

OPIRG Peterborough Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2019

Attendance: Sam MacAndrew, Loretta Wood, Kelsey Cicci, Jenn MacDonald, Addison Clermont, Sogyal Samdup
Regrets: Mikey Temple, Robert Gibson, Farah Bubteina, Peter Stuart

Call to Order - 6:04

Land Acknowledgement and Discussion

Time Constraints

Check in

Board Reports

Robert – Checked bins

- Checked emails, signed cheques, helped organize the Free Market
- Learned about Indigenous issues (genocide Indigenous women and girls, stereotypes, poster campaign, Thanksgiving address)
- Posted Whose University is it? On FROOD. Met with the organizers “Whose University is it?” and talked about free market. Also attended Trick or Queer event.
- Did Free Market hours for placement student when Sam was on vacation
- Met with Sam before meeting
- Talked about OPIRG on radio show

Loretta - Emails

- called woman re: AGM paint night
- AGM planning
Policy updates
Board portfolios

Jenn – AGM planning with friendship centre, scheduling smudge kit workshop – they are not available until new year. We will reschedule AGM to new year.

- Sharing information on OPIRG with social and professional network
- Sharing OPIRG events on her social media
- Brought plants in today for thrift flip
- Provided archived how to document to board of directors

Addison -AGM planning

- Initiated/read motion to pass updated policies
- Brought some plants for thrift flip
- Signed cheques
- Prepared for provincial AGM
- Popped into pop up and tabling last week
- Checking bins
- Went to Pam Palmater talk
- Talked to other board members about letter writing campaigns

Staff Reports

Mikey - I have been talking with XR Trent about becoming a working group and will meeting with them soon. As well, I am speaking with Sustainable Trent and TUNA for a collaborative project that may be structured as a working group for campus actions against Mauna Kea telescope

Farah – Attended and helped with social media and set up the Trick or Queer event.

- Worked on Halloween posters.
- Worked creatively to come up with fun Halloween costumes from the Free Market items.
- Made Free Market Ads on Kijiji.
- Took outfit photos for future Instagram posting.
- Helped organize the Free Market room.

Sam -went on Trent Radio 2 times. Once with Kaitlyn who used to be a placement student with OPIRG and once with Robert on environmental soup. Both times I talked a lot about the Free Market, Green Dishes, and upcoming events.

- have weekly supervisor meetings with Amanda and Peter to discuss their tasks, discussing tips on conflict resolution, accessibility, language barriers, etc.
- attended a levy groups meeting. Mainly discussed the SCI: we are launching a #OptInChallenge campaign later in Nov. to get students more involved with levy groups and hoping that it will decrease opt outs. Also met with Nona Robinson to discuss ways that the university can update their website on the SCI that provides students with more positive language around levy groups.
- organized staffing for reading week while I was on vacation so the free market was still open
- Oct 29th was the Winter Clothing Drive. It was a great success with almost everything gone and many students attending. We will be having another clothing drive in January.
- Oct 31st was Trick or Queer. There were some logistical issues for the first part of the event, but eventually went well. About 35 people attended.
- Ensuring all events have event evaluations put onto Sadleirnet this year with the help of Sogyal.
- Nov 4th was Whose University Is it? Film screening and discussion on the Student Choice Initiative. About 15-17 people attended
- November 6th: Free Market Pop Up in Champlain Great Hall (about 87 people in attendance)
- later this week is Thrift Flip which is our second Waste Reduction Week event. We collaborated with TVAN to upcycling single shoes into planters and paint/personalize shoes.
- ongoing finances, admin work, and supervising placement and staff (ensuring biweekly tabling on campus, mini free market pop ups, event promotion, levy group collaborations, etc).
- November 9-10th will be OPIRG Prov meeting so I will be away from the office Monday and Tuesday to even out my hours and ensure anyone working those days has tasks to work on.
- Nov 6th is my 2-year anniversary working at OPIRG
- Some financial updates: we met our DisO sponsorship goal, receive more than estimated for Canada Summer Jobs, we will overspend most likely on local travel as there have been more events on campus but also saving a lot on the events themselves (spent about \$100 so far this semester on events (not incl. diso).

