

B.C.P.W.S.A. FALL 2017 Annual General Meeting - MINUTES

-Introductions –Heather Beach, Allan Price, Nasrin Shams, Hormoz Shoaahmadi, Cindy Thomson, Glen Thomson, Mandy Young, Frances Robinson.

- **Fall 2017 Minutes approved**

Passed by Heather Beach

Seconded by Mandy Young

- **Treasurer's Report (Cheryl Gagne)**

Present balance \$12,419.08

The Association's finances are healthy at present. Spent lots on Spring Conference. It helped that the venue was free. Discussed the challenges of child care during conferences. Discussed the importance of being able to have children taken care of at these conferences. It allows parents to attend. We may be able to book that venue again. We may look into E transfers for conference fees instead of Paypal as it will eliminate this fee which can be approximately \$100 per conference.

Canucks Alumni donated through the Sillers family, \$2,000. Mr. Sillers is stepping down from the Alumni Association and we may not be able to get that donation anymore. Please write a note of thanks to Mr. Sillers and email to Frances to forward it to the Sillers family.

- **Fundraising:**

Cindy asked about the possibility of hosting a skating party.

Difficulties in organizing fundraising events were discussed.

Alan mentioned that we should focus fundraising on something specific e.g. sending kids to camp, as this may generate more interest. Other examples: funding for respite for parents, or training for respite workers on PWS issues.

Nasrin explained that they have respite in North Vancouver. 3 days per week her daughter stays in a respite home called Cypress House.

Alan asked about the possibility of applying for the Gaming Grant. Cheryl applied a few years ago. We were unsuccessful and Cheryl stated that it was a difficult endeavor. We would need to earmark fundraising to something specific e.g. Respite. We could not use the money to help with conferences. One reason we were unsuccessful as our association had too much money.

Cindy shared that The Royal Bank has a \$50 donation per charity if anyone who refers a person to their RDSP services.

- **Upcoming Events:**

Heather mentioned upcoming Events: BC Centre for Ability: Evening of crafts and music November 9th. Pizza and music. Probably better for younger children.

Inclusion BC website: Good resource site. Toll free number for advocacy support. Tel. 1-844-488-4321.

Details for below event found at Inclusion BC website

[Will, Trust & Estate Planning](#) Thursday, November 2, 2017

· Vancouver

[The Registered Disability Savings Plan \(RDSP\) and The Disability Tax Credit \(DTC\) \(Burnaby\)](#)

Saturday, November 4, 2017

Burnaby

[Introduction to Individualized Funding and Microboards](#)

Tuesday, November 7, 2017, Delta

[6th Annual Richmond Autism Resource Fair](#) Saturday, November 18, 2017, Richmond

Heather wanted members to know that there is a new video by Dr. Elizabeth Roof on FPWR website on “Teaching your PWS child social skills.”

- **Autism Related Information;**

Nov 18th there is an autism information fair in Richmond. There will be information on Camps as an example. Very useful for those with Autism Funding.

Winter enrollment is coming up for Canuck Autism Network.

Heather and Mandy want to encourage parents to explore getting your child an autism diagnosis. It allows for access to funds and resources.

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- **Conference Planning:**

Very early stages. We usually identify speakers and then start from there. One topic that has been suggested is training on issues for Scoliosis.

Behaviour and mental health topics are always needed. Parental coping strategies also important. Respite possibilities. Mandy was wondering if anyone is interested in having the doctor who follows them on the Ketogenic diet give a presentation.

Elections:

- **BCPWSA – Elections / Appointments**
 - President – Mandy Young by acclamation
 - Vice-President – Alan Price by acclamation
 - Secretary – Frances Robinson by acclamation
 - Treasurer - Cheryl Gagné by acclamation
 - Member at Large – Lindsay O’Hearn by acclamation
 - Member at Large – Parise Yun by acclamation

- **SPRING Conference/Meeting DATE – TBA**

Location: TBA

-Adjournment

-Moved by Heater Beach

-Seconded by Mandy Young

Meeting Adjourned 12:21pm