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OPIRG Peterborough Meeting Minutes

March 7 2024, 6PM, Via Zoom

Minutes by: Jenn MacDonald

Facilitated by: Nico Koyanagi

Attendance: Robert Gibson, Nico Koyanagi, Jenn MacDonald, Shikhar Shrivastava, Kadence Buttery, Ishita Gurav,

Regrets: Pakin Pongpaiboon

Announcements:

Called to Order: 6:05pm

Land Acknowledgement

Check-In

Staff Reports:

Nico - Coordinator

- Helped out at Naila and the Uprising Film Screening (was a great success! A very powerful and empowering event.)
- Met with Shikhar for a brief board orientation
- Working with IMPACT volunteers to organize the office backroom and plan a RE-fashioning workshop with Sahira Q at ArtSpace as part of Free Market programming
- Supervision meetings with BSW Placement Student, Trinity, who is almost complete her first draft of her research paper
- Helping prepare for Street Petitioning and Canvassing for ACORN Tenants' Union
- Attended Levy Council Meeting
- Hosted Tenants' Rights Workshop with Laura Greenwood from the Community and Counselling Resource Centre

- Preparing for Housing and Homelessness Symposium with Irene where we presented on ACORN and the power of Tenant Union organizing and participated
- Finalized Tax Forms and updated Employee Profiles on Quickbooks for the new dental plan
- Participated in a Day of Action with the Tenants Union to demand real rent control, a ban on above-the-guidelines rent increases, and landlord-tenant board reform and presented a letter to Dave Smith's office
- Helping out with Anti-Racism Conference Tabling
- Met with Co-Chairs of Sadleir House along with Pakin and Jenn
- Met with REBOOT to discuss Migration and applied for Microsoft Non-Profit account
- Coordinating Button Press and Green Dishes pick-ups
- Attending Inwendaamin Oki Meetings

Lavina - Special Events Coordinator

- Designed the posters, helped curate the film selections through Cinema Politica and decided on Naila and The Uprising. Collaborated with Trent Arab Association for the Stories Under The Olive Tree: Palestinian movie night event on Feb 8 where \$993 was donated to the Islamic Relief for Palestine. This was also a collaboration with Islamic relief due to their fundraising clothing items.
- Attended the Human Rights and Self Determination in Palestine talk hosted by Trent IDST, in part of the workshop on community-Palestine Solidarity and BDS map showcase by Nogojiwanong2Palestine.
- Helped Nogojiwanong2Palestine with the Rally on March 2nd, and was one of the speakers.
- Made the reel for the rally, sorted through the pictures and maintained the social media aspect post rally.
- Collaborating with Trent Black Students Association and International Student Association for a movie screening on March 22nd, focused on Black women.

Riva - Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator

- Made instagram post about joining the board
- Booked Lecture Hall for AGM
- Booked a workshop/speaker for AGM
- Made instagram post for AGM
- Working on updating the volunteer page on the website
- Working on updating the postering map/guide
- Working on sending outreach emails about AGM
- Organizing refreshments for the AGM
- Making a poster for AGM

Carey - Programming Coordinator

I've been promoting green dishes, posted about it on Instagram, and the free market event was a success. I filled out the event form on Sadleir Net and even created a mini vlog for the free market. Check it out on Instagram! I'm currently planning the next free market event on April 2nd from 12-2 pm at the Trent Student Center in the event room. I'm also working on posters and creating one to promote the use of the free market bins on campus. We're collaborating with Boba Peterborough downtown, and they've given us three \$10 gift cards. I'm also looking to collaborate with Tiny Greens. Exciting stuff!

Joy - Communication Coordinator

- worked on the February newsletter
- worked on the second February newsletter
- reading up on previous anti-o and consensus training workshops
- work on preliminary graphics for anti-o workshop
- Trent Radio interview
- worked on 'Invitation to Stories Under the Olive Tree' newsletter
- created Nogojiwanong-Peterborough ACORN chapter page under working groups

Board Reports:

Jenn - Finance Liaison

- Attended meeting with Sadlier House Board Members
- Working on Annual Report for the AGM

Robert - Ex-officio

- Met with Paikin regarding board chairperson duties and tip

Kadence - Policy/Provincial Liaison

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Pakin -

- Attended meeting with Sadlier House Board Members

Ishita -

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Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda.

Motioned by Kadence. Seconded by Shikhar. Board consensus.

Motions via Email/Slack:

1. Review of official Minutes for November 2, 2023
**Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Ishita via email. Board Consensus.
(Kadence in support)**
2. Review of unofficial Minutes for December 14, 2023
**Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Ishita via email. Board Consensus.
(Kadence in support)**
3. Motion to sign onto an open letter "[Stop Genocide or Resign](#)" against genocide in Gaza
Motioned by Pakin. Seconded by Shikhar. Board consensus.
4. Motion to endorse the Nogojiwanong 2 Palestine rally
Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Shikhar. Board consensus

Old Business:

1. Review and approval of February 6, 2024 minutes.
Tabled until the next meeting due to lack of quorum from board representation at the February meeting.

New Business:

1. Investment in term deposit
 - A motion was sent via email in regards to moving capital from our account to a term deposit to be locked in for one year to benefit from the 3.5% interest.
 - The motion was as following:
 - **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. Consensus to be tested via email with the other board members (Kadence and Rob in support)
 - Test for motion again at board meeting
 - Shikhar in support. Consensus reached

Action Item: Nico to meet with PCSC to invest capital into a term deposit.

2. AGM preparation and board recruitment/nomination interviews
 - 4-5 people have expressed interest in joining the board of directors (all students)
 - Currently only 2 open positions on the board of directors.
 - Jenn and Shikhar offer support for nomination interviews.
 - *By-Law: The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. There shall be seven Directors of the Board, unless specified by special resolution, each of whom at the time of their election and throughout their term of office shall be a member of the Corporation. Four (4) Directors of the Board must be student members.*
3. Purchasing air purifier for office
 - Nico purchased a honeywell air purifier that supports 361 sq.ft. for the office to support better air flow and reduce allergens.
 - Our total office space with the storage room is 475 sq. ft.

Motion to approve the purchase of the air purifier.

Motioned by Shikhar. Seconded by Ishita. Board Consensus

4. Food Not Bombs
 - Robert has shared that FNB has been notified that they are no longer allowed to continue programming at Confederation Park without a permit. They have been operating their Monday community meals for almost 20 years without a permit (resisting bureaucracy), providing nutritious and free meals to community members in need.
 - FNB has been a long standing partner of OPIRG and caters our Annual Free Market & Vegan BBQ
 - <https://kawarthanow.com/2024/03/06/city-of-peterborough-tells-food-not-bombs-it-now-needs-a-permit-after-almost-19-years-of-serving-free-community-meals/>

In-Camera Meeting

RE: Overview of meeting with Sadleir House Board of Directors, Jules & Karol regarding OPIRG concerns of the house's direction and eviction of OPIRG from our current office space.

Motion to move in camera with invitations for Nico and Rob to attend.

Motioned by Kadence. Seconded by Shikhar. Board Consensus.

Moved in Camera at 7:30pm

Motion to move out of camera.

Motioned by Shikhar. Seconded by Kadence. Board consensus.

Moved out of camera at 8:07pm

Check out

Next Meeting Date: TBD after the AGM when new members join

Adjourned at:

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motioned by Kadence. Seconded by Ishita. Board consensus

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- OPIRG AGM on March 14th from 6-8pm.

Action Items:

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