

HCIF
Minutes of meeting
January 16th, 2012

Present: Michelle, Bryan, Carl, Linda, Melinda, Paul
Guest: Rev. Rhonda Britton

Our agenda was altered to allow Rev Britton to present on the St. Patrick's/Alexandra school site.

Rev. Britton reported that three community organizations Richard Preston Ctr. for Excellence, The MiKmaq Friendship Ctr. and the North End Community Health Ctr. made proposals for the site and expressed willingness to partner should their proposals be accepted. HRM staff did not recommend acceptance of the community proposal. Rev Britton named several intentions for use of the site all of which complimented the intended purposes of H.C.I.F. She indicated a community meeting will be held this Saturday at 1:00 PM at Cornwallis St. Baptist Church. The strategy to date of the three organizations is to request that HRM adopt a community consultation on use of the site similar to the Bloomfield Ctr. consultation which created a master plan for intended use and then requested developers respond. She suggested the ask of HCIF is to express public support of the community proposal for the site.

Rev Britton was thanked for her presentation and we decided to return to our agenda and address the request at the indicated time on our agenda.

Our financial circumstances are good at this time and recent activity in the markets has resulted in a \$4400 gain for us in December of 2011.

In December we received a \$10,000 grant from the Halifax Youth Foundation. All previously approved grants for the winter term have been forwarded to the related institutions in the names of the students in receipt of HCIF bursaries.

There was discussion regarding a reception in the spring for all of the recipients of HCIF bursaries. This would allow the Board to put a face to the applications and actually hear first hand the value of the program. This was well received by the board.

Peter Green has agreed to meet with Bryan and Carl to inform HCIF of the process related to applying to the Halifax Youth Foundation for grants associated with our bursary program.

The Canada Revenue Charitable Tax application requires that we alter our MOA to reflect specific activities. CRA indicated our existing MOA is broad in nature and suggested alternative language to reflect our current programs. Paul prepared an amended MOA to reflect CRA request.

Moved by Paul and 2nd by Michelle that the proposed amendments to our MOA be accepted. Motion carried

Bryan presented a budget for our fiscal year showing a surplus after program expenses of \$3900. After some discussion it was noted that the recently received support from Halifax Youth Foundation would be reflect a further surplus.

Moved by Melinda 2nd by Carl that the proposed budget be accepted. Motion carried.

There was considerable discussion on the proposed Community Grants Criteria and although a motion was not presented we decided to accept the criteria in principal. Paul and Michelle offered to review concerns expressed relating to guidelines we might attach to the grant criteria and present the guidelines at our next meeting.

The Operations Committee terms of reference were presented and discussed. It was moved by Melinda and 2nd by Paul that the terms of reference be accepted. Motion carried.

St. Patrick's/Alexandra site. Paul moved Bryan 2nd that HCIF support the three community organizations interested in submitting a proposal for the site. HCIF is also open to be represented on the proposed committee to advance this proposal if the committee is open to that suggestion. There is no commitment for any kind of financial assistance from the HCIF for this project at this time. Motion carried

Next meeting: February 13th, 5:30 PM