



MINUTES

Date | time 10/20/2020 3:30 PM by Zoom |

In Attendance

Present: Stacey M (Chair), Laura L (Coordinator), Barbara H (Secretary), Nichole M, Phyllis N (Treasurer)

Regrets: Karen R-S, Jan P

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Barbara

Second: Phyllis

Approval of September 22 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Stacey

Second: Nichole

Treasurer's Report

- Bank balance is \$19,555.29.
- Phyllis is preparing the financial statements for the audit which Catherine will do.
- In the future there will be a need to move to a different accounting system, since the present system, while reliable and familiar, is outdated.
- United Way funding will stay at the present level until the end of March 2021. DPSN does not have to make a new application for 2021-22, but the level of funding will not be known until after the UW Campaign.
- One fundraising idea is a 50/50 draw. This would require initiating the process to obtain a lottery license and complete all the paperwork and accounting. We agree to not pursue this idea.

Coordinator's Report

Workshops:

- Two workshops have now been held – one with excellent numbers, one with low numbers. The Facebook Boost and listing on Eventbrite did not affect the low registration, but this seems like a one-off situation.
- 9 more workshops are scheduled this fall
- Promotion of November workshops will start this week
- Topics for potential winter workshops have been identified.

Promotion of workshops has been through Constant Comment and Facebook.

- The distribution by UGDSB depends on the local school's preferences.
- DPCDSB still distributes electronically.
- Laura will use DuCK for more promotion

- Nichole is doing DPSN presentations for United Way Lunch and Learn, and the Dufferin Joint School Council. Laura will try to get DPSN on the mailing list for the School Council

Parenting Conference:

- plans have changed considerably to now offer three workshops on Saturdays before Christmas
- This presents a complementary schedule with DPSN's weeknight workshops; we will mutually promote one another
- The church has a new website almost ready to launch.

BOSS (Branching Out Support Services)

a relatively new service provider in Dufferin, working on a pay-for-service basis with individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Community Living Dufferin has a positive relationship with them. Laura will learn more about them – as possible facilitators and mutual referral source.

Grant applications: currently waiting for decisions from 3 applications

- Dufferin Community Foundation Emergency Funding: after discussion we agree Laura will make an application to support a winter workshop schedule. DPSN has avoided winter workshops in the past, due to winter challenges. We feel this is a legitimate initiative that fits the criteria of the Fund.
- Giving Tuesday: Dec. 1, is an initiative of Canada Gives, our fundraising platform. See: givingtuesday.ca Laura will find out more about this program, which encourages people to make charitable donations after Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17 at 3:30 – by Zoom

December 15 would traditionally be our Christmas dinner – this seems unlikely in 2020.
Think of a celebratory alternative!