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OPIRG Peterborough Meeting Minutes

November 2 2023, 7PM, Via Zoom

Minutes by: Jenn MacDonald

Facilitated by: Nico Koyanagi

Attendance: Nico Koyanagi, Jenn MacDonald, Addison Clermont, Jessica Scott, Ishita Gurav, Robert Gibson

Regrets:, Pakin Pongpaiboon, Kadence Buttery

Announcements:

Called to Order: 7:00pm

Land Acknowledgement

Check-In

Staff Reports:

Nico - Coordinator (Sept 7 - Nov 2)

- Sadleir House Clubs and Groups Day
- Spoke with Missy about Restoration of Harmony Event for Truth and Reconciliation day – will be planning future event in Curve Lake
- BSW Field Instructor Orientation
- Tabling at Clubs and Groups Day at Trent
- Tabling at Trent Volunteer Expo
- Orientation, learning agreement, etc with new placement student, Trinity D'Eri along with weekly supervision meetings
- DISORIENTATION WEEK EVERYTHING!
- Attended Police Budget meeting
- Anti-Oppression training for BIKE - we're hoping to do a follow-up and maybe partner on a film screening
- Attended counter-protest at city hall re: 2SLGBTQ+ rights
- Was sick the week following DisO

- Attended Provincial AGM
- Submitted proposal for event for Housing Symposium happening in February
- Palestinian solidarity rally support
- Green Dishes order for birthday party and KWIC conversations
- Supported Lynn Gehl with event Indigenous vs Western Knowledge
- Reached out to interested board member, but haven't heard back
- Spoke with Missy again to plan event for Dec 9th at the Curve Lake community Centre
- Spoke with someone from the Unitarian Fellowship of Peterborough about hosting an anti-o training for them
- Hiring for TWSP and TIP positions!
- Promotion and volunteer outreach for winter clothing drive with Trent International
- Orientation for new staff and setting up one-on-one meetings, planning for the year, and all onboarding tasks
- Inwendaamin Oki meetings
- Palestinian Solidarity Coalition meeting

Board Reports:

Addison - Staff Liaison

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Jenn - Finance Liaison

- Helped prepare thank you post for Diso
- Looking at grant applications for supporting the Free Market

Robert - Ex-officio

- Checked emails
- Was on hiring committee for TWSP and TIP
- Discussed saskatchewan parental bill of rights and messaged Addison and Victoria from provincial to see if there was action in ontario

Kadence - Policy/Provincial Liaison

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Jessica - Board Liaison

- Created and sent out Board Agenda.

Pakin -

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Ishita -

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Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the Agenda.

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Jessica. Board consensus.

Passed Motions via Email/Slack:

1. **E-motion: Motion to hire Lavina Chowdhury as TIP Special Events Coordinator.**
Motioned by Pakin. Consensus reached.
2. **E-motion: Motion to hire Joy Edralin as the Communication Coordinator, Riva Alam as Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, and Carey St. Cyr as the Programming Coordinator for OPIRG Peterborough.**
Motioned by Ishita. Consensus reached.

Old Business:

1. Review of official Minutes for October 19, 2023
Motion to approve minutes from October 19, 2023
Motioned by Jessica. Seconded by Ishita. Board consensus.
2. Sponsorship for Restoration of Harmony Event
 - \$1000 was requested for sponsorship
 - Nico suggests to provide more funding through event budget line as OPIRG is partnering on this event
 - The event has turned into a larger event - scheduled for Dec 9
 - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to build playgrounds for local youth, with beading, performances, etc. (\$15/ticket for dinner)
 - Need more funding for community space rental (\$500), artist fees (\$125-\$225/half hour), \$500+ for beadwork and artist fees, sound system/tech, rent bus to bring people from Nogo to Curve Lake
 - Recreation committee might be able to cover costs
 - Jenn suggests to reach out to grocery stores for gift in kind

Motion to provide a \$1000 sponsorship to support the Restoration of Harmony Event organized by Missy Knott.

Motioned by Jessica. Seconded by Addison. Board consensus.

New Business:

1. Sadlier House - In Camera

In-Camera Meeting:

Re:Sadlier House's letter sent October 13 saying they will hold our office space until the end of our current lease (August 31, 2024) while offering a less accessible, smaller office with shared basement space. Terms must be accepted by November 15th or they will begin looking for a new tenant for the space.

Motion to move in-camera

Motioned by Jenn. Seconded by Addison. Board Consensus.

Moved in Camera 7:11PM

Moved out of Camera 7:37PM

Action: Jenn to follow up with the board to schedule a date for further discussion prior to the deadline.

2. Sponsorship Request from Journal of Undergraduate Studies at Trent University
 - Requested a sponsorship of \$500-\$1000 to reward students researching social justice
 - Pakin made comments via email about asking for more information about how the funds will be used and what funding they currently have, as well as the suggestion for OPIRG to collaborate on some research.
 - The board is in consensus that more details are needed but they are interested in supporting the work.

Action: to follow up with JUST for more information on how the funds will be disbursed, how OPIRG will be recognized for the sponsorship, and how OPIRG can collaborate on research.

3. PATH Sponsorship Request
 - Requesting funding for their general operating costs
 - Need remaining 30% of funding goal (\$72,000) before december
 - They suggest the amount of \$100/monthly over the 3-years or for individual board giving.
 - Addison comments that their work aligns with our mission but \$100/month may be steep.

- Jenn adds that she may have a conflict of interest being that her employer is leasing PATH the land.
 - Does the nature of this request create a gray zone to support all community organizations with ongoing general operating funding whose work aligns with our mission? Can our budget support that?
 - Does this type of giving follow our sponsorship guidelines or would funding for a specific purpose or need they have be better suited?
- Nico suggests a \$50 monthly donation / 3 years
- Board agrees to ask for some more information to make a decision on support.

Action: to follow up with PATH to see if there is a specific need within the \$72,000 or if there are other direct needs they have that OPIRG could support.

4. Ontario PIRG Network Joint Statement on Palestine
 - Tabled to next meeting due to time constraints
5. Decolonizing Conference - <https://www.decolonizingconference.ca/>
 - Nico would like to attend the conference again on Nov 9 & 10 for PD, board is in consensus.

Check out

Next Meeting Date: December 7, 2023

- Jenn sends regrets for the Dec 7 meeting.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motioned to Adjourn the Board Meeting.

Motioned by

Adjourned at: 8:07PM

Upcoming Dates/Events:

- Thrive Mental Health: November 16th 6-8pm LEC pit
- Rally for Palestine - Saturday November 4 @ King Edward Park
- SAVE THE DATE - Friday Dec 1, staff & volunteer appreciation

Action Items:

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