

OPIRG Peterborough Board Meeting Minutes
February 26th, 2020

Attendance: Robert Gibson, Angela Connors, Samm Medeiros, Maggie

Regrets: Sam MacAndrew, Jenn MacDonald, Addison Clermont, Farah, Amanda, Cara, Sogyal, Peter

Announcements:

- March 4th 12pm @ TCSA – National Student Walkout for Wet’suwet’en
 - Poster making 9:30am-12pm @ Student Centre Clubs & Groups Lounge
 - Meet at corner of Nassau Mills & Armour Rd., across from The Cabin at Trent U
- March 2-6 @ Trent U – Paper Cup Free Week
- Mar 8th 1:30 pm @ Seeds For Change – International Women’s Day
- Mar 13th 6pm @ Gzowski Dining Hall– Tar sands trial fundraiser with TUNA
- Mar 28th 10-3 @ Sadleir House – Annual Free Market Giveaway w. Staff/Board pizza party

Call to Order: 5:59pm

Land Acknowledgement and Discussion

Time Constraints

Check in

Board Reports

Angela:

- Completed conversations with staff members
- Organized schedules and in continued communication with Sam

Robert:

- Organizing meeting agenda, chaired meeting
- Signed cheques
- Represented OPIRG at levy council meeting
 - Announced a TBD Free Market consultation to Levy Council

Action item: Rob will follow up with Tia (Chair of Levy Council Committee)

- Ensuring smoothness of OPIRG while Sam is away
- brought toner cartridges in for Free Market

Samm:

- Tabled for levy refunds
- Contacted Farah about the Free Market list of places to donate
- Completed Board Profile and sent to Maggie
- Reviewing past assignments to find more places to donate

Staff Reports

Sam:

- *sharing the wet'suwet'en actions on socials*
- *processing approved sponsorship requests*
- *connecting with TQC about working group application, roles/responsibilities as well as how they receive*
- *\$100 per semester so received some receipts*
- *emailing students who requested refund to remind them of pick ups on Feb 26 th and 27 th in the student*
- *centre from 1-4pm each day.*
- *updating human resource folders*
- *timesheets, monthly remittances, reconciliation, deposits*
- *reviewing our budget*
- *catching up on PBM minutes/tasks*
- *rescheduling meetings/delegating to student staff*
- *updating board meeting minutes binder and sadleirnet*
- *website maintenance (comments/updating meeting minutes/events onto calendar)*
- *checking student staff/placement remaining hours*
- *put together monthly newsletter*
- *Vacation Feb 17-21*
- *Away Feb 24-28 for family emergency (coordinated with Board, staff and placement students)*

Maggie:

- Contacted Miles from Food Not Bombs (a part of the Wet'suwet'en sit in)
 - discussed reselling t shirts he made to donate funds to ^ community legal funds.
- Attended Poetry + Event, helped out
- Spent week digitizing files to .Sadliernet
- Sent info about board profiles

Farah:

- Created a Google Doc and shared it for the Free Market list
- Contacted Samm and worked on the Free Market list

- Created social media posts
- Covered the Free Market during the reading break
- Prepared a Green Dishes order
- Responded to emails
- Informed folks about our Green Dishes program
- Made some phone calls and promoted the Free Market Giveaway event to organizations for them to bring in folks from the shelter for the event (to get things from the Free Market)
- Tabling

Cara:

- Emails
- Orientate volunteers
- Get volunteers
- Tabling
- Self care event

Sogyal:

- Posted Tar sands fundraiser and Poetry+Movie night on Instagram, KWIC calendar, TCSA calendar, Twitter, MyTrent calendar
- Kept tally of people who entered the free market and looked after it during reading week.
- Scanned and uploaded an enormous amount of past documents onto Sadleirnet: the Trent University 'No-Sweat shops' documents

Approval of Agenda

Motioned by Rob. Seconded by Angela. Board consensus.

Old Business:

1. *Approval of past meeting minutes for February 12, 2020*

Motion to approve minutes next meeting when the minutes are edited to spell Samm's last name correctly.

Motioned by Samm. Seconded by Angela. Board Consensus.

