

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc.
Board Meeting
October 22, 2014 (6:00-7:30pm)
Location: FVPS Office, Summerside, PE

Present: Michelle Buttery, Bill MacLeod, Jan Link, Kathy Bigsby, Tina Pranger, Phil Matusiewicz (ex officio), Dara Rayner (ex officio)

Regrets: Sharon O'Brien, Selina Pellerin, Edgar MacLeod, Detry Carragher, Faye Kingdon

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved as circulated.

M/S: Kathy Bigsby / Jan Link

CARRIED.

2. Minutes

MOTION: That the minutes of Sept 10, 2014 be approved as circulated.

M/S: Jan Link / Tina Pranger

CARRIED.

3. Planning Session Date

The next planning session date will be November 22, in Summerside, 9:30-3:00pm
Jan stressed the importance of reading the information packet before attending the meeting.
A paper copy was given out, and will also be sent electronically.

4. September 18th Meeting with the Minister

Phil, Danya and Bill met with the Minister and staff. The information wasn't new that we presented. The approach was not to say that they are not doing enough, but that we understand the competition for money. We presented our position for need of money and asked what did they need from us to help our case? We feel they were appreciative of our approach. It never hurts to reinforce the message. We brought forward the fact that over 9 years that our budget only increased \$30,000. The Minister said we can't expect a 10% increase, and we acknowledge that. We would like to be in the position to not have to raise 25% of our budget, but 10%. If the job became too laborious, it would become a liability in terms of recruiting new members to the Board. The Minister will have internal meetings with senior staff and will be letting us know. We don't expect big developments in the next year.

The vulnerability of the organization was exposed to the Minister. At the time of the meeting, three of our four outreach workers were out (sick leave and family obligations). That statement shows the fragility of the organization. We are a 'one of' operation. We felt the point was made to the Minister, we will see what comes of it.

5. 2015-16 Budget Approval

MOTION: That the 2015-16 budget for PEI FVPS be approved as circulated

M/S: Kathy Bigsby / Tina Pranger

CARRIED.

6. A Bold Vision – Jan Link

Jan attended 'A Bold Vision' in Brudenell on behalf of the board. Jan felt that logistically it was well done. The intention was good and the opportunity to meet other women across Canada was good. Jan thought they

would be part of the process, but they weren't. In the evenings the 23 women, that were part of the Bold Vision planning, would separate from the meetings to work on the Bold Vision. The remaining attendees were not invited to be part of the vision process, which was unexpected. There ended up not being a unified bold vision. There were many social activist and human rights activists. The business sector was not well represented. Some of the visionaries had amazing stories and Jan was grateful to be able to meet those women. Jan will be circulating the vision statement from the conference.

7. ED Report

- Faye Kingdon – resigned for family reasons.
We need to find three replacements: for Faye, Jan and the position previously available.
- Harmony House
Glenda Landry is the honorary chair. This is Patsy's last year as the spearhead for HH. This year HH will feature all male entertainers, to follow up on last years all female line up. It will be on November 15th. This event has generated over \$52,000 over the past four years.
- Choir Concert – Oct 23rd
It has been a challenge selling tickets. We need to sell 100 tickets in order to cover costs.
- Book Project
People think it's a great idea, but submissions are hard to come by.
- Website
Another project that is going slow, the web developer has run into personal and business challenges.
- Standing Committee on FV – Presentation Oct 29th at 1pm
We have an opportunity to describe the services we provide; challenges we have as an organization; challenges the marginalized women we serve face such as legal, monetary, addictions etc.

8. Second Stage Housing Budget Analysis

Bill received for information. We are on track with our expenses versus revenue, but winter months with higher utility costs are ahead.

9. Other Business

Jan is moving to Kingston, ON. Jan is leaving PEI at the end of November. She regrets that her time with this board was shorter than she expected. She will be tendering her resignation for the end of November. Bill expressed his regrets to see Jan go. Jan will tender her resignation for SAS after the January meeting unless a replacement has been found before that time.

10. Personnel

None

11. Next Meeting

December 3rd, 2014 in Charlottetown
January 14th, 2015 (Plus SAS) in Charlottetown

Motion to Adjourn: Michelle Buttery

Chair

Date