



**Dufferin Parent Support Network
Minutes May 9, 2011**

Present: Pat Gardner, Barbara Horvath(recorder), Florence Martin, Kolleen McIlveen (chair), Kally Nicholson, Phyllis Noce, Joan O'Brien-Curtin,

Guest: Stacey Dittman, Darla Fraser

1. **Call to Order:** welcome to Darla Fraser, Chief Librarian, Town of Orangeville
2. **Approval of agenda:** M. Horvath, S: Florence
3. **Minutes;** To accept the minutes of the April 11, 2011 meeting as presented
M: Florence S: Phyllis
4. **Funding Project Coordinator Report:** Stacey provided a summary of her activities, April 11 – May 9, including a list of the outstanding activities for the coming month.

The Funding Request to MCYS has been submitted. Copies were distributed and include comparisons of DPSN with Peel Family Education, testimonials, overview of the Board of Directors, budget and letters of support, plus more. Stacey also outlined her efforts to meet with the Upper Grand District School Board. Several submissions are almost ready to submit to foundations.

Board members expressed our great satisfaction with Stacey's efforts, and await responses from the ministry and the UGDSB and others. Barbara will talk with Stacey about the final stages of this project.

5. Orangeville Public Library

Darla Fraser outlined the Library's strategy to increase its involvement with the community, as part of its mission to meet the interests and needs of the community; the Library's focus is on customer service. We discussed possible partnership opportunities, perhaps in providing adult parenting programming during programs for school-aged children. DPSN's promotion of library programs could be very effective in reaching more parents. DPSN might access the meeting room at Mill Street at no charge.

We suggest Darla write one of the DPSN columns in the Banner.

Darla described the way in which the R-Zone is implemented at the Library, in cooperation with the police.

6. Strategic Planning

- **AGM Planning:** Monday, June 13, 6:30 – 8:00 at DCAFS
 - Cathy Moran will talk about the R-Zone
 - Joan will place the notice of the AGM in the Banner
 - Joan will distribute the AGM script
- **Board and Officers**

- Florence announced she will not be re-nominated to the Board. We thank Florence for the two years of service she has contributed as a Board member and welcome her to continue to volunteer for special events.
- Other members are willing to be re-nominated
- Officers will remain the same, with a possible switch of VP and Secretary between Pat and Barb
- **Donner Award Application**
 - Barbara reviewed the draft application and completed a couple of questions, with input from other members.
 - She will submit the finalized application later this week.

7. Coordinators Report:

- **Newspaper columns:**
 - June: rerun Florence's column about grandparents and kids summer activities
 - July: ask Darla to write about youth reading
 - August: Kally to write about getting ready for school, incorporating anxiety concerns
 - Reserve column: Lara's column about socialization of kids with autism
- **Workshops**
 - The Substance Abuse workshop needs more registration. Lindsay, from the Citizen will write an article.
 - Joan is meeting with Family Transition Place on May 17 regarding fall programming
 - Gateway Community Centre, as part of the homelessness prevention initiative, has asked for a speaker regarding Drugs and Kids. Joan will be in touch with them in the fall.
- **Spring Fundraiser:**
 - Joan has Emailed Brook again about their invoice for expenses.
 - \$930 was taken in at the door... Excellent results!!
 - Thanks to Joan and everyone who helped make this happen.
- **Dufferin Children and Youth Festival June 11**
 - We approve \$128.52 for our insurance.
 - Paula will bring her awning for our booth, and will order a new banner with the DPSN logo.
 - Volunteers are needed for the day
- **United Way of Guelph-Wellington**
 - DPSN will participate in the UW visit to DCAFS, as part of their Seeing Is Believing day.

8. Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Phyllis reported
 - C. Campbell will audit DPSN 2010 financial statements and prepare the Charitable Tax Return.
 - We express our gratitude to A. Carson for his services over the previous 10 years. A \$50 gift certificate will be presented to him as a token of our thanks.

9. Next meeting: June 13 at 6:30 for the AGM.

Meeting adjourned: 5:20 PM