



MINUTES

Date | time 1/19/2021 3:30 PM by Zoom |

In Attendance

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

Regrets: Stacey M (Chair); Jan P; Paul C

Approval of Agenda

Corrected the date of the Dec. 15, 2020 minutes

Motion: Nichole

Second: Barbara

Approval of December 15 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Nichole

Second: Phyllis

Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance is \$21,930.59, which includes the payment of all invoices and the January deposit from UW of \$833.
- The UW funding is secure through March 2021; a reduction is anticipated for the following year
- Catherine has completed the 2019 financial statements and filed the CRA return. She still has our records
- Phyllis is considering the shift to Sage accounting package to do the 2021 books.
- We approve this purchase for approximately \$300, in principle. Phyllis will notify us by email to confirm the purchase.

Coordinator's Report

Winter schedule: there are 10 weeks between now and the end of March, not counting March break, so sufficient time to offer 10 workshops.

- The schedule will be spread among the facilitators, giving everyone one or two to share the work around
- Brainstormed about topics – eating disorders are a current high priority, along with depression among children and teens
- Consider offering workshops at times other than evening: lunch and learn; Family Day and March Break
- Workshops could include kids, particularly for creative activities

Ask a Parent Blog:

- One objective of a blog is increased exposure and outreach, to replace the column the Banner used to publish. It was a good way to raise our profile and reach people who don't see DPSN material from schools or FaceBook.
- Laura researched options and recommends either Blogger or Weebly
- Our choice should be one that is affordable and relatively easy to learn (with attention to succession planning)
- A decision is deferred to next meeting, when Laura will bring additional information

Funding

Dufferin Community Grant: application due Feb. 12

- Criteria have been changed, omitting the human services category as a priority
- DPSN can be positioned to fit under
 - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Initiatives
 - Cultural Enhancement
- Review the criteria: <https://www.dufferincounty.ca/administration/community-grant-program>.
- Laura will work on the application and will request input, ideas by email in order to submit by Feb. 12

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