

AIDS Committee of Ottawa Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
January 14, 2015
6:10 pm to 8:10 pm

Present: Gord Asmus, Khaled Salam, Sabrina Fabien, Mylan Ly, Laura Conroy, Jean Chenier, Richard Hubley, Irving Rosas-Brugada
Regrets: Charles Anyali, Soyini Cornette, Kevin Hall
Guests: Vaughn B., Brigitte C., Rob P.

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Check-in: Meeting called to order at 6:10pm.

- Welcome to our three guests.

2. Approval of Agenda:

- Motion to approve: Jean; Seconded: Richard. All in Favour. Passed.

3. Approval of November 12 minutes with changes:

- We will hold off on the November minutes until next month.

4. Executive Committee Report – Gord

- New business cards for Board members.
- Richard will send everyone the policy on the circumstances in which we can use them.

5. Executive Director Report - Khaled

5 a) Update on the move

- The Opening of ACO was on December 1, 2014 to coincide with World AIDS Day.
- Thank you to everyone for a team effort on such a smooth move!
- One of ACO's challenges has been the immediate external community on Main St. Some people have reached out to Khaled to discuss ACO's population and the impact it will have on the neighbourhood.
- These discussions will open up opportunities for people to get to know the ACO.
- February 9, 2015: ACO Open House will be on the same day as this year's SnowBlower event, The city's Mayor, City Councillor and MPP have all confirmed attendance. The media have also been invited. Hopefully this will help to make ACO more mainstream in order for us to battle stigma and normalize what we do.
- We have applied to be part of Doors Open Ottawa and if accepted, ACO will be open to the public on June 6 and 7, 2015.

5 b) HR Update

- Position for Gay Men's Health: leave has been extended to May 2015.
- Our annual funding application is due to the City of Ottawa on January 30, 2015.
- Our MAC AIDS funding has been renewed for \$60 000.
- Khaled has a few business trips coming up such as OCHART and the OAN ED Board and Chair Skills Building workshop that Gord will also attend.
- ACO plans on applying to the Trillium Foundation to have an elevator installed in the building.
- Khaled did a 30 minute interview on a radio show called 12 Days of Giving, which resulted in \$2000 in donations towards ACO.

6. Nominations Committee Report

- We have a posting on Charity Village for a new member on the Board of Directors.
- Caroline has resigned but would like to be on the reserve list when she returns to Canada.

7. Finance Committee Report

- The benefits premium will be going up due to going over the cap (covered by ACO for staff).
- AIDS Walk money has not been received.
- We are hoping to get additional funds via donations.

8. Bylaw and Policy Committee Report

- Membership form and complaints process needs to be reviewed.

9. Committees

- The Moving Committee is defunct now that we are at our new location.
- Anniversary Committee will meet: Wednesday Jan. 21 at 6pm.
- Policy Committee will meet: Wednesday Jan 28 at 4pm; Sabrina, Brigitte and Vaughn have also joined.
- Strategic Planning Committee will meet: Wednesday Feb 4 at 4pm.

10. Board Hours

- A total of 94 hours of volunteer work for the month of December.

11. Other business

- A guest has brought up that the harm reduction sign on the door (Tool Shed) is a trigger for them. It was explained to them that The Living Room and the Tool Shed each have their own entrance from outside the building and are separate from one another; the Tool Shed sign is to let people know where to go for the services they require.

In camera: 8:02pm to 8:10pm.

- Motion to accept lawyer's recommendations to settle for \$19 000 with Agellan and Cushman/Wakefield: Richard. Seconded: Jean. All in favour.

Meeting adjournment 8:10pm:

- Motion: Sabrina