



**CHURCH STREET  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## **Annual General Meeting of the Members Wednesday, September 29, 2010 Minutes**

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

The community dinner was catered by FABARNAK, the new resto-catering project at The 519. This is a social enterprise business serving locally sourced healthy food.

### **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. Forty-one voting members were in attendance, along with approximately seventy associate members and friends. Natasha welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Adoption of the agenda**  
Adoption of the agenda was moved by Lisa Duke and seconded by Earl Murphy. Carried.
- 3. Adoption of the minutes**  
Adoption of the minutes of the Sept 30, 2009 Annual General Meeting was moved by Marv Lucey and seconded by Lyle Kersey. Carried.
- 4. Finance and Auditor's Reports**  
Pascal Dessureault, Treasurer, presented the finance and auditor's report for 2009. Acceptance of the auditor's report was moved by Lisa Duke and seconded by Susan Gapka. Carried.
- 5. Report of the Chair**  
Natasha Garda spoke about the Board's role in fundraising to support the agency's programs and services. In 2009, the Centre embarked on an ambitious strategy to increase funding and donations by over 25%. Natasha recognized the Board's efforts and the contributions of our major supporters including but not limited to: the City of Toronto, the Province of Ontario, United Way Toronto, BMO Financial Group, Cineplex Media, Scotiabank, TD Canada Trust and The 519's Honorary Patron, Salah Bachir, in moving this agenda forward and enabling The 519 to provide responsive community programs and services.

The Green Space on Church was a huge success this year. Over 21,000 people came to our celebrations during Pride Week. Natasha thanked Mathieu Chantelois, past Board Chair, for his support of this event.

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

Maura Lawless thanked Natasha and highlighted some achievements of the past year. The 519's programs will focus increasingly on social inclusion and strategic partnerships. The 519 has over 300 community partners, 26 funders and an impressive team of volunteers. Maura praised the talented and committed staff team.

We completed the renovations and moved into the entire building in May. We expect the new restaurant to open this fall, providing locally sourced healthy meals and providing four apprenticeship opportunities to youth who have employment barriers. The apprenticeships will last for up to one year and will provide the youth with a good base of skills with which to enter the workforce.

In closing, Maura noted that the 13 at-risk neighbourhoods in Toronto are developing community hubs. Staff from the new hubs have looked to The 519 as a model for best practices on a number of issues, including community access to space. We are proud to have been a hub for this community for over 35 years.

Maura thanked the Board for their continuing support of and dedication to The 519.

Motion: Acceptance of the Chair's and Executive Director's Report was moved by Gary Neuman and seconded by Javier Devilla. Carried.

## **7. Election of the Board of Directors**

Natasha introduced current board members who are remaining on the Board:

Pascal Dessureault

Natasha Garda

Lee Mark Schofeld

Rudy Ticzon

Kira Vallen

There are 6 positions available and seven names on the ballot. Each candidate (listed alphabetically in these minutes and on the ballot) was invited to speak for two minutes. A draw was held to decide the speaking order.

Three candidates from inside the catchment area for 3 "inside" positions:

Scott Bomhof

Tyler Fleming

Anthony Partipilo

Motion: To acclaim the 3 candidates living inside the catchment area – Scott Bomhof, Tyler Fleming and Anthony Partipilo to the 3 "inside" positions. We will proceed with an election for the remaining "outside" positions. Moved by Brian Jones and seconded by El Farouk Khaki. Carried.

There are four candidates from outside the catchment area for 4 "outside" positions:

Don Middleton

Janaina (Jane) Riccioppo

Michael von Teichman

Jeff Zoeller

**8. Program Highlights – Janet Rowe and Eric Wood**

In the absence of Janet Rowe, Director of Programs and Community Services, Matthew Cutler, Manager of Resource Development and Communications, discussed program activities and developments over the past year.

Eric Wood, Director of Food Services and Community Partnerships, discussed social enterprise activities in the context of food services.

**9. Recognition of Board Members**

Natasha Garda recognized the following Board Members who served during the past year but have now left the Board: Jodi Hoar, Shaleena Theophilus, Troy Jackson, David White and Jake Schonfeld.

In addition, the following long serving Board Members were awarded with a photo montage recognizing their contributions:

Jessica Carfagnini – 2 years of service

Derrick Navarro – 3.5 years of service

Lyle Kersey – 8 years of service

Finally, Councillor Kyle Rae, who is leaving politics, was thanked for his 19 years of service as both a Board member of The 519 and the local councillor.

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

**10. Results of Election**

The following people were elected:

Don Middleton

Michael von Teichman

Jeff Zoeller

Motion: To destroy the ballots. Moved by Ron Lotheringham and seconded by Neil Jennings. Carried

**11. Old and New Business**

None

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by Susan Gapka and seconded by Brian Provini, Carried