

GREATER MONCTON ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting  
GMACL Board Room, St. Bernard's Church, Rectory  
Tuesday, 29 September 2009, 6:00 pm

MINUTES:

PRESENT: Terry MacTavish-Hawkes, Stephane Amirault, Lucas Cober, Ralph Dingwell, Mike Ogden, Chris Moore, Pat Crawford, Connie Melanson-Savoy, Lois Anne MacGregor, Patricia Kimball

GUESTS: Cheryl LeBlanc, Normand Robichaud

REGRETS: Joe Landry, Ken Stevens

1. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Terry MacTavish-Hawkes, President, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Guests were welcomed.

2. AGENDA:

Terry asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

On a motion/seconded Lucas Cober / Mike Ogden "to approve Agenda as presented."

Motion Carried

3. MINUTES OF 28 May 2009:

A moment was taken to read the minutes from the Board Meeting of 28 May 2009. On a motion moved by / seconded by Pat Kimball / Lois Anne MacGregor "to accept the minutes of 28 May 2009 as presented."

Motion Carried

4. FINANCIAL REPORT:

All financial statements can be "ratified" at the AGM when the Actions of the Board of Directors of GMACL for 2008-2009 are ratified.

Payment to the Co-op student for helping during lunch hour with the circle of friends program was deferred to the management committee.

Chris stated that \$15,000 plus \$10,000 deposit was not credited yet. Norm and Karen's salary grants are there. Still more SEED monies to come in. Last piece of the Community Job Grant is not in yet. The Board received the financial information presented.

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Brief overview: Summer Students completed. Awaiting paperwork from SEED to submit for final payment. There have been approximately 30 new families since Mid-June. Two

more referrals received on this date, one may include 6 – 10 families who have joined from the Dieppe area.

Notice made of a survey regarding non profit organizations that recycle, copy of email from Secretariat available on request.

We are currently in the beginning stages of the Trees for A Brighter Future fund raiser. Over-time hours are at 4500 hours.

#### 6. FUNDRAISING REPORT:

Connie has a color coded agenda for fundraising events she is going to email the calendar to everyone on the board.

##### Band Together 2009

- Raised approximately \$1,000 from the Band Together event.

##### Trees 2009

- Scotia Bank is still on board for the Trees event but four of the five people who worked on fundraisers are no longer employed there. Roger LeBlanc Real Estate is still involved and Investors has expressed interest in the organizing committee.
- Connie is looking into having a Tree at Champlain Mall and raffling it off. Hoping to get Hallmark to sponsor the tree. Cheryl LeBlanc volunteered to help with this.
- On 7 November 2009 the Trees will be set up and Decorated at the Beausejour. They will remain there until the Gala on 27 November 2009. Tickets for the Gala are going to be \$70 each, and \$500 for a table of eight. Board participation in /assistance with this event is very much needed .

#### 7. FLEX REPORT:

Normand reported he is working with 7 or 8 more individuals. Three or four have found jobs. Norm has taken responsibility of Janitorial Work for a company. Norm has agreed to oversee this initiative. We have been advised the tasks will include cleaning 8 Floors and is expected to require – 2 people – 2 hours night, 5 nights/week. This program will be administered under the FLEX Program for now. Norm is also provincial advisor for People's First.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS:

##### AGM

The AGM will be held at the Dieppe Library on 15 October 2009. Someone from Social Development will be attending the AGM. Connie requested pictures reflecting the families served by and activities of GMACL that could used for a presentation at the AGM.

BOARD

Connie recommended the Board consider developing a 10 year plan for the Association. She noted we are presently working on supported living options for the individuals we represent and she is planning to contact CACL around supported living issues, and what models are being implemented elsewhere. She suggested the Board consider an inexpensive weekend retreat for the board to work on a ten year plan.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Terry requested one of the board members to volunteer to work on nominations for the board for the AGM. Pat Crawford volunteered to work on this and nominated Tammy MacTavish-Hawkes to help with this.

CACL Family Conference

Information packs mailed or emailed to families. Terry and Connie attended the CACL meeting in Saint John last week. They addressed a lot of funding issues at their meeting. Families are in the trenches and these issues are not being addressed. The CACL Family Conference will be held on 23 and 24 October 2009 at Crystal Palace in Dieppe. The cost of attending was discussed at great length. Most Moncton families will not be able to afford to attend.

Connie acknowledged the barrier the cost presented both to GMACL and families, however she emphasized the importance of GMACL representation at this conference as well as, since the conference is here, the opportunity it presented for some families to network. The Board decided that GMACL does not have enough funds for anyone on the board to attend the CACL.

Other

- Request from Connie to purchase a gift certificate for taxis for Joe in the value of \$80 - \$100. Connie also advised she had on behalf of the Board submitted his name in to United Way for Community Hero in recognition of all the volunteering he has been involved in. Submission read to the Board.
- Norm brought up that GMACL bought a book titled "Raymond's Room." Book is about living situations.
- Photocopier – We have received information from Copy Right that we have received a free photocopier. Plans need to be made for the removal of the old copiers.
- Computer Access –Terry stated that as the Association's computer technical support, he wanted to ensure better security / controlled access to information on the computers.
- Sink – Norm advised he had secured a sink that could be installed somewhere in the office space. He has had some initial discussions with the new church maintenance staff regarding this.
- Cell Phone – It was suggested that due to the amount of out of town traveling that Connie does that she should have a cell phone for emergency use. On a motion /

seconded by Cheryl LeBlanc / Lucas Cober that the board approve the purchase of a cell phone for Connie.

Motion Carried

**PEOPLE FIRST REPORT:**

People First is having a talent show on 9 October 2009. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be no admission charge.

Motion to adjourn by Lucas Cober at 7:40 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting will be announced at a later time.