
The 519 Church St. Community Centre

Board of Directors

Monday, September 20, 2010

Meeting # 11 (2009 - 2010)

Board Members Present: Natasha Garda, Lyle Kersey, Derrick Navarro, Lee Schofield, Shaleena Theophilus, and David White

Regrets: Pascal Dessureault, Jessica Carfagnini, Rudy Ticzon, Kira Vallen,

Staff Present: Maura Lawless, Matthew Cutler, Janet Rowe, Helen Rykens and Eric Wood

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

- 1) Welcome.
- 2) Agenda approval
Motion: To approve the Agenda. Moved by Lee Schofield and seconded by Derrick Navarro– Carried.
- 3) Visitors – none
- 4) Minutes of the last meeting
Motion: To approve the Minutes of the August 30, 2010 meeting. Moved by David White and seconded by Lyle Kersey – Carried.
- 5) Declaration of conflicts of interest: none.
- 6) Agency business – funding proposals – no funding proposals this month
- 7) Executive Director’s Report – Maura reported
 - a) Concerns by some community members about police meetings at The 519
Background: The 519’s Space Use Policy permits meetings by community groups, non-governmental organizations and government agencies or departments. Police forces have been meeting at The 519 since 2007 to do recruitment drives with the goal of increasing the diversity of police forces. In addition, the Toronto Police Service and Chief’s Pride Reception has been held in the community for 10 years and has been hosted in at The 519 for the past 2 years.

Since the G-20, when numerous City residents experienced negative interactions with the police, some regular participants at The 519 have questioned our policy of allowing the

police to meet at the community centre. The questioning has taken the form of two demonstrations, one inside The 519 during the June event and one outside of The 519 during a recent RCMP recruitment /information meeting.

We will contact the police through the Community Police Liaison Committee to discuss protocols when the police are in the building.

We have advised those involved in the protest that they are encouraged to use our Complaints and Appeals Policy to discuss their concerns about police meeting in the building.

In addition, we are going to hold a public meeting to list to the community's feedback on allowing police organizational meetings in the building.

8) Chair and Executive Committee Report: Natasha Reported

a) Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on September 29th from 6-9 PM. The community dinner (prepared by Eric and his team) will be served at 6 and the meeting will begin at 7.

There are 6 Board positions up for election. Three of the incumbents are not running again. The deadline for nominations was Sept. 20th and there are 7 candidates for six positions.

9) Human Resources Policy Committee: Lyle reported

We reviewed a proposal that we are not yet prepared to present to the Board. The new Board will review it when the new HR committee is constituted.

10) Finance Committee: Maura reported

Referring to the monthly board report, Maura noted that course registrations and summer camp registrations were lower than expected. The City funded COLA for the full and part time employees, but they chose not to fund it for the casual employees.

We will try to raise funds and lower expenditures so that we don't have to go into the operating reserve this year. Pride expenses were very high because of the 5 day period and this will be reduced next year.

We have received funds from the Healthy Communities Program.

11) Strategic and Program Planning Committee: Derrick Reported:

a) Program Service Evaluation Process:

Kyle Scanlon presented the Meal Trans Program. People attending are 16-64 years of age, and there is a 75% retention rate. The program is designed for street active transsexual and transgender people, but all trans people are welcome to attend.

Janet and Kyle presented information about the Trans Sex Worker Outreach Program. Former sex workers educate sex trade workers regarding safer sex and other safety issues. 80% of respondents to the survey live below the poverty line.

Derrick noted this was the last of the presentations on the program evaluation conducted in 2009.

12) Advocacy Committee: no report

13) Resource Development and Communications Committee:

The committee is meeting tomorrow to discuss a fall fundraising event, most likely on October 30, the night before the BIA street closure.

14) Correspondence:

Confirmation on the City of Toronto 2008 Report regarding the \$64,000 that we overspent on our budget. They have paid it out to us.

Direction to thank the City of Toronto for paying for our overage in 2008, in particular our computer server replacement.

15) Emerging Issues – none

16) Other business

- Next Board Meeting will be October 26 at 6:30 PM.
- October 18, 2010: Mayoralty Candidate Debate
- Councillor Candidates will be invited to an open house so that each candidate can have a table for a meet and greet.

17) Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Lee. Schofield and seconded by David White. Carried.