

9 – 10 Club Serving Soup to the Hungry

Board Meeting Minutes

September 27th,

Present: Mike Fox, Gerry Witteveen, Chris Rhysick, Don Helliwell, Sheila Connelly, Jim Pungente
Regrets: Richard Marshall

Election of officers: Chair – Richard Marshall, Treasurer – Mike Fox, Secretary – Sheila Connelly
Motion: (Gerry) that we elect the officers as recommended by the nominations committee, Jim seconded, carried.

Board meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of every month at 10:45 a.m. in the soup kitchen.

Mike provided some background to the new Board, explaining that after Frank Carlow retired, it was determined that the soup kitchen was losing between \$25,000 and \$40,000 annually. Therefore a number of decisions were made and actions taken by the previous Board some of which include-

- To balance our budget in part by raising our profile in the community;
- Kate and Sheila applied and won a grant from the Victoria Foundation to help accomplish the above;
- Using these funds, the Board hired Beacon Hill Communications who advised us to modify our name and logo, which has been done. Moving forward, they will begin to help us expand our website, and create relevant printed materials;
- Hired a fundraiser (Jane Buzza) to help identify possible donors etc.;
- Met with other organizations in the community with similar missions as ours to determine what else might work for us.

Discussion:

- Chris expressed his concern about using donations to pay for fundraisers and is in general against hiring them;
- Chris prefers approaching people for donations the way we would want to be approached;
- Mike explained that only monies received from the Victoria Foundation would be used for the above.
- Don reiterated that all donations, unless stipulated, are to be used for operations and equipment as needed;
- Chris expressed the need to have someone to pull our story together;
- Gerry explained his Camosun project that included the history of the 9-10 Club and that this could be used to help tell our story;

Conclusions:

- Sheila and Mike will invite Patrice from Beacon Hill Communications and Jane Buzza to our next meeting (Oct. 10th) to discuss the website, brochures and Jane's scope of work.

Proposed Renovation Discussion:

- Even though Fr. John has announced that the renovations will be delayed for a least a year, Chris recommends we keep looking for other accommodations regardless;
- Sheila informed the Board about the Committee that has been established to look into a temporary home for us; Jim expressed an interest in being a part of that committee.

- Some suggestions for temporary space include Central Baptist, First Metropolitan, St. Andrew's school (once they have closed), taking over the morning service at Our Place, Teaming up with The Salvation Army.
- Jim said he'd speak with Walter at the Rainbow Kitchen about their experience with their move —costs and logistics etc.

Meeting adjourned 8:31 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 10th, 10:45 a.m. in the soup kitchen.