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OPIRG Peterborough Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2022 , 6:00 PM, Via Zoom

Minutes by: Jenn MacDonald

Facilitated by: Addison Clermont

Attendance: Jenn MacDonald, Addison Clermont, Robert Gibson, Nico Koyanagi

Regrets:

Announcements:

Called to Order: 6:03pm

Land Acknowledgement

Check-In

Staff Reports:

Nico Koyanagi, Coordinator:

- Organized and supported DisOrientation Week!
- Tabled at Clubs and Groups day as well as the Volunteer Expo – got lots of names of people who are interested in supporting with the Free Market and learning more about the Board of Directors
- Attended Levy Council Meeting
- Meeting with Arthur to set up Anti-O training for their new staff
- Internal Development Collective work planning for AGM and finalizing HR policy
- Supervising new BSW Placement student, Morgan
- Facilitated All-Collectives meeting
- Administering Trans Fund with Addison
- Coordinating Green Dishes pickups (2 orders for this week) - we also had someone drop off items for Free Market
- Coordinating button press use for Oxfam Trent
- Filled out forms for new LTD plan with Cooperators (being switched from Matrix)
- Preparing Year-End documents for accountant

- Preparing to hire for TWSP and TIP positions
- Posting on social media

Board Reports:

Robert Gibson, Chair:

- Prepared agenda for October 4 meeting
- Attended dis o events
- Helped with free market
- Introduced Nico to ODSP Advocate
- Participated in Indigenous led rally
- Participated in policy committee
- Joined hiring committee

Addison Clermont, Provincial Liaison:

- Attended Free Market Giveaway
- Attended finance and all collectives meeting for provincial
- Finalized trans fund application form
- Helped set up window display with Trent Lands Group
- Attended multiple Trent Lands meetings

Jenn MacDonald, Staff Liaison:

- Assisted in some dis-o marketing creation
- Attended dis-o film screening
- Attended and supported with dis-o all day on the Saturday
- Attended policy committee meeting
- Preparing for hiring committee

Hannah Austin - No report.

Kenzi Noble - No report.

Policy Committee

- Finalized 3 policies for consideration - credit card, gift card and in camera
- Want to discuss mutual aid further
- Need to develop politician policy
- Did not discuss new business like accessibility for hiring

Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Addison. Board consensus.

Passed Motions via Email/Slack:

1. **No motions.**

Old Business:

1. Approval of Minutes for: [September 6](#)

Motion to approve the minutes from September 6th, 2022

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Robert. Board consensus.

2. [Free Market Revitalization Proposal](#)
 - A new student staff will be working to support the program.
 - The back room will need to be organized again and there is a bag that will need to be donated of items that have been there for too long, or was not in quality condition.
 - The Free Market bins are still out on campus.
 - There has been some outreach from interested student groups.
 - The working group is not currently active.
 - Returning the Free Market to OPIRG's programming and adapting to a pop-up model.

Motion to accept and implement the Free Market Revitalization Proposal.

Motioned by Addison. Seconded by Robert. Board consensus.

3. [Sponsorship Request Proposal](#)
 - Discussion in meeting minutes from August 23, 2022.
 - Board is in consensus with developing a quarterly based sponsorship program.

- Begin promotion of changes in September 2022 for new program to start in February, 2023.
- \$3000 will be set aside from the sponsorship budget line for emergency/urgent actions i.e. rallies, events, and mutual aid etc.
- The policy committee should develop a policy around sponsorship requests and approvals and denials.

Motion to accept and implement the Sponsorship Program with the amended changes above to begin in February 2023.

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded Robert. Board consensus

Action Item: Policy committee to develop policy around sponsorships.

4. 30 seconds of reflection

5. Board recruitment strategy

- A list of interested students was gathered at the Trent Volunteer Expo
- Potential interested student talked with Jenn at the Free Market Giveaway
- Potential meet and greet event with current board members.

Action Item: Jenn to send e-blast to interested students about board recruitment.

6. Board portfolios and committees

- Tabled to the next meeting.

7. 30 seconds of reflection

8. Policies

- Approval of [gift card policy](#)
- Approval of [credit card policy](#)
- Approval of [in camera policy](#)
- Discussion around [mutual aid policy](#)
 - i. Comments from discussion added in draft policy
 - ii. Mainly clearing up language.

New Business:

1. ODSP Collaboration action

- Rob knows someone in the community who is using ODSP and is advocating for improved payments and services as many using ODSP live below the poverty line.

- Rob connected the individual with Nico and the individual mentioned a rally of some sort for awareness and advocacy
- If the board is supportive of this type of rally, Nico can connect the individual with other organizers and advocates.
- Jenn to connect with contacts at Council for Persons with Disabilities and disability advocates in the community.

2. Chapter support proposal

- There is a PIRG that are have been defunded and is trying to keep the PIRG running
- They recently got an \$18,000 renewable levy from a union but they are working on fundraising
- The equalization payment with provincial only provides around \$3000 for this PIRG which is not enough to sustain them
- Developing a chapter support fund in the provincial budget which is a sliding scale fee where PIRGs can choose the % they would like to support in this
- PIRGs have been separated into groups based on chapter revenue but parameters around these groups has not been determined
- Concerns:
 - how would Trent students feel about their levy funding potentially supporting a PIRG outside of their region?
 - Are there other fundraising opportunities that Provincial can do with their charitable status to fundraise for PIRGs
 - There needs to be more review of this proposal
 - There needs to be a more sustainable source of funding
 - Should be sliding scale that starts at 0
 - Can they go through the levy referendum process again
- The board needs more time to review this proposal.

3. Green Dishes at Sadleir House

- Discussion tabled.

4. Copyright

- Nico will be reaching out to the organization about using OPIRGs materials in their course.
- The board is in consensus that they are okay with approving the copyright
- Send Nico any questions you have

5. Winterland

- Share more ideas through email thread.

Other Business:

1. N/A

In-Camera Meeting:

None requested.

Check out

Next Meeting Date: November 1, 2022

Motion to Adjourn:

Motioned to Adjourn the Board Meeting.

Motioned by Addison. Seconded by Robert. Board consensus

Adjourned at: 8:26pm

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Indigenous Abolitionist Group
- Municipal Election - October 24th
- Winter Clothing Drive with Trent International - November 3rd

Action Items:

- **Action Item: Policy committee to develop policy around sponsorships.**
- **Action Item: Jenn to send e-blast to interested students about board recruitment.**