

FIMESPAF Meeting Minutes

Monday April 15, 2024

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Call to Order: 6:00pm

1. **Introductions:** Kalena Feist, Carrie Trueman, Nadia Geschke, Shelby Tellier, Tamara Hodgins, Melody Willier, Heather Robertson-Gagne, Joanne Zervakis, Ashley Harms, Catherine Matson, Trudy Eyre, Linnaea Anderson, Cheri Day
2. **Approval of the February 26th, 2024 Minutes & Agenda:**
 - Carrie motioned to approve the minutes and agenda. Kalena seconded.
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a) **Bank deposit procedures:** Confirm wording has been updated.
 - Tamara and Shawna drafted new wording so two people don't need to go to the bank to deposit. They presented two options for wording.
 - There was agreement on option 2 as presented.
 - b) **Review of last year's accounts:** Status?
 - Completed 2022-23 audit and currently completing paperwork to mail.
 - c) **Accounting software purchase:**
 - Shawna provided an update: This year's books haven't been done since accounting software is due. The price has increased from \$384 to ~\$700 per year.
 - There were 12 Yes and 1 No responses to the poll asking for approval to purchase the new software.
 - Shawna researched other options. It involves a lot of work to learn a new software system and set up a new system and we would lose 14 years of historical data.
 - It was asked: Why has the price increased? They were the cheapest last year, possibly due to the economy.
 - Shawna explained most software is comparable in pricing. We can't go to a lower version from the Pro.
 - Would anyone be interested in looking into other software options?
 - We can wait until June if we'd like to see if we can get a better price.
4. **Discussion Items:**
 - a) **Francofete:** Request for funding for support of Francofete:
 - \$1200 Rapid Fire Theatre
 - \$1000 Pancake breakfast
 - \$800 Moccasin activity
 - FIMESPAF has restricted fund for French culture - \$5000 currently.
 - We haven't contributed in the past as its usually covered by CPF. They gave \$500 towards the day.
 - Vive Le Francais for community was covered by a separate grant.

- Also used PC food grant. Rounds 3 & 4 went towards cultural activities from Booster Juice.
 - o Carrie motioned to approve a \$1000 fund request for Francofete from the French culture fund. Shelby seconded, all were in favour.

b) Bylaws for school council

- Fees are covered for 1 person to register for ASCA.
- ASCA will meet with us for free and will give an estimate to write the by-laws.
- They will do document assistance for \$40/hour.
 - o Linnaea will confirm with Nadine.

c) Hot lunch: Vote on Round 5 and 6 Booster Juice profits

- Round 5 and 6 were decided at our last meeting. Doesn't need to be a formal vote.

d) Casino: May 8 & 9

- Carrie provided an update: We still have a lot of shifts needed to fill.
- If we do not fill all our shifts we might need to hire their staff to fill shifts
- Carrie will need to clarify whether an alt. manager is needed.
- 8th: alt general manager 11-7pm, Cashier, 11-7pm, Chip Runner 11-7pm
- Count room 11pm-2:30am, 9th amalgamator
 - o Carrie will email to Heather and Amber what shifts need to be filled.

e) Indigenous Days: Motion to approve use of last year's funds for this year's indigenous presentation.

- \$300 will be used. Linnaea booked an indigenous artist to do some workshops (\$500/day plus materials). It was difficult to book dancers.

f) E2 Grant for Garden Boxes: Status on application?

- Need exact numbers for the proposal. Original contact was Jessie's relative.
- Could research cost for premade boxes. E.g. Costco.
- Grant can extend over a number of years.
- Elder Maryann could do sweet grass planting. Could involve a variety of grades and activities like planting seeds, transplanting plants, harvesting, etc.
- Linnaea will ask Maryanne how many garden boxes will be needed to be able to grow enough to harvest.
- \$200/box, where will they go? Linnaea suggested 12 boxes.
- Consider height restrictions to increase accessibility for all.
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g) Canada Post Community Foundation: Application submitted. Will be notified in August.

h) Dance Ed: Other fundraising ideas? Call out to parents?

- Have \$31,000 in unrestricted funds.
- Field trip fee is \$10

- Dance Ed: Crystal and Erin decided to pause DanceEd next year, instead will plan to do every 2nd year.
- Will work at fundraising for the following year.
- We could look into other local dance schools for other options.

i) Additional Discussion

- Why are we called FIMESPAF? Because it is our legal/business entity.
- We could change our public name and still use the FIMESPAF name legally.
- E.g Fusion Fundraising.

Adjourned: 6:47

Next FIMESPAF Meeting: Monday June 17th, 2024 at 6:00pm