

# DUFFERIN PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK

**Monday, April 19, 2004**

## **Present**

Barbara Horvath  
Phyllis Noce  
Sharon Spencer  
Helen Sherrard  
Julie Wood  
Pat Gardner  
Tina Hinsperger  
Angela Dearsley

## **Regrets**

Wendy Mobbs

Call to Order: 10:00am

### **1. Agenda**

To accept the agenda for the April 19, 2004, DPSN Board of Directors meeting.

M/Barbara S/Pat

CARRIED

### **2. Minutes**

To accept the minutes of the last meeting, March 22, 2004.

M/Phyllis S/Pat

CARRIED

### **3. Coordinator Activity Report**

- April Cosmic Kaos dance was just about sold out. Still refining procedure with stand by tickets. There was some damage to bathrooms and thermostat. These must be monitored at future events. Due to Teen event being held the same night, May 7<sup>th</sup> dance will be offered to the Women's Centre. The June 11 arena dance will also be offered to them on a shared basis. Helen will see if Katimavik is interested in doing the May 28 dance.
- DPSN is helping with the Future Fest 04 initiative by Community Youth Services. The dance on May 7 will be advertised throughout this event. Helen is coordinating youth profiles for the Banner to run during the week.
- Dufferin Children & Youth Festival planning is proceeding well. People have taken responsibility for a number of activities. DPSN will participate in the Parenting Fair as usual.
- Access Database is just about completed. Marie Deckert is looking at how to get that onto our website with search functions etc. In the meantime, Helen will be able to post the "pages" from the database to the website.
- Regular maintenance of website is progressing well.

- June 19 (8am to 2pm) is Family Day at the Farmer's Market and there are many activities underway. It was agreed that we should be there if possible. Barb will make her tent available if someone wishes to use it.
- Working on next edition of newsletter.
- June 5 (10am to 3pm) is Family Health and Fun Fair at Harmony Whole Foods. Several speakers including Debbie Gordon – Don't Let Popular Culture Raise Your Kids and Joey Shulman – Every Parent's Guide to a Happy Healthy Child (Winning the Food Fight). Barb and Pat may be able to cover that day with the display.
- Helen set up the display at the Rolling Hills Parenting Fair. Attendance was low due to small audience, but we did get a few names for our mailing list and many people took information.

#### **4. Reports**

##### **Program Committee**

Programs are running well with attendance good in most courses. Teen programs continue to be a concern in terms of limited enrolment. Julie Wood reported that the Program Committee has started planning for a September 20<sup>th</sup> start, keeping NCP guidelines in mind. Phyllis will talk to the County about a mail key drop slot.

##### **Treasury Update**

Phyllis Noce provided an approximately balance of \$5500. The Community First Foundation application process is still in development.

##### **Status of Grant Applications**

The United Way grant application was not successful. Funding from NCP, although still expected, has not been received. Helen will follow-up.

##### **Fundraising Activities**

Phyllis Noce reported that Glen (Nevada Manager) has been in touch with Brewed Awakenings and didn't feel there was a lot of traffic. We are still waiting for them to confirm their interest.

##### **Best Start**

DPSN will attend the May 12 launch of the local Best Start program from 11am to 12pm. Location TBA.

#### **5. Risk Management**

##### **Letters of Support Policy**

That the letters of support policy be revised as suggested (schedule I).

M/Barbara                      S/Phyllis

CARRIED

##### **Signing Policy**

That the signing policy be approved as presented (schedule II).

M/Phyllis                      S/Pat

WITHDRAWN

That the signing policy be approved as amended (schedule III).

M/Julie                      S/Phyllis

CARRIED

Barbara Horvath agreed to be the designated signing person for the remainder of the year.

## **6. New Business**

### **Nominating Committee**

There was little interest in taking the lead on the nominating committee. It was agreed that Helen will arrange an advertisement to run in the Banner soliciting local candidates. A nomination form will be completed and forwarded to all board members in the event they know someone who may be a potential board member. Applications will be reviewed at the May 10 Board Meeting.

## **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the DPSN Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2004 from 10:00am -12:00 pm at the DPSN office located at 235 Broadway Ave Orangeville ON. Board Policy/Development session will be held at 9:30am for Directors only.