

# Halifax Community Investment Fund Society

3 October 2016

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### George Dixon Centre

**Present:** Bryan Darrell (Treasurer), Linda Mantley, Carl Gannon (Vice-Chair), Amy Hunt (Secretary), Lindell Smith, and Craig Walkington (Chair).

**Regrets:** Melinda Daye, Lindell Smith

**1. Call to Order:** 5:32

**2. Approval of Agenda:** Moved as amended by Bryan/Seconded by Linda /CARRIED.

**3. Approval of Meeting Notes from 6 June 2016:** Moved by Amy/ Seconded by Bryan /CARRIED.

**4. Financial Update**

Bryan provided a treasurer's report as of September 2016. Our investments are seeing an increase in returns, and we increased by \$7000 even though we gave \$10 to Hope Blooms as per last meeting's request.

More detail here

**5. Confirmation of Financial Support for United Not Isolated Event**

Board members in attendance confirmed our financial support for the recent United Not Isolated Event that was discussed via email. The board confirmed support.

**6. Attendance at the HRM Volunteer Conference**

Craig encouraged board members to consider participating in the volunteer conference on November 25 and November 26, 2016, at the Ramada Plaza Park Place at 240 Brownlow Ave, Dartmouth.

**7. Community Meeting & BBQ Feedback**

Discussed community engagement event from June 2016 from the Halifax Memorial Library. Constructive feedback included the need for a sign, and the suggestion that at future events we have a wider variety of food, and offer some refreshments and snacks inside at the meeting space where we gave a presentation, as well as outside of the library. Consensus that we should consider doing it on an annual basis, as it was the milestone community meeting for the HCIF. Craig suggested we table this discussion to a meeting early in 2017 to explore future options.

#### **8. 2016 Bursary Program Update – Craig**

Cheques were issued in August to students who received the bursary and all cheques have been cashed and those students are currently registered and enrolled in education programs that we are supporting.

#### **9. Report from Babatunde Balogun – Craig**

As a follow-up to an email shared by Craig since our last meeting, we received a very positive report from Babtunde who received our support for educational programming both in Canada and abroad. He has offered to give us a testimonial that speaks to the transformational nature of the experiences he has had with our support.

#### **10. Report from The Bridging Bus – Craig**

Craig advised the board that a report is forthcoming from The Bridging Bus.

#### **11. Issues for Future Discussion at October and November Meetings – Bryan**

- a) Bryan opened a discussion around our roles and responsibilities as HCIF board members when it comes to our members running for political office, or if we choose to run or support an individual. Craig explained that we are free to do as we choose individually, but as a board we do not publicly support anyone. To prevent conflict of interest, discussion took place about whether or not a board member running for office should take a leave of absence from the HCIF, and whether we should write this into our constitution.
- b) Bryan raised the idea of discussing projects we want to explore this year so we can outline a budget and strategic planning such as reviewing bylaws and board recruitment.
- c) At our next meeting, our new brand will be discussed including logo and colour scheme.
- d) Bryan also suggested that board members explore training opportunities to support sustainability and succession planning of the HCIF board moving forward. Carl also added that we should also reconsider the strategic planning session that we had considered last year. Discussion was started around training in governance and board roles such as treasurer and secretary. Craig to get a hold of Marilyn Smith at HRM to discuss potential course offerings that could support our needs as an organization.

**12. Next Meeting:** The next HCIF Board meeting will take place at 5:30 pm on November 7, 2016, George Dixon Centre.

**13. Meeting Adjournment: 6:22 Moved by: Bryan**