

HCIF  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 13, 2012 5:30 PM  
Bloomfield School

Present: Melinda D. Carl G., Bryan D. Linda M., Michelle S. , Paul O'H.

Minutes from February meeting moved/seconded Linda/Carl approved

Financial update indicates all is well, we are increasing value on our investments again this month.

Charitable Status: our application has been approved effective January 24, 2012. We are now in a position to issue charitable receipts to donors of our programs.

Guidelines for grant programs: Still no specific report/recommendations, general discussion suggests we need to be able to present clear yet simple information that confirm eligibility criteria. Michelle offered to work with Paul and bring report back to next meeting.

Bursary Program:

Carl, Rev. Britton, Shelia Lucas will continue as committee responsible for the Bursary Program.

Wills Program:

It was decided we would expand this program through public awareness. We talked about holding information meetings at the Health Centre, Cornwallis St. Baptist Church as well as posting information notices at appropriate venues in the community. Bryan will lead this project.

We did a go around where members raised topics of interest for them. Michelle spoke about the Grant Criteria and her commitment to help move this project forward as quickly as possible.

Paul spoke about the St. Patrick's Alexandra school site and wondered if we could identify more clearly how we would position ourselves as supporters of this effort.

Melinda suggested we set time for a discussion on board membership, do we have enough people, what skill sets would be helpful in the work of HCIF

Linda asked about our by laws and brochure whether we needed further updating of this information to promote the HCIF in the community.

Carl spoke about the need for information regarding the Bursary Program specifically the work completed by Peter G. Michelle indicated she would be speaking with Peter on another matter and would ask for his files on the Bursary Program.

Bryan spoke about the need for a reception in the community to update supporters of our work. Inviting past recipients to speak on how the bursary helped them and also inviting members of the Halifax Youth Foundation to learn about how their contribution has supported community.

Next meeting April 10<sup>th</sup> Company House 5:30 PM, for a social get together and very quick discussion on the above topics.