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OPIRG Peterborough Meeting Minutes

January 17 2024, 6PM, Via Zoom

Minutes by: Jenn MacDonald

Facilitated by: Nico Koyanagi

Attendance: Nico Koyanagi, Jenn MacDonald, Pakin Pongpaiboon, Shikhar Kadence Buttery

Regrets: Ishita Gurav, Robert Gibson, Jessica Scott.

Announcements:

Called to Order: 7:02pm

Land Acknowledgement

Check-In

Staff Reports:

Nico - Coordinator

- Supported Art Build for Palestine Solidarity action
- Met with Christian (ED of One City) to check out Trinity office spaces
- Holidays
- Clubs and Groups Day set up
- IMPACT Leadership Placement meeting and scheduling orientation with volunteers
- Applied for Canada Summer Jobs (2 X 16 week/30 hour positions - special events coordinator and programming coordinator)
- Inwendaamin Oki Meeting
- Weekly Supervision meetings with Trinity (BSW Placement Student) for the housing research project
- Organizing tenant's union meetings and planning for the Peterborough Community Symposium on Housing and Homelessness with Irene (Feb 22-23, 2024 - presenting at 10:45 am on Friday)

- Meeting with Lavina regarding collaborations for Black History Month
- OPIRG Peterborough Staff Meeting, supporting staff with planning for the Free Market Giveaway, bi-weekly newsletter, posters for Palestine, etc
- Planning for Anti-Oppression training for JUST
- Preparing T4s
- Catching up on emails!

Board Reports:

Jenn - Finance Liaison

- Sent motions to the board via email.

Robert - Ex-officio

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Kadence - Policy/Provincial Liaison

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Jessica - Board Liaison

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Ishita -

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Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motioned by Pakin. Seconded by Kadence. Board consensus.

Motions via Email/Slack:

1. **Motion to support Reframe with a \$501 sponsorship.**
Motioned by Kadence. Seconded by Jenn. Consensus reached via email and Board meeting on January 17, 2024.
2. **Motion to migrate to Microsoft 365 with a budget of \$1000 for room for contingency.**
Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Ishita. Consensus reached via email and Board meeting on January 17, 2024.

3. **Motion to support an event in memory of Suha Jarrar with a \$300 sponsorship.**

Motioned by Kadence. Seconded by Ishita. Consensus reached via email and Board meeting on January 17, 2024.

4. **Motion to approve depositing up to \$100,000 in a term deposit account(s) based on recommendations from the Peterborough Community Savings Credit Union.**

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Ishita. (Kadence in support - test for consensus via email - Addison in support)

Old Business:

1. Review of official Minutes for November 2, 2023

Can not be approved due to lack of attendance from Board members present at the November 2 meeting.

2. Review of unofficial Minutes for December 14, 2023

Can not be approved due to lack of attendance from Board members present at the November 2 meeting.

3. JUST Sponsorship

- Requested a sponsorship of \$500-\$1000 to reward students researching social justice
- The board requested more information from JUST about how the funds would be spent and dispersed to students.
- From JUST: In terms of our prizes we typically give out four prizes (one for each year of undergrad) valued at \$500. Sponsors have the choice to either sponsor an entire prize (\$500 or more) which is given out in addition to the four we provide. Or they can choose to partially sponsor a prize (less than \$500) and we would add this contribution to an existing prize (i.e. if you sponsor \$200 we would add \$300). We give the students their winnings either via e-transfer or cheque.
- Discussion about providing \$300 to JUST and providing a free Anti-O training that they have scheduled with OPIRG Peterborough that is valued at \$200.

Motion to provide JUST with a \$300 sponsorship for their social justice event.

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded Pakin. Board consensus.

New Business:

1. Approval of Addison's Resignation

- The board wants to thank Addison's dedication to the organization over the years.

Motion to approve Addison's resignation.

Motioned by Kadence. Seconded by Pakin. Board consensus.

2. Approval of Shikhar's appointment to the board as interim director

Motion to approve Shikhar's appointment to the board as interim director.

Motioned by Pakin. Seconded Kadence. Board consensus.

3. BLM Nogojiwanong Sponsorship Request

- Nico has declared a conflict of interest and recused herself from the discussion.
- BLM is a working group of OPIRG Peterborough which we have budgeted to provide \$100/per semester
- BLM is requesting \$500-\$750 to pay Black and Indigenous artists for our Black History Month Blowout, on February 23, 2024.
- Historically have provided \$500 in sponsorship for this event
- Board discussion around committing \$500 for the Black History Month Blowout

Motion to sponsor BLM's Black History Month Blowout with a sponsorship of \$500.

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Kadence. Board consensus.

4. Sponsorship Request from Peterborough Community Medicine Garden

- From request: The Peterborough Community Medicine Garden is a resource where participants can learn about the practical uses of medicinal plants, and how to identify, propagate, tend, harvest, and process herbal medicines. The purpose of the group is to disseminate herbal knowledge so that everyone can have access to effective natural healthcare and a deeper relationship with the plants they ingest. As we work alongside these plant allies we come into relationship with our bodies, the land, our histories, ancestors and the traumas that severed many of these relationships to begin with. We know that as a species, we have co-evolved alongside these plant beings and believe that by consciously working with them we can come into an embodied awareness of our interconnected place in creation. Our dream is of a healing garden in all senses of the word.
- From request: Unlike previous years where our workshops were funded (via the City of Peterborough and the United Way), this year our workshops will require registration fees. We are asking for your support to establish a fund to subsidize BIPOC and under-resource individuals interested in participating.

Motion to support the Peterborough Community Medicine Garden with a sponsorship of \$500.

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Kadence. Board consensus.

5. OPIRG-Carleton's bursary, grant, and working group applications
 - Something for the board to review for strategic planning.
 - Sent via email to the board on January 10
 - Could be something to consider in a way to honour late board members.
6. Postering support for Free Market event on January 27th
 - Looking for volunteers to support the event and to poster about the event around town
 - Suggestion to boost the post on social media
7. Committee meetings
 - Need to schedule committee meetings before the AGM

In-Camera Meeting

None requested.

Check out

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday February 6 at 6pm

Adjourned at: 8:00pm

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motioned by Pakin. Seconded by Jenn. Board consensus.

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Upcoming Free Market Pop-Up: January 27. 2023 11-2 at Emmanuel United
- February 8th - OPIRG Peterborough AGM
- The Peterborough Community Symposium on Housing and Homelessness on Feb 22 and 23.

Action Items: