

# Mother D'Youville Fundraising Society

May 18, 2021 8:00 pm- 8:30pm MINUTES

# 1.0 CALL TO ORDER at 7:53pm

# 2.0 INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Jordan Robinson, Nola Antony, Karla Millar, Susan Stuckey, Angela Rastovski, Liz Taylor-Sirois, Jocelyn Klarenbach, Jeanie Traverse

# 3.0 AGENDA APPROVAL

Any additional items - none added

# 4.0 Old Business

4.1 Bank Account

• Is now active at the TD bank. Karla's signature had to be added to the account because she is listed on the Special AGM meetings but she has no signing authority.

# 4.2 Insurance

- Given one quote from Foster Park Brokers for approximately \$1200/year depending on more information of the market. Nola gave them more information and is waiting to hear back. This is a very high amount considering we only make approx \$500/ fundraiser. The market may be too big of an insurance risk to put on.
- Nola emailed all other STAR Catholic School Council chairs to ask about their insurance. Only heard back from St. Augustine's in Ponoka. They use the Co-operators as they are local to Ponoka and support the school. So Nola emailed the Co-operators out of Beaumont but has yet to hear back. St Augustine pays \$980 ish.
- Andrea Medcke's husband is looking into commercial insurance through AllState
- We need insurance in order to hold any types of events.

4.3 Picnic Tables Outside

- Jordan was going to look into ideas of where some tables could be placed as well as if the city will fund or partially fund them. He talked to Curt. The tables near ASAA were done by the city.
- From the meeting at ECVS school regarding the skating rink that included a city councillor Nola knows that this year's "parks and recreation" funding has already been allocated. Any new projects will not be

looked at until after the election in October. So if we are interested in pursuing this project we may need to bring forth a proposal to City Council in the fall.

- Also because of our financial and insurance situation Nola doesn't believe we are in the best position to pay for tables at this time. This would be similar to the ASAA playground, because we fund it we are liable for any injuries that may occur.
- We can look at this idea again next fall.

# 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

# 5.1 Financial Update

• Now that we have a bank account, Jeanie can deposit the cheque from Purdy's (\$497.84). She will also be cutting cheques to Nola and Susan for items bought for the teacher appreciation basket. This should leave us with \$272.19 in the account.

# 5.2 Teacher Appreciation Gift

- Teacher Appreciation Week was May 3-7 so an email vote went out to the executive committee from Nola who made the motion to spend \$250 on a gift basket of covid friendly items for all EMDY staff. It was seconded by Susan and the motion passed. Susan did a wonderful job of putting together the basket and delivering to EMDY on Monday May 3rd. A total of \$225.65 was spent on the basket (\$188.90 by Susan, \$36.75 by Nola).
- Jeanie to cut chequest to Nola and Susan as soon as she is able to do so.



#### 5.3 Fundraising Ideas

- Last meeting Susan suggested making a list of items to fundraise for. Nola believes this is premature at this time as we need insurance first as our first monies from fundraisers may have to go solely toward insurance and not actual school items. The needs of a school can change from year to year so once we are in the position to have the "extra money" to spend on school needs we can then make a list.
- So we will come up with a list sometime next year, rather than now.
- We might also look at some sponsorship/donation ideas for next year as well.
- But a fundraising idea for next year:
  - For the Fall: Read-a-thon ASAA did very well with their read-a-thon through scholastic. (they made \$23 000!!)
    - No start up costs (sort of)
    - Limited amount of volunteers
    - Laid out online for us
    - 3 different options: keep all donations, 80% of donations or 75% of donations . Nola suggests going with the keep all donations and creating our own prizes from donations from local businesses? Donations from families? Nola was able to procure a used Chromebook that could be given as a prize. Asking Diary Queen, Booster Juice, for a GC donation, etc.
    - We could get this organized in September and start it in October.
    - Money is raised by students asking family/friends to donate to their read-a-thon.
    - You can use some of the money to buy books for the library as well.
    - We all agreed that this sounds like a great idea!!

#### Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm

Next Meeting: June 15th.