

# DUFFERIN PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK

**Monday, February 9, 2004**

## **Present**

Barbara Horvath  
Phyllis Noce  
Sharon Spencer  
Helen Sherrard  
Julie Wood  
Pat Gardner  
Tina Hinsperger  
Wendy Mobbs

## **Regrets**

Angela Dearsley

Call to Order: 10:00am

## **1. Agenda**

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

M/Phyllis                      S/Barb

## **2. Minutes**

To accept the minutes of the last meeting, January 12, 2004.

M/Barbara                      S/Pat

## **3. Coordinator Activity Report**

Past activities include:

- Website is updated including all board meeting dates and minutes. Newsletter will be added once complete.
- Spring workshop distribution completed including extra places covered by Program Committee; we have had good newspaper coverage, but registration is slower than usual.
- Access Database – Phyllis has an OEYCD volunteer who is working on contacting agencies and updating information.
- Newsletter – the newsletter is almost finished. Staples Business Depot has declined to participate. A letter has been sent to the Community First Foundation asking for funding for distribution, but no reply has been reached as yet. The first issue will be distributed at our expense. If CFF agrees to provide funding, it will be used on a future issue of the newsletter.
- Thank you letter received from the Orangeville Women's Community Centre.
- Survey – Darla Fraser has helped with some further breakdown of the information received in our assessment report.

## February Priorities

- Complete and distribute Newsletter
- Website maintain regular items and add newsletter when completed
- Database – work on updating membership portion of database.
- Volunteers for Cosmic Kaos Dance. Dates for the remainder of the year are as follows:
  - February 27
  - March 12
  - April 9
  - May 7
  - June 11
  - June 25
  - July 23
  - August 27
- Continue ongoing promotion of workshop schedule particularly those which have been recently added: Mothering Kids and Making Relationships Work (Gennette Parn of FTP) and Raising Your Spirited Child (Julie Wood and Nina Little).

## 4. Reports

### Program Committee

Program Committee activities were covered in the Coordinators Report

### Best Start Program

Pat Gardner reported on the Best Start Program which emphasizes the need to give children the best start possible, in this case, by not consuming alcohol during pregnancy. The Health Unit is looking for support in terms of literature distribution, website links and newsletter inserts. The Board agreed that a link could be added to our website and the program mentioned in an upcoming newsletter.

### Treasury Update

Phyllis Noce provided an updated financial report as of 12/31/03. Given ongoing fundraising, it was felt that funds should be sufficient to run until the end of the spring barring any expenditure.

### Status of Grant Applications

The United Way provided an update and final decisions will be announced by March 1, 2004. There is some concern about NCP funding as dates have changed and direction seems to be changing based on their website. Both Barbara and Helen will attempt to follow up with Monika Ochnik in order to determine when we will receive an announcement of further funding and when funding will roll out.

### Fundraising Activities

Phyllis Noce is still planning to work to secure a Nevada location in Grand Valley.

## 5. Risk Management

### Cosmic Kaos Website

A concern has been raised by a parent regarding the use of children's pictures on the Cosmic Kaos website. Marcus Lapworth suggested the addition of a notice on the back of each dance handout making parents aware of the possibility of picture taking at dances.

That Cosmic Kaos will state on the back of each dance flyer that pictures may be taken, with your child's permission, and posted on the Cosmic Kaos website. Additionally, parents with concerns should contact Cosmic Kaos directly through [www.cosmickaos.com](http://www.cosmickaos.com).

M/Phyllis

S/Pat

## **6. New Business**

### **Section 43**

Tina Hinsperger presented a first draft of the DPSN response to the Supreme Court decision to uphold Section 43 ("the spanking law"). The board discussed and made minor modifications to the response.

That DPSN submit a letter to the editor or press release expressing our disappointment in regards to the Section 43 decision.

M/Tina

S/Julie

### **Not For Profit Toolkit**

Julie Wood reported on the presentation sponsored by Hospice Dufferin of this web-based software for volunteer management. The hope is that this would become a "virtual" Volunteer Centre. The project requires an initial license of \$2500 which The Volunteer Centre hopes to cover by obtaining a Trillium Grant. Annual fees would be approximately \$1.25 per volunteer per agency with a minimum charge of \$100. Helen Sherrard will contact Maureen at Hospice to clarify details.

That the Dufferin Parent Support Network will be a co-applicant for the Volunteer Centre's Trillium application and, that if the program is successful, DPSN will pay \$100 per year (or \$1.25 per volunteer) in membership fees for the use of the program.

M/Julie

S/Phyllis

## **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the DPSN Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, March 8, 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.

Please note that the meeting scheduled for Monday, April 12, 2004 will now take place on Monday, April 19, 2004.