



DUFFERIN PARENT SUPPORT

NETWORK

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date | time 02/14/2022 2:30 PM by Zoom

In Attendance

Present: Barbara H (Chair), Nichole M (vice chair), Karen R-S, Susan W (Secretary), Laura L (Coordinator)

Regrets: Phyllis N (Treasurer), Stacey M, Lauren M (Volunteer), Madison R (Volunteer)

Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes

Approved by all.

Coordinator's Report

- 1. Winter Workshops:** Registrations are going well. A few workshops have already happened with fairly good attendance. Half of the 2-part "Effective Communication" workshop has taken place.
- 2. Spring Workshops:** Laura will soon be starting to contact facilitators for the next series of workshops.
- 3. Promotion of DPSN workshops:** Laura reported that in January there were 176 new visitors and 32 returning visitors to the website. Two emails were sent out in January, promoting January and February workshops. The open rate was 40%, with about 25 clicks in each one. Facebook had 712 "likes", with posters and schedules getting the most traction. Volunteer Madison has introduced the use of "stories" to remind Facebook users that workshops are coming up.
- 4. Non-profit Recognition Week:** Laura has submitted a blurb about DPSN to be included in a local promotion of non-profit organizations. As well, a "thank you" note from Dufferin Community Foundation was received acknowledging the work that DPSN is doing for the community.

Treasurer's Report

Phyllis reported, via Laura, that the current bank balance is \$25,060.85

Financial Matters

1. **New Auditor:** It was reported that our current funders are ok with a compilation of the DPSN financials as opposed to a full audit. Given this information, we will now pursue an appropriate professional to do the compilation.
2. **United Way:** The campaign close is February 17th, and we are expecting to hear the status of our request for funding within the next couple of weeks.
3. **Resilient Communities Fund, Ontario Trillium Foundation:** This application is under review and we expect to hear the outcome of our request within the next couple of months. There will be 2 other opportunities to apply for funding in 2022: once in early spring and one in late fall.
4. **Dufferin Community Grant.** This application was submitted.
5. **Hydro One Grant:** Our application has been submitted and is under review. We expect to hear from them in the next month.
6. **Rotary Club's Community Choice Grants:** This is an opportunity to receive a grant of \$1,000. In March, the community will vote to choose 3 organizations, plus 2 more will be chosen by the Rotary Club. Barbara will nominate the DPSN.
7. **100+ Women Who Care Dufferin:** Susan will nominate the DPSN to be one of the organizations to be included in the vote on March 28th.

DPSN Policy Review

Laura will send the policies to Susan who will take the lead for this committee. Barbara will no longer be a part of this committee but will contact Alyssa to see if she is interested.

Land Acknowledgement

Laura and Barbara met with Debora Egerton, the chair of the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Centre. In terms of parenting it seems that there is consistency with what DPSN promotes. As per her suggestion, a letter was sent requesting that DPSN attend the DCCRC's AGM so that we can be officially introduced to them. There is also an Indigenous People's Day event being planned for June where we may also be able to do further networking.

As far as a Land Acknowledgement goes, after some discussion it was decided to continue to include this item in future meetings, perhaps with a broader concern about diversity and inclusion. There are questions about what might be included in an Acknowledgement and where to include it (at workshops and /or on the website.) There was also some discussion about ways of including other cultures in our work.

DPSN Office Space at DCAFS:

Dufferin Child and Family Services has asked if DPSN will be using the office space moving forward as it hasn't been used during the pandemic. Laura is ok with continuing to work from home and will contact DCAFS to see if there might be storage space available to house some of the files and other things that DPSN has been storing in the office. As this change would also affect DPSN's phone and internet, Laura will pursue options for them if the office space is no longer available.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21st, at 2:30pm, by Zoom
