



**9-10 Club Serving Soup to the Hungry Society  
Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> (virtual)**

**MINUTES**

Attending: Teri Hustins, Sheila Connelly, Stef Hartwig, Laurel Nash, Keith Hutchison, Gordon MacNeil (Laurel and Gordon excused themselves before the meeting conclusion due to prior commitments)

Regrets: Susan Nawrocki, Dan Hickey, Alexandra Banford

**Call to Order:** 16:03

**Approval of Agenda:** (m/s Sheila/Stef).

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes for Nov. 9, 2021, approved (m/s Sheila/Laurel).

1. Action items from Nov. 9, 2021: confirmation of donations as reported in Susan's Dec. 13 memo – two large grants - \$100,000 from Cliff Robinson, and \$10,000 from Community Food Centre's. November donations highest on record and December income is tracking very well.
2. Financial report: the actual results for the 5-month period ending Nov. 30, 2021 was tabled and reviewed as submitted. Costs are higher than budgeted, but so is income. There was little discussion of the actual budget and results, which will be more fully reviewed in the January meeting when there will be a fuller financial report for the Board.
3. Financial Analysis: actual numbers – as above, but additional analysis is needed before the January meeting (specifically, at least Gordon finds the brief financial statement referred to above very confusing – unless there is an error describing the first column). Second, Gordon raised a few points on the overall financial landscape for the Soup Kitchen, for clarification, and which he will discuss with Pat Plunkett before the next meeting. The main item for Gordon's clarification is the matter of the organization holding very large cash reserves (professionally invested), and if there are any potential issues with the CRA resulting from that – and if not, how to keep it that way? A related and more substantive issue is potential use of the reserve, which is an important matter for the strategic discussions involving the full board. This topic will be re-visited in the January Board meeting. The investment broker participation will be deferred to January.
4. Motion to appoint Laurel as VP: moving from advisory role to voting board member – approved (m/s Stef/Sheila)
5. Marketing/Fundraising Committee: Stef outlined current ideas that the committee might follow-up on, including for the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, that is, thoughts for enhanced PR. Ideas that were advanced and briefly discussed

as to feasibility included perhaps modifying the Soup Kitchen logo, developing / producing a list of Soup Kitchen recipes, perhaps seeking baking contributions from some of the volunteers, and possibly producing stories of clients who come to the Soup Kitchen. No firm decisions were taken and these and other ideas will be further discussed when the board meets again.

6. Donation in kind: Susan had circulated a document suggesting different ways of dealing with this slightly arcane issue, but it was decided to defer further discussion and proposed action until we have more certainty of actual options, and how/if we really need to deal with it.
7. Lights of Wonder Update/Christmas Day: Susan had reported that preparations for the SK participation in the Lights of Wonder are all in place. Susan reported on specific plans for Christmas Day including additional volunteering. The board approved the proposal to spend an additional \$5,000 for gift cards, supplemental fruit etc. for distribution on Christmas Day (m/s Sheila/Stef).
8. Freedom Day Care Concerns: the background to this discussion was provided very clearly in Sheila's operations report. The meeting discussion focused on what exactly it is that the SK can do, legally and effectively, with regard to the disruptions, loitering, trash from meals, drug use, etc. near the SK entrance at the Cathedral. Some suggestions for follow-up included: (a) asking the DVBA Clean Team if they could deploy a crew on View St. during our morning service (Stef); (b) asking the city if they could add a garbage can at the corner of View and Blanshard (Stef); (c) reach out to "Solid", a group that cleans up needles, to do a sweep of the area (Sheila). We will hopefully have something to report in January. Ideas that were not deemed likely to be useful, based on Keith's experience in the Vancouver downtown East Side, included signage and exhortations toward the offenders.
9. Operations: Sheila's report had been circulated before the meeting. On the matter of more food in bags, Sheila and team will put together a proposal and budget/costing of increasing the food going into bags – such as yogurt, cheese, mand peanut butter.

Agenda items 10-12 were deferred to the January meeting.

The next meeting will be on January 11, 2022, at 16:00.

The meeting adjourned at 17:20.