

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc.
Board Meeting
Jan 26, 2011 (6:30-8:30pm)
Location: FVPS Office, Charlottetown, PE

Present: Lorne Cudmore, Daneen MacDonald, Valerie Campbell, Shauna Fuller, Nancy Wallace, Cathy McInnis, Carmella Richard, Phil Matusiewicz (exofficial), Danya O'Malley (exofficial)
Regrets: Sharon O'Brien, Yolande Richard

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as circulated.
M/S: Patricia Roy / Valerie Campbell
CARRIED.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

MOTION: That the minutes of November 30, 2010 be approved as circulated.
M/S: Daneen MacDonald / Nancy Wallace
CARRIED.

3. Alan Morse

Gave his regrets and said that he would be unable to make a presentation at tonight's meeting. Phil circulated a letter from Alan detailing the financial advantages of donors using shares or other investments as donation dollars.

4. Gloria Dennis-McVicar – Safety Circles

Gloria came to make a presentation to the board on her work with the Safety Circles project. They were formed as a community response to a heightened safety need. A woman is able to choose circle participants not only from various service providers, but also from people within her network, such as friends, family, neighbours, coworkers, etc. It is important that participants attend consistently in order for the circle to function well.

5. Rental Property in EP

Staff in the East Prince office feel that the current space is no longer suitable. There is often water seeping in, there is some mold, and even with two dehumidifiers running constantly it is still very damp. They have been trying to find alternative commercial space. Currently the one they are most interested in is more expensive than we would be able to afford, however the property owner would be willing to accept an in-kind receipt for the balance of rent over and above what we are willing to pay. Shauna suggested a parameter around not increasing the amount we currently pay for rent, which could mean finding a place for the same amount we currently pay or trying to offset costs with sharing the office space.

6. Conflict of Interest Policy

Phil circulated the updated version of the COI Policy. The board had the opportunity to ask some final questions for clarification of the policy. The motion to adopt the policy was put forth.

MOTION: That the Conflict of Interest Policy be adopted as circulated.
M/S: Cathy McInnis / Patricia Roy
VOTES: 7 In favour / 1 abstained
CARRIED.

7. Family Violence Prevention Week

February 13th marks the start of Family Violence Prevention Week. The Walk in Silence will be held on February 17, with a snow-date of February 18. The theme this year is “Friends, Neighbours and Family.” Phil circulated a copy of the brochure that has been developed. The board moved that our organization will sponsor the event. PAC and/or the Mayor’s Purple Ribbon Task Force may also sponsor some of the event.

MOTION: That FVPS sponsors the 2nd annual Walk in Silence.
M/S: Lorne Cudmore / Patricia Roy
CARRIED.

8. Capital Campaign Update

The Capital Campaign will continue to March 31. There are a few more fundraising events planned in the next two months. Phil and the Capital Campaign committee members are continuing to meet with people who are interested in putting together events to bring further support to the campaign. Phil also gave the board some up to date numbers on the revenue and expense sides of the campaign.

9. ED Report

- We have been fortunate in our efforts to secure more funding for Victims of Crime Awareness Week. We received a grant of \$8000, which will be used during the week of April 10 – 16, 2011. We have also recently made an application to the Webster Foundation with a proposal that centers on mental health, housing, life skills and advocacy.
- PAC has signed off on a Family Violence Statement. Phil circulated this to the board.
- We have received money from the Interministerial Women’s Secretariat for the development of a strangulation protocol.

10. Second Stage Housing

None

11. Other Business

None

12. Personnel

None

13. Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be February 23, 2011 in Summerside, at 6pm.

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.
M/S: Valerie Campbell / Lorne Cudmore
CARRIED.

Chair

Date