
The 519 Church St. Community Centre

Board of Directors

Monday, October 26, 2010

Meeting # 1 (2010 - 2011)

Board Members Present: Natasha Garda, Scott Bomhof, Pascal Dessureault, Tyler Fleming, Donald Middleton, Anthony Partipilo, Lee Schofield, Rudy Ticzon, Kira Vallen, and Jeff Zoeller.

Regrets: Michael von Teichman

Staff Present: Maura Lawless, Matthew Cutler, and Helen Rykens

The meeting was opened by Natasha Garda at 6:45 PM

- 1) Welcome.
- 2) Agenda approval
Motion: To approve the Agenda. Moved by Scott Bomhof and seconded by Pascal Dessureault – Carried.
- 3) Visitors – none
- 4) Minutes of the last meeting
Motion: To approve the Minutes of the September 20, 2010 meeting. Moved by Pascal Dessureault and seconded by Lee Schofield – Carried.
- 5) Declaration of conflicts of interest: none.
- 6) Agency business – Declaration of Non Discrimination Policy. The City requires the Board to re-affirm our declaration each year.

Motion:

The 519 Church Street Community Centre declares that the organization adopts and upholds the City of Toronto policy statement which prohibits discrimination and harassment and protects the right to be free of hate activity, based on age, ancestry, citizenship, creed (religion), colour, disability, ethnic origin, family status, gender identity, level of literacy, marital status, place of origin, membership in a union or staff association, political affiliation, race, receipt of public assistance, record of offences, sex, sexual orientation or any other personal characteristics by or within the organization.

Moved by Don Middleton and seconded by Anthony Partipilo. Carried

7) Executive Director's Report – Maura reported

a) New Initiatives

Metcalf Foundation Funding has been approved for "Project Open Door" for \$67,135. This funding will help transgender people dismantle systemic access barriers through a process of education, leadership development and collaborative action. The project lead will be Kyle Scanlon.

Healthy Communities Fund for "Healthy TransAction for a Stronger Trans Youth Community project" \$46,205 for 2010-2011. The total amount approved \$124,695. The funding will promote healthy physical activity programs along with social recreation and educational opportunities to Trans youth in Toronto and surrounding areas. The project lead TBA.

b) Newcomer Services

The 519 is also participating in a 6 month City wide initiative called The Toronto Newcomer Initiative – Settlement Workers in City Facilities Project which will be one of the five pilot initiatives that will inform the City of Toronto's Newcomer Strategy. This pilot project will take place from October 2010- March 25, 2011.

c) Resto Update

FABARNAK is now operating 9-4 and will be opening from 7:30 AM to 10 PM by December 1. Positive comments about the food, décor, etc.

We will actively promote once we have a few weeks of service completed and the new staff are all trained and ready.

We are working with CUPE 2998 to gain approval for Investing in Neighbourhoods application, which would fund the social enterprise positions. Failure to obtain this funding will negatively impact our 2011 program budget.

d) 200 Wellesley Initiative

An anonymous donation to the United Way to assist the residents of 200 Wellesley will be managed through The 519. We will have a number of initiatives for residents (impacted by the fire in September) such as:

- direct funding to families who are working poor and were not eligible for the welcome home assistance
- A consultant will be hired to conduct a community consultation and develop a long term strategy to connect people with community resources

8) Chair and Executive Committee Report: Natasha Reported

a) Election of officers

Written nominations were submitted for each position.

Chair: Natasha and Pascal were nominated. Pascal declined to stand and Natasha accepted the nomination.

Vice Chair: Pascal and Scott were nominated. Scott declined to stand and Pascal accepted the nomination.

Treasurer: Anthony was nominated as treasurer and agreed to stand.

Secretary: Rudy and Jeff were nominated. Jeff declined to stand and Rudy accepted the nomination.