Sogyal - For each event helps with the event poster, Facebook event page, posting the event to KWIC calendar, TCSA app, Trent University calendar, sharing on all of our social media platforms and ordering posters to be printed. Did this for: Winter Clothing Drive, Trick or Queer,

Whose University Is It, Free Market Pop Up, and Thrift Flip.

-Attended and updated social media/setup and take down of events: Winter Clothing Drive, Trick or Queer, Free Market Pop Up.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by Addison, seconded by Loretta. Board consensus.

Old Business:

1. *Approval of past meeting minutes for October 16, 2019*

Motion to approve the October 16, 2019 meeting minutes.

Moved by Kelsey, seconded by Loretta. Board consensus.

2. *OPIRG Peterborough By-Laws and Policy Updates*

Passed via e-mail.

Action Item: Chairperson will update the by-laws and policies on the website, as well as board binders and in the office.

New Business:

1. *Board Portfolios*

Addison – Provincial Liaison

Jenn – Staff Liaison

Kelsey – Chairperson

Loretta – Treasurer

Robert - Outreach and Programming

Action Item: Board will review their portfolio's and start working on the tasks as outlined in them.

2. *OPIRG Peterborough AGM*

Planning to move the AGM to the new year. Aiming for the last week of January, potentially Friday the 31st. Sam is trading anti-oppression training with the Arthur newspaper for advertising space for AGM.

Action Item: Jenn will reach out to Friendship Centre to book workshop for AGM.

3. *Funding Request: Anti-Oppression Freeschool*

We were sent a sponsorship letter. Some highlights:

-I'm writing to you today to invite you to be a part of creating a very special community education opportunity. Starting with a visioning and planning weekend on the second weekend of every month the community will be invited to Friday night sessions where we will delve into anti-oppression as a whole and Saturday session that will be themed each month by focusing in on particular manifestations of oppression.

-The hope is that over the next six months we can come together regularly to build strong and true relationships and commitments that are deeply rooted in anti-colonial, intersectional and anti-oppressive understandings and approaches.

-Food Not Bombs is excited to invite community groups, organizations and the like to consider 'endorsing' this Freeschool series.

- To endorse this educational series- all you have to do is email antioppressionfreeschool@gmail.com once you've gotten the thumbs up from your group/organization/workspace/business/faculty/union... and let us know to put your name on the list of groups that are endorsing. We hope that at least one person from each 'endorsing' group can attend the November Visioning and Planning weekend.

-Each month, we need to pay Sadlier House for room rentals (about \$400 each month for all the rooms for 2 days) and we want to have some money to provide honorariums to facilitators, travel money for out of town trainers, and a bit of cash to buy thank you gifts and offerings (especially for elders and indigenous voices who will invite to help with opening and closing regular sessions beginning in December). Food Not Bombs has been saving up and will cover rent and sundries for November. We are seeking others in the community who might help us (group/organization/workspace/business/faculty/union) to secure the \$800-\$1000 each month we need to secure rent and appropriate funds to thank and honour teachers and facilitators. All sponsors will be thanked publicly on multiple platforms for their contributions.

Motion to approve \$100 sponsorship for the Anti-Oppression Freeschool.

Moved by Kelsey, seconded by Addison. Board consensus.

4. *SADfest funding request*

Addison wanted to let board members know that SADfest is coming up in the new year and had been approached by an organizer that they would be submitting a formal sponsorship request in the future.

5. *Holiday Office Hours*

Sam isn't sure if there will be enough staff and student support to cover the free market for the two weeks following December 6th, due to exams and the end of the placement semester. Sam proposes shutting down the free market for two weeks so that she can commit to strategic planning for the organization. Sam would be working from home.

Motion to approve closing the Free Market from December 9th to January 6th and allowing Sam to work from home (December 9th-20th).

Moved by Kelsey, seconded by Jenn. Board consensus.

6. *Other Business*

7. *Adjourn*

Motion to adjourn.

Addison moves, Kelsey seconds. Board consensus.

Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Action Items:

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