



MINUTES

Date | time 2/23/2021 3:30 PM by Zoom |

In Attendance

Present: Stacey M (Chair), Laura L (Coordinator), Barbara H (Secretary), Phyllis N (Treasurer), Karen R-S, Paul C

Regrets: Nichole M, Jan P

Approval of Agenda

Corrected the date of the Jan. 19, 2021 minutes

Motion: Phyllis

Second: Barbara

Approval of January 19 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Phyllis

Second: Karen

Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance is \$19,834.28, which includes the payment of all invoices and the February deposit from UW of \$833.
- The UW confirmed DPSN's funding of \$9,750 for 12 months (April 2021 to March 2022) yeaaaa
- Phyllis is purchasing the new accounting package

Coordinator's Report

- Winter Workshops
 - Registration and attendance has been very strong, indicating we should continue to use Zoom even after the restrictions are lifted.
 - Since March Break has been postponed to April, the second workshop scheduled for the week after March Break will be moved to the previous week, to avoid having two workshops in one week.

- Executive Director Peer Group (EDPG) discussed the elaborate screening policies required for the foreseeable future – another reason to avoid in-person workshops
- Facebook Postings: Laura’s son, Nico helped post DPSN material, which was a big time-saver for Laura. Nico is earning his volunteer hours.

Funding

- Dufferin Community Grant: Grant: the application was submitted by the deadline. No indication on when decisions will be announced.
- Directories of Grants:
 - Grant Station: Paul found that it requires a bio of board members. Its data appear to be out-of-date with a focus on US based granting organizations. We are not interested
 - Imagine Canada costs a monthly subscription of \$38. For two users.
 - We discussed accessing grant directories at the public library or sharing with a partner agency. Karen will ask DCAFS and Laura will ask at DuCK, or DC Moves. Paul will ask at CPWD (Coalition of Persons with Disabilities) and check to see availability at the library.
- Orangeville Highlands Rotary Club announced Community Choice Grants, five for \$1,000 each, intended for smaller organizations. Nominations are due by Feb. 28. Laura will look after this. Then we need to promote votes for our nomination.

External Workshops

- Studio Three Dance has asked for a Wednesday afternoon workshop for their dancers, age 12 to 19, who are dealing with the stress and isolation of Covid restrictions.
 - Karen offers to provide this session, with another DCAFS clinician.
 - Since this is a service of DCAFS, we will charge no fee and regard it as a great opportunity to serve as a link to a partner agency. Also a good promotion of DPSN to the students and their parents
- ECE Student interview: Karen met with some ECE students who were doing a project about DPSN – another good opportunity for outreach and information for a group who will be working with parents and their children in the future

DPSN Website

- In consideration of moving our website, Laura provided extensive detail about two platforms, Weebly and Wix.
- Discussion ensued about their merits and how much work is required to move to another platform. Some of the material currently on our website can be eliminated
- Concern was expressed about using Laura’s time for this task. Some of the transfer work could be done by a student, for volunteer hours, or through a contract at an appropriate rate of pay.
- We could also look for some specific funding for this project. Paul will look at local service clubs.
- Weebly is the preferred platform
- No action will be taken until we have a decision about the Dufferin Community Grants.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 3:30 – by Zoom