Action Item: Samm Medeiros will ask Jenn MacDonald to edit minutes

2. *Wet'suwet'en Solidarity motion update and revised motion*

- Maggie reminded us of Miles' tshirts made to sell for fundraising - sold at cost w. any profit made going to Wet'suwet'en
- Rob, Angela and Samm liked the idea of selling T shirts
- Angela: We voted to support so Wet'suwet'en. If there is a time to do it, now is the time to show support.
- Maggie: Miles has sources to give the money directly to people, ensuring money goes to the right place.
- Rob: Could we revise the original motion to say that we are supporting Wet'suwet'en in general, and not just for the sit in/occupancy?
- Samm: We can sell the shirts at Tar Sands Trial Fundraiser.
- Angela & Rob: Yes!
Rob: What are prices?
- Maggie: Not sure yet. Will contact Miles

Motion to approve the \$250 allotted to provide resources to the local sit-in to support the purchasing of Wet'suwet'en Shirts for fundraising efforts instead

Motioned by Angela. Seconded by Samm. Board consensus.

Action Item: Maggie will contact Miles for individual tshirt prices and to express interest. Will also contact TUNA.

3. Free Market

- At the January 22 meeting, we discussed 3 Free Market Proposals.
 - More focus on Trent Campus
 - Great Hall for the Free Market Giveaway
 - Goal is to gradually move away from Free Market in OPIRG Office
- All 3 proposals written by Sam MacAndrews.
- Option 1 is considered most ideal because it is more work from OPIRG staff. People are the most involved.
- Proposal 2 - is minimal work from staff. Not the most user-friendly. Not helpful to the community as much.
- Proposal 3 - Basically the Free Market will shut down
- Rob: Changes were decided to be made because of a number of safety issues brought up. Main Concerns: Flood, Too many donations w/o a proper sorting space, community members giving Sadlier House staff a difficult time, (1) bookshelf not mounted to wall. We are behind on the proposal steps.
- Angela: The original timeline has to be revised
- Rob: Week of March 16 is best for consultation- Jenn and Samm can attend.

- Samm: Can I suggest we have multiple ways for community members to submit ideas? Like online/printed surveys and a comment box?
- Rob: And the proposals for how we will move forward can be listed in the Free Market
- Samm: Could we edit the draft of media release with the decided consultation date available to the public?
- Rob: should we host it at Sadlier?
- Angela: Must revise timeline first off
- Rob: What about the FM giveaway?
- Maggie: plan was to close the free market on the day of FM giveaway because we can still have staff help
- Angela: 4 weeks is very little time
- Samm: Not enough for adequate consultation. How will new students now that the Free Market even existed?
- Rob: What if Dis-O free Market giveaway is the last giveaway?
- Angela: Can the FM giveaway in March be the first consultation period? Since Sam MacAndrews is not here how can we know why she had planned this timeline/proposal specifically? We need more people in this conversation
- Maggie: Sam wanted to close it during the summer because there is less to do, and it can be a good time to fix up the office. Remember we will still have everything for Free Market pop-ups... in the basement.
- Angela: Stick to March 28 giveaway -- say free market is changing - were looking for community consultation -- add to media release
- Samm: Add survey and have option for consultation digitally before the giveaway
- Rob: we can even have the conversation while tabling on campus. Share surveys.
- Angela: When is Tabling?
- Maggie: 9-3pm every other wednesday. I will also work with Sam to refine press release
- Samm: How about we put a pin on the specific community consultation event and host it during the FM giveaway? We can see how we feel during the Board retreat.
- Rob: I still like having consultation options while tabling on campus before then.
- All enthusiastically agree

Motion to edit the proposal with new timeline, edit the press release to add proposal and consultation date (FM Giveaway), and develop survey for tabling and online.

Motioned by Angela. Rob seconds. Board Consensus.

ACTION ITEM: Maggie will work with Sam to complete and refine Press Release.

ACTION ITEM: Samm will develop short survey to distribute online and in person.

New Business

1. Amendment of Provincial Budget

- Robert: This is about Provincial Funding for PIRG Staff Severance. Addison brought forward a Provincial request to contribute to severance for a former Provincial PIRG employee. His email described the situation of the PIRG. This staff member had not received pay for their job and is asking for this now.
- Samm: Each PIRG has to vote on whether we will provide severance pay to the staff.
- Rob: we should contribute to severance and Addison will bring us more information about this during the board retreat
- All agree.

Next Meeting Date: March 29, 2020

Adjourn: 7:23pm

Motion to Adjourn.

Moved by Samm. Seconded by Angela. Approved.

Task Review:

Action item: Rob will follow up with Tia (Chair of Levy Council Committee)

Action Item: Samm Medeiros will ask Jenn MacDonald to edit minutes

Action Item: Maggie will contact Miles for individual tshirt prices and to express interest. Will also contact TUNA.

Action Item: Maggie will work with Sam to complete and refine Press Release, then send to Samm for the information poster.

Action Item: Samm will develop short survey and info poster to distribute online and in person to start for tabling on March 11