Motion: To appoint the following people to the executive committee:

Natasha Garda – chair

Pascal Dessureault – vice chair

Anthony Partipilo – treasurer

Rudy Ticzon – secretary

Moved by Tyler Fleming and seconded by Kira Vallen. Carried.

Motion: To appoint the chair, vice chair and treasurer as signing authorities. Moved by Scott Bomhof and seconded by Jeff Zoeller. Carried.

b) Board Meeting Dates

Motion: To approve the board meeting schedule, amended so that the December Board meeting will be on December 13th. Moved by Anthony Partipilo and seconded by Lee Schofield. Carried.

Information: After 3 absences, a board member will be asked to leave the Board. Board members may arrange to phone in to the meeting, but this may still be counted as an absence as it doesn't provide full participation.

c) Committee Volunteers

Finance Committee: Treasurer, Pascal and Jeff (Finance Manager)

Strategic Planning: Rudy, Lee and Anthony (Maura)

Advocacy: Scott, Kira, Don and Natasha (Maura and/or Program Director)

Resource Development and Communications: Rudy, Pascal, Jeff, Tyler and Don (Matt)

Human Resources Committee: Scott, Tyler and Kira (Maura)

There can be community volunteers who are not board members on some committees. Such members have to be appointed by the Board. Resource Development has 3 community volunteers and Advocacy has 1 community volunteer.

Don Middleton volunteered to be a signing authority as well, since he is the former treasurer and is in the building several times a week.

Motion: To decline Don Middleton's offer to be an additional signing authority based on his frequent visits to The 519 throughout the week. Moved by Kira Vallen and seconded by Scott Bomhof. Carried.

d) Committee Schedules:

Committee meetings have to be open to the public and may go in camera during discussions of confidential items as defined by the City of Toronto's policies. Agendas must be posted 14 days in advance.

The strategic planning committee will develop a schedule for quarterly committee meetings and quarterly reporting to the Board. In between formal meetings committees would be able to operate as a working group and would make decisions at their quarterly public meetings.

9) Human Resources Policy Committee: No report.

10) Finance Committee: Pascal reported

The monthly summary is provided every month. This report is as of Sept. 30, 2010. There are lower revenues in the café as a result of the restaurant opening later than expected. We hope to increase fundraising efforts this fall to bridge the gap. This summary is for information only. The Board approves budgets and the audit.

11) Strategic and Program Planning Committee: No report.

12) Advocacy Committee: no report

13) Resource Development and Communications Committee:

a) United Way Campaign

As a United Way Member Agency, The 519 runs a campaign to raise funds for the United Way. We are very proud of our record of 100% participation on the part of our Board and staff. No minimum donation is required and your payroll deduction at your workplace can apply to The 519's campaign.

b) Holiday Direct Mail

Normally \$10,000 to \$15,000 is raised. This year we will add a component in which Board Members will be asked to volunteer for 2 hours to phone donors and encourage them to donate. Snacks will be provided when we do this, of course.

c) Pride fundraising

We raised \$236,000 but we were over in expenses. We will reduce expenses next year. Due to the gap, we must raise an additional \$12,000 this fall.

d) Centrepiece Dinners

Prior to the AGM we discussed doing a Halloween event. However, the committee met and decided to hold a series of four dinners and invite people to enjoy FABARNAK with board members, Matt and Maura. There will be a tour of the building and an ask at the end of a fine evening.

This may be a good way to engage people over the long term, as we are introducing them to the agency and when they are familiar with what we do, they'll be interested in giving an amount.

e) Membership packages

Membership packages and member cards will be coming in 2011.

Don mentioned that he has done fundraising for The 519 in the past and that he hopes to do an event for The 519 in the future.

- 14) Correspondence:
We will formally congratulate the newly elected City Councillor, Kristyn Wong-Tam.

- 15) Emerging Issues – none

- 16) Other business

Next Board Meeting will be November 29 at 6:30 PM.

- 17) Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Anthony Partipilo and seconded by Rudy Ticzon. Carried.