



MINUTES

Date | time 11/17/2020 3:30 PM by Zoom |

In Attendance

Present: Stacey M (Chair), Laura L (Coordinator), Barbara H (Secretary), Nichole M, Phyllis N (Treasurer), Karen R-S; Amanda P. (volunteer)

Regrets: Jan P

Guest: Paul C.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Barbara

Second: Stacey

Approval of October 20 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Phyllis

Second: Nichole

Volunteer

Prior to this meeting, Paul met with Laura and two board members to explore ways in which he might assist DPSN in fundraising activities. We are happy to welcome him to today's board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance is approximately \$18,000
- Catherine has picked up the financial statements for the audit.
- Phyllis has a thank you gift for Catherine
- The Sage accounting package costs approximately \$350. Barbara will get costs of an alternative package to consider. There is no need to make a change in the near future.

Coordinator's Report

Workshops:

- Registration and attendance for the fall workshops has declined. Possible reasons are the confusing start to the school year, shifting COVID restrictions, Zoom fatigue
- There has been a poor response to the feedback surveys after the workshops. Laura will consider sending the survey as the workshop concludes.
- We discussed feedback from two participants regarding the basic information about parenting styles. Laura will talk with facilitators about balancing the provision of introductory material with presentation of the actual parenting strategies.

Promotion of workshops has been through Constant Comment and Facebook.

- Laura and Nichole attended the Dufferin Joint School Council meeting and see a possibility of having the workshop schedules distributed electronically by the schools again.
- Nichole's presentation to the United Way Lunch and Learn was very well received. Sleeman's Brewery has asked to have a video of the presentation, which we approve.
- Should DPSN expand its services to Guelph-Wellington, particularly since the GWD United Way covers that territory?
 - After discussion, we agree that there is no problem with including G-W participants in online workshops. Our priority would still be on Dufferin residents, with G-W as second. This is particularly timely when our registration numbers are low.
 - Once in-person workshops can resume, the question of delivery outside of Dufferin can be considered.

Christmas in the Park:

- The alternative plan for Christmas displays during Covid restrictions does not include ours.
- We approve a \$25 donation to the Orangeville Optimists

Grant applications: currently waiting for decisions from 2 applications

- Dufferin Community Foundation Booster Grant: Unsuccessful
- 100 Women Who Care: DPSN was not chosen
- Ontario Trillium Foundation Resilient Communities Fund: response due Dec. 2
- Dufferin Community Foundation Emergency Funding: response expected mid-December

Giving Tuesday, Dec. 1: we agree DPSN will participate

- Various suggestions were made about how best to promote DPSN participation
- Last year the Banner promoted the initiative; Laura will check on their promotion this year.
- Share a comment about why you support DPSN
- Everyone is encouraged to donate on Dec. 1
- Laura will let us know what the final plan is

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 15 at 3:30 – by Zoom
