

PEI Family Violence Prevention Services, Inc.

Board Meeting

April 17th, 2019 (5:30-7:30pm)

Location: FVPS Office, Charlottetown, PE

Present: Selina Pellerin, Tina Pranger, Danny Gallant, Lauren Gallant, Caroline McRae, Kent Bruyneel, Andrea LeClair Sheffler, Danya O'Malley (ex officio), Paxton Caseley (ex officio)
Regrets: Melissa Munro-Bernard, Shira Zipursky

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda as amended. Add to the agenda discussions on changing meeting date, signing authorities, and an upcoming meeting with Senator Griffin.

M/S: Kent Bruyneel, Andrea LeClair Sheffler

CARRIED.

2. Approval of the Minutes

MOTION: To approve the minutes of March 20th, 2019 as presented

M/S: Danny Gallant, Selina Pellerin

CARRIED.

A. Business

3. New Board Member

Caroline MacRae introduced to the board. She is currently a nurse working at the intensive care unit in Summerside (PCH). Kelly Aylward is no longer able to join our board at this time as she has taken on an expanded role within another volunteer role she has.

4. Nominations Committee and Review of the Terms

There are currently two vacant seats, as well as three terms coming to end in 2019. In 2020, three more seats will be coming to an end and only one member has option to re-sign. Members will be approached ahead of time. Danny and Andrea will comprise the two-person Nomination Committee.

MOTION: Appoint Danny and Andrea as the Nomination Committee.

M/S: Kent Bruyneel, Selina Pellerin

CARRIED.

5. Proposed Dates for 2019-2020

Danya circulated meeting dates for the proposed decrease of meetings to seven – including the AGM. Kent raised concerns in regard to potential cancelled meetings due to storm days and meeting fiduciary duties. Danya suggested a standing storm day to take place the week after a cancelled meeting and to follow provincial civil service closures. Snow policy to be drafted and passed at the AGM (change in the bylaws).

MOTION: To adopt the proposed decreased number of meetings.

M/S: Kent Bruyneel, Selina Pellerin

CARRIED.

6. Women's Network Discussion on Masculinity

Danny spoke about the presentation hosted by PEI Women's Network. Discussions covered ideas such as challenging social constructions of masculinity and gender roles; and the ways in which ideas of masculinity are shifting to become more fluid and changing. The issue of the subordination of women was a central concern. Arising questions such as "how to engage men and boys?" are being looked into by the Women's Network. Danny also made mention of a pilot project in junior high schools, whose effects are yet to be evaluated. Where does our organization fit into this? Creating opportunities for men to explore these ideas in a safe context as preventative work could be a possibility. Tina mentioned the

connection to the All About YOUth program. We will flag this as a potential aspect of the strategic plan.

7. SableARC/IAH Request

Upstairs offices are in need of renovation to accommodate the number of staff. Architect pointed out the inefficiency of space and can redesign the upstairs area within budget to increase space, lighting, and storage. Money would come from IAH fund. Design proposal is \$5000 and needs Board approval. IAH funding is secure, but has to be accessed through application/request. The board asked if we should approach another architectural firm. Danya said we approached a few and SableARC was the only one to respond. Two members of the board were familiar with the quality of their work and felt good about going with the firm.

MOTION: To approve the design proposal provided by Sable Arc.

M/S: Kent Bruyneel, Danny Gallant

CARRIED.

8. ED Report

- **Burger Love** – 39 restaurants agreed to participate this year. Staff and board members are asked to eat at a Give Back Burger Restaurant and take a photo we can use in a promotional post to thank each place. As of April 4th, Phinley’s has sold 2000 burgers.
- **Inn at St Peters** – Andrea, Tina, and Danny agreed to attend; we still have one seat available. Danya will contact Melissa and Shira to see if either of them would like to attend. This year we are surpassing the milestone of \$100 000 raised over the course of the life of the fundraiser. Tina will give a speech that evening. Danya would like to do something for Karen to show our appreciation for her continued support over the years.
- **Outreach: West Prince** – Julia has left her position with us to work with Child Protection. Position is currently vacant, hiring to follow.
- **City of Summerside Community Grant** – Danya reported that we didn’t receive the Community Grant from the City of Summerside. This is the third year in a row we have not received it. This seems in contradiction with the city’s position on family violence. They have a purple ribbon on their City Hall building and they have “Peace Begins At Home” on their city flag. Tina and Kent suggest setting up a face-to-face meeting with the mayor to discuss the partnership.
- **Senator Griffin** – Danya will be meeting with the Senator in lieu of giving testimony to the Senate Committee reviewing the gun control bill. Jill Kilfoil and Susan Maynard will attend as well.

9. Second Stage and SAS

Occupancy Report – At capacity. Tina was given a tour of Second Stage on Sunday by Ellen, which was found to be very important and beneficial.

- 10. Signing Authority** – Danny inquired about possibly expanding signing authorities for projects such as purchasing kitchen appliances in Second Stage and SAS in lieu of electronic board meetings for approval. Lauren pointed out that this is a CMHC standard and should be abided by. Additionally, Second Stage and SAS expenditures require board authorization as they are different entities and don’t fall under the FVPS agreement that the ED has authority to approve expenditures up to \$2,000. All SS/SAS capital expenditures requires board approval, and given that these are often needed in a timely way we achieve this through the online approval system. While cumbersome, we must continue this practice.

B. Leadership

11. Victim Serving Agencies on PEI –

Presentation given by Danya.

12. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment

(May 15, 2019 – 5:30pm)

Motion to adjourn – Kent Bruyneel

Chair

Date

Secretary

Date