

PEI FVPS Inc. - 29th Annual General Meeting, Part I

Wednesday, June 30, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

The Islander Motel, 146 Pownal St, Charlottetown, PE

Present: Michelle Burge, Kim McGuigan, Jonathan Chandler, Cathy McInnis, Valerie Docherty, Kim Devine, Nancy Wallace, Jill Lightwood, Valerie Campbell, Sharon O'Brien, Cathy Aylward, Daneen MacDonald, Lorne Cudmore, Gwyn Davies, Gloria Dennis, Shauna Fuller, Maureen Gallagher, Sr. Norma Gallant, Norma McColeman, Vickie Deveau, Darla Gallant, David O'Brien, Ellen Ridgeway, Patricia Roy, Valerie Smallman, Phil Matusiewicz (exofficial), Danya O'Malley (exofficial)

Regrets: Brenda Profit

Chair: Patricia Roy

1. **Moment of Silence for Colleen MacDougall (1982-2010)**

House Manager Ellen Ridgeway said a few words about Colleen MacDougall. Colleen worked at Anderson House while living on PEI to complete her graduate degree in biology at UPEI. Colleen fell ill while traveling in Africa and passed away earlier this spring. She was an amazing woman who lived life fully and was an inspiration to anyone who knew her. She is greatly missed.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

There is nothing to list under Other Business.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the agenda be approved as circulated.

M/S: Dave O'Brien / Daneen MacDonald

CARRIED.

3. **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of the 28th Annual General Meeting held June 24 & July 29, 2009 be adopted as presented.

M/S: Dave O'Brien / Sr. Norma Gallant

CARRIED.

4. **Financial Statement**

Michelle Burge reviewed the Statement of Income and Balance Sheet for PEI Family Violence Prevention Services and Second Stage Housing. This was the first year that the organization has been one entity for the entire fiscal year. This meant there were some variations in some of the expenses, since last year's revenue and expenses only accounted for six months as a provincial organization. Overall the year finished with about a \$50,000 surplus, which is a significant improvement over the \$16,000 deficit the organization ended with last year. This was mainly due to some great results in both donations and fundraising, as well as very careful monitoring of operational costs.

Second Stage housing finished with an \$1800 deficit, which is covered by CMHC. Last year Second Stage had a profit, which as per our funding agreement with CMHC must be repaid to them at year-end. The project is always a net-zero result for the organization.

5. Motion to Approve the 2009-2010 Audited Statements

MOTION: Be it resolved that the audited financial statements be accepted from MRSB Chartered Accountants for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

M/S: Lorne Cudmore / Shauna Fuller

CARRIED.

6. Motion to Appoint Auditor

MOTION: Be it resolved that MRSB Chartered Accountants be appointed as auditors for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year.

M/S: Daneen MacDonald / Shauna Fuller

CARRIED.

7. Guest Speakers

UPEI STEPS Program: Gloria Dennis and Norma McColeman spoke of their time this year in the STEPS program at UPEI. There are 20 organizations represented among the students in the class. These organizations are all responsible for the vulnerable members of society. The aim is to train the participants in interest-based conflict resolution skills. This deals with problem solving and communication over a two-year program. Typically when people are in conflict they become very positional. The purpose of learning these skills is to be able to aid people in getting to their interests, which is where common ground can most often be found. Everyone has values, hopes and needs. It is a new way of looking at problem solving, which helps all involved feel heard.

Capital Campaign: Campaign co-chairs Kim Devine and Valerie Docherty gave an overview of the Capital Campaign underway for renovations at Anderson House and Sister Properties. The Campaign launched on March 24 with a reception at the Fairholm Inn. The largest corporate donation thus far has been a platinum sponsorship of \$5,000 from Cavendish Farms. The Campaign hopes to achieve a goal of \$300,000 and we are half-way to that point already.

8. Report from Board Chair & Executive Director

Patricia Roy delivered her report as Board Chair. She gave an overview of the progress over the last 12 years that she has been involved with the organization. Since that time we have merged into one provincial organization. All employees are now unionized and Anderson House is now undergoing major renovations. She thanked everyone for their work over the years and stated that despite many ups and downs, the organization has come out on top.

Phil Matusiewicz delivered his report as Executive Director. This year was our first full year operating as a full organization. The staff is strongly committed to the provision of quality services. Phil thanked Ellen Ridgeway and Danya O'Malley for their support, and all other staff for their hard work. He thanked Pat and the rest of the board for their continued leadership and commitment.

Phil was happy to report that we are in a better financial position. We have a realistic picture to show government and we have great support within government for the work that we do. We also have a lot of community support. Major events that happened in the past year include the Women's Works Art Project and Fundraiser, the Walk in Silence as well as the proceeds from National Garage Sale Day put on by Royal LePage.

9. Report from the House Manager

Ellen delivered her report on Anderson House. Occupancy was up this year, with a total number of 90 women and 57 children staying at the house over the course of the year. Ellen is optimistic about the renovations at the House and feels that this will give the staff and team a new, fresh environment.

***See the House Manager’s Report for details.

10. Report from Outreach Coordinators

***See item 9.

11. Report from Second Stage Property Manager

***See item 9.

12. Bylaw Amendment

The organization would like to adopt the circulated policy on donor recognition. The policy sets benchmarks for individual, non-profit and corporate donations.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the policy as circulated.

M/S: Dave O’Brien / Shauna Fuller

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

13. Election of Directors

The Nominations Committee had a list of four candidates nominated for the board of directors. Patricia called for additional nominations from the floor three times. There were no additional nominations. The four nominations were thus declared as directors. They are:

Cathy McInnis, Yolande Richard, Carmela Richard, and Cheryl Schurman.

14. Other Business

None

15. Adjournment

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 29th annual meeting be adjourned.

M/S: Lorne Cudmore / Shauna Fuller

CARRIED.

FVPS Board Member

Date

FVPS – Recording Secretary

Date