



AIDS COMMITTEE OF OTTAWA

June 10, 2015 Board of Directors meeting Minutes

Present: Gord, Kevin (KRH), Richard, Mylan, Kevin (KAH), Lauren, Jean, Khaled

Guest: Marc Brazeau

Regrets: Soyini

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by Gord

Marc Brazeau presented the Auditor's report

Motion to accept Auditors report: Richard. Seconded by: KAH. All in favour. Passed

Motion to approve May 13, 2015 Minutes as amended: KAH, seconded: Jean, All in favour: Approved

Exec Committee Report:

Gord commented on his opinion of how successful Doors Open Ottawa was for ACO. He reported that there were 113 visitors over the two days.

The Board retreat scheduled for Aug 8th needs to be rescheduled for Aug 29.

The July and Aug Board Meetings will be combined and will take place on Aug 29th as part of the Board retreat.

Executive Directors Report:

Khaled gave HR updates:

Joel Xavier has been hired (6 month contract) to replace Rob Alexander while he is on medical leave. He started part time and has now transitioned into full time.

Preet Bhogal (MSM Ethno-Cultural Resource Coordinator) has submitted his resignation. He finished up last week. The position has been posted and interviews will be beginning this week.

Doors Open Ottawa was a very successful event for ACO. 64 visitors on the Saturday and 49 on the Sunday.

There were 10-12 staff, Board Members and Volunteers on hand at all times during the two days.

About 80% of the visitors were our neighbours. Tours were given of both the first and second floor.

ACO XXX:

The first "Gratitude Dinner took place on May 31. KAH prepared the meal. 7 interviews were filmed.

The remaining dinners will take place on June 14, June 28, and July 12.

Posters and Banners will be installed next week.

The website, www.aco-xxx.com, is now live.

All Board Members are asked to please promote this project.

ON May 26th, Khaled was on CBC Radio along with one of our Founders, Barry Deeprise. The following day CBC played a montage of material from the last 30 years concerning ACO.

Barry Deeprise has passed on material (Board Minutes, etc) that he has held on to from 30 years ago.

ACO also hosted Carleton University Expo.

Nominations Committee Report:

Five applications have been received. Two interviews have been held.

They will, along with any other vetted applicants, be invited to the Board Retreat in Aug.

Board Liaison Committee Report:

A discussion was held about the concerns of one Participant about signage on the outside of the building. It was noted that ACO's address is public and that people enter the building for various reasons not only because of their HIV status. Therefore no action on the Boards part is needed.

Other Committee Reports:

Anniversary Committee: A location for the AGM and Anniversary Celebration needs to be secured in the next couple of weeks. Lauren and KAH will search out various locations and pass the information on to Khaled. All Board Members are asked to do the same.

Board Hours:

The Board Hours for the month of May are 140.

Other Business:

Gord will be attending the Canadian Aids Society AGM from June 12-15. Khaled will join him on June 15.

Gord and Richard will attend the Ontario Aids Network Members Meeting and AGM on June 20.

Motion to Adjourn: Jean

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 pm