

**9-10 Club Serving Soup to the Hungry
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 2, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Richard Marshall.

Attending: Richard Marshall, Sheila Connelly, Dorothy Parker, Calvin Jones, Mike Fox, Maureen Halstead-Rogoza

Regrets: Jim Pungente, Aldo Nazarko, Mike Fox

Agenda: Agenda was amended to include discussion of landline, kindness meters, Food Safe and fundraising. Agenda was adopted as amended.

Minutes of the Meeting of March 5, 2015: Dorothy asked that it be noted under fundraising that we had 85 donors in 2014 and a historic total of approximately three hundred donors. Minutes of March 5, 2015 approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

Operational Issues: We are struggling to meet the new cleaning standards; steady improvement has been shown. Sheila and Richard will be meeting the Father John and Rita to discuss.

Sheila is working on a standardized cleaning schedule which will help volunteers meet the new standards. As well, we have put out a notice through the church for a daily one-hour cleaning volunteer.

Legal Issues: Richard has contacted Dentons Canada LLP to review our contract with the church and insurance coverage on a pro bono basis. Richard presented the agreement and will sign it. What questions do we want answered? Directors insurance amount, liability clause in contract and volunteer waivers. Richard will petition the board for further questions, then submit to Dentons. It was also suggested we seek advice on how to handle the honorarium paid for cleaning.

Parking: Maureen called the City of Victoria parking office and was told the city no longer has a program to assist with volunteers' parking costs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Report: Richard presented the most recent investment report which showed a total value of approximately \$440,000. This has declined recently due to relocation costs. Discussion took place regarding the operating "deficit" in that we do not raise enough money in a year to cover operating costs and must use funds from the investment account.

Kindness Meters: Sheila reported that the Fort Street Business Owners' Association (Fabulous Fort) is conducting a pilot project of Kindness Meters, whereby people may plug an old-fashioned parking meter with coins for donation to groups that help the unfortunate. The Soup Kitchen has been chosen as one of the initial two groups to receive funds. The launch event will be held 9 a.m. April 15.

Landline: Mike will finalize arrangements for a landline in the kitchen.

Cobs Containers: Pat O'Neil is fundraising to cover the cost of food-grade containers to transport and store food. The total cost will be approximately \$7,000.

Fundraising: Cal has been investigating grants. A list of volunteers and donors would also be helpful.

Food Safe: Team leaders and cooks are required to have current Food Safe Level 1 or higher, but the board would encourage more volunteers to receive certification. We are looking into setting up our own session if enough people want to take the course.

Adjournment: The next meeting will be held May 7, 12:30 p.m. Richard declared the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.