBT Human Rights**

Professor Nancy Nicol spoke about *Envisioning Global LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) Human Rights*, which is an international research project that fosters links between Canada and the Global South.

*Envisioning* is housed at the Centre for Feminist Research at York University and has been funded by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Community University Research Alliances, and is led by Professor Nicol. **The 519 is involved in the project as a partner organization. – is this true?**

*Envisioning* brings together a strategic alliance of partners with proven capacity in international LGBT human rights work with community-based partners based in Canada, India, the Caribbean, East Africa and Southern Africa.

The project will document and analyze

- i) criminalization of LGBT people,
- ii) flight from violence and persecution,
- iii) contemporary movements working to advance human rights and resist the criminalization of sexual minorities, and
- iv) the interaction between International Treaty Body Human Rights Mechanisms and LGBT rights initiatives.

The project will address the following key research questions:

1. What impacts do laws that criminalize sexual orientation and gender identity have; and what are the implications of our research findings for Canadian policy on human rights?
2. Focusing on Canada and South Africa, how are social services and governments responding to LGBT asylum issues; and what are the implications for immigration / refugee policies and services?
3. In selected locations, how are LGBT and human rights groups organizing to advance human rights; and what lessons can be learned from these struggles?
4. How do International Treaty Bodies and Human Rights Mechanisms interact with LGBT human rights initiatives?

*Envisioning* brings together academic and community-based researchers, filmmakers and students to undertake a project of applied research, participatory video, documentary film, capacity enhancement and knowledge mobilization. *Envisioning* aims to share experience, resources and knowledge, and develop policy interventions that will translate local concerns into effective strategies to address issues of criminalization, human rights and asylum issues for LGBT people.

The project will result in the following outcomes: two feature length documentaries in India and Botswana, participatory video projects with *Envisioning* partners in Kenya, Uganda, and the Caribbean to document social movement histories as human rights violations; an report on current laws and academic papers and reports on decriminalization, LGBT human rights and asylum issues affecting LGBT people in South Africa and Canada; conference participation; policy recommendations; and an international conference in Toronto with published proceedings to be produced in book form.

## **9. Recognition of Board Members**

Pascal Dessureault, the Vice Chair and Maura Lawless recognized the following Board Members who will be leaving the Board this year

Natasha Garda – 4 years of service

Lee Mark Schofield – 2 years of service

Kira Vallen – 1.5 years of service

A big thank you to all of our past and present Board volunteers.

## **10. Results of Election**

The following people were elected:

Pascal Dessureault

Margo Foster

Julia Lo  
Andre Papadimitriou  
Rudy Ticzon

Motion: To destroy the ballots. Moved by Anthony Partipilo and seconded by Susan Gapka.  
Carried

**11. Old and New Business**

None

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by Anthony Partipilo and seconded by Susan Gapka. Carried