

DUFFERIN PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK

Monday, March 8, 2004

Present

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

Regrets

Barbara Horvath
Wendy Mobbs

Call to Order: 10:00am

1. Agenda

To accept the agenda for the March 10, 2004, DPSN Board of Directors meeting.
M/Julie S/Phyllis

2. Minutes

To accept the minutes of the last meeting, February 9, 2004.
M/Phyllis S/Julie

3. Coordinator Activity Report

Past activities include:

- Dance sold out once again. New “stand by” ticket system was confusing. Cosmic Kaos is partnering with local radio station and cost has gone up to \$10 per child.
- Workshop schedule is proceeding well. Number of workshops already full. Program committee will need to discuss whether a minimum number of participants should be required to run a workshop
- Access Database – OEYCD volunteer continues to work on updating the binder information. Helen will take this back if not completed shortly. Helen and Darla Fraser have created a basic database and are working on refining. Helen has up dated the existing membership list and this can be incorporated into the database.
- Newsletter – the newsletter is finished. Awaiting approval from the UGDSB before beginning distribution. Being posted online at the Separate Schools with distribution being done by them if they chose.
- Survey – Final breakdown of the information received in our assessment report regarding program times and providers was presented.
- Not For Profit software project is moving slowly – we will be advised when letters of support are required.

March Priorities

- Distribute Newsletter and add to website.
- Database – Update binder changes in database
- Refine database information and setup.
- Volunteers for Cosmic Kaos Dance.
- Continue ongoing promotion of workshop schedule as required.
- Reduced hours for March Break
- Attend Youth Festival Committee Meetings
- Work on Spring Dance opportunity with Town of Orangeville

4. Reports

Program Committee

Program Committee needs to set a meeting date.

Treasury Update

Phyllis Noce reported that the financial picture is unchanged. Brewed Awakenings in Grand Valley has been approached and has agreed to meeting with the management company regarding becoming a Nevada site.

Status of Grant Applications

United Way decisions have not been announced. Helen Sherrard will follow up with the contact. The Community First Foundation is working on their grant application process. Grant applications may be available by the end of the Month. Phyllis Noce will advise DPSN when applications are available. An email was received from Monica Ochnick of National Crime Prevention indicating that funding for phase two should be available in April and that DPSN's proposal has been forwarded for final review and no problems are expected.

Best Start Program

Pat Gardner reported that the Best Start Program is still in discussion stage. More information is available at www.beststart.org. Currently planning how the communication of the program will work.

Fundraising Activities

Nothing new to report.

5. Risk Management

The directors reviewed the issue of liability insurance. Helen will submit the application.

To purchase liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per incident from Aon Reed Stenhouse through Volunteer Canada at a cost of \$475 per year.

M/Tina

S/Julie

6. New Business

Letter of Support

Community Youth Services has requested a letter of support for their current round of funding applications. Helen Sherrard will draft this letter to be signed by Julie Wood.

That the Dufferin Parent Support Network will provide a letter of support to CYS.

M/Pat

S/Julie

Laughter Day

An email has been received from Carol Lee Hubert regarding her plans for World Laughter Day on May 2, 2004. The Board has agreed to distribute information on the event. Angela Dearsley suggested that Carol may like to contact Canadian Mental Health Association and Headwaters Peer Group as the week of May 3 is Mental Health Week.

Youth Dance Youth Dance

Helen has been speaking to Drew Brown in regards to another Youth Dance. Drew is checking into space availability and police officers for an event tentatively scheduled for May 7, 2004. This event could also help to wrap up Community Youth Service's Futurefest scheduled for May 3 to 7 during International Youth Week.

Dufferin Youth Festival

At the last Dufferin Youth Advisory Network the possibility of a Youth Festival to be run with or instead of the Children's Festival was discussed. There is an initial planning meeting to be held on Thursday, March 25, which Helen will attend.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the DPSN Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 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.