

**Greater Moncton Association for Community Living
Board of Directors Meeting
GMACL Board Room, St. Bernard's Church Rectory
December 6th, 2011**

DRAFT MINUTES:

PRESENT:

Denise Kinnie, Kate Cober, Lucas Cober, Kourtney Stephenson, Brian Connors, Al Caissie, Terry MacTavish-Hawkes, Connie Melanson-Savoy, Monique Pelletier.

REGRETS:

Normand Robichaud, Chelsea Pridham, Pascale LeBrasseur, Stephane Amirault

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Denise Kinnie, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM and thanked everyone for coming to the last meeting of 2011.

2. AGENDA:

The agenda for the meeting was reviewed. Connie requested that Monique's FLEX report be moved up on the agenda because Monique had to leave early. Terry motioned that the board accept the amended agenda, Brian seconded. All were in favour.

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES:

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Kate motioned that the minutes be accepted as read. Al seconded. All were in favour.

Motion Carried

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Pascale was ill and unable to attend the meeting; Connie indicated that she would deliver what financial information she had in terms of Trees during the fundraising committee's report.

5. FLEX REPORT:

Monique delivered the FLEX report. She has been busy again this month. Some of her time this past month has been supporting the involvement of the individuals she works with in the Trees Event. She is still networking and has completed her workshop series on disagreement resolution; these workshops will restart on January 10th. Monique also received a phone call from a person offering to do free web design, which would involve GMACL having to pay \$25 a month for the posting. The board elected not to pursue this.

6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Connie delivered her written report to the board. She has had the usual mountain of school and family meetings, and as well has been very busy with Trees. GMACLs insurance expires on December 15th, and Connie will fill out the forms for that at the end of this week.

Connie also updated the board as to the status of Monique's FLEX contract. She and Monique have reviewed her position and Connie reported that Monique is doing a great job. Monique has requested a raise, and this money is already built into the FLEX grant. Her raise will be retroactive to July. Connie clarified for the board that this money is still coming from the FLEX contract, not from GMACLs regular funds.

Denise raised a concern regarding the relationships we have with other organizations in the area, specifically the extent to which Connie is actively involved in other boards and committees, and worried that Connie is spreading herself too thin. Connie emphasized that she believes it is valuable for her to work with other organizations in the area, and that this has a positive benefit for GMACL and the families we serve. Kate further emphasized the benefits for both GMACL and GMDSS and the families they serve based on her experience with the GMACL and GMDSS partnership. All agreed that the relationships were important, but the question was asked if it is possible to network and maintain some of these relationships without actually sitting on and participating with each committee or board.

7. COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Fundraising: Trees for a Brighter Future raised \$21 000-24 000 gross. Matching funds from Scotiabank (St. George Street Branch) are as yet unconfirmed. Thank-you cards are being sent out and Al raised a question of why there was no donations box present at the event, as he felt that people would have donated money had there been one. The fundraising committee is going to meet in January to discuss this event and our other events as well.

Nominations: No news to report.

Governance: Denise has emailed the Fredericton ACL group to see if they have done anything with their bylaws, as we have sent them ours to look at. This committee is looking at reviewing the membership list and the idea of membership fees, which are currently only sporadically enforced.

Management: This committee has plans to meet in January.

25th Anniversary: Terry is looking to find old board members to be present at the 25th anniversary AGM this year.

8. OTHER REPORTS:

NBACL Representative: Normand was absent, but Denise has recently spoken with Jennifer Joncas, who indicated to her that NBACL was hiring a Family Support Manager for the Moncton area. Kate questioned if Norm was planning on staying on our board in his current capacity, given the distance he has to drive to make meetings.

People First: Brian delivered the People First report to the board. The Moncton branch has found a new advisor in Stephane Amirault, who has offered and been accepted by the group.

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

Connie raised a question as to whether the board wants to be voting to approve reports, as we have not done so in several meetings. It was discussed that the director's report, committee reports, etc. are for information and may not need to be approved by the board, but it was decided that this would be revisited.

10. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM. The next meeting is as previously scheduled, Tuesday, January 17th, 2012, 6:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Lucas Cober