



FPA Meeting

January 21, 2014 6-8pm

PRESENT: Norah Savard, James Savard, LeeAnn Crowder and Leigh Cornick

In Attendance:

North Bay - 11

Parry Sound - 0

Burks Falls - 0

Special Presentations:

None

Committees:

FPSO Update:

- There is an upcoming symposium for FPSO and LOFF - awaiting feedback from Gisele on this
- Payment of FPSO dues are being withheld by recommendation of the FPA pending an FPSO financial statement

LDF Update: Director (Norah Savard)

- Norah will attend conference in the spring
- All new and existing resources homes will need to complete the LDF consent form. Norah will talk with Laurie about adding to resources homes annual review.

CAS Update:

- New handbook has been promised by Nancy by end of January. A hard copy of the handbook to be provided to each resource home. The handbook will also be available on the website.
- There are trainings coming up, including:
 - Cultural Competency (Aboriginal)
 - Non-Violent Crisis Intervention
- Feedback progress: agency to provide an annual summary of home closures
- Agency ideas for trainings:
 - Offer the ability to ask question of a CAS worker on a walk-in basis
 - Offer cluster trainings (ie. autism, drug dependency)
- Some suggestions given for improving attendance/experience:
 - Offer them using multiple mediums (online training, video)
 - Offer joint trainings with the agency

New Business:

Suspending By-Law

Motion: Suspend the by-law that restricts changes to the by-law to the Annual General Meeting in June only

- Passed by over $\frac{2}{3}$ vote

Review of By-Law changes: discussed need to review the by-laws and perform some “general maintenance” on wording. As a group we discussed the need to change specific names of organizations or groups to generic titles. This allows for changes in the names of the organizations and for the FPA voting body to vote on the organization they want to represent them.

Old Business:

Board of Directors Meeting Update

- Norah continues to attend the Board of Directors meetings. At the last meeting, discussions took place regarding the new CAS building location; CAS agency budget; provincial mtg with Executive Directors and their MPP; Human Resource Annual review. The next board meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2014.

Foster Parent Appreciation Week

- CAS could not provide budget for a large event, so it was scaled back
- FPA will attempt to get an FPA member on the event committee for next year
- Suggestions from membership:
 - Many people didn't know about it
 - Was scheduled at a weird time
 - Although gifts were given to foster parents, it was suggested that biological children be given a gift as well
 - Written thank-you notes from workers would be appreciated

Round Table Discussion

- Joan Restoule - downhill skiing is available through the agency - contact Mary Duquette
 - Includes 2 tickets (1 for lift, 1 for equipment rental)
 - This coming weekend is the last weekend for ski training
- Joan Restoule - suggested that as part of the annual review, that individual child workers should give information as to the relationship between them and the foster parents
- Paul McDonald - suggested that CAS have workers available on evenings or weekends for access, so children don't have to be removed from school for access
- Paul McDonald - provided information on the Minor Hockey Foundation which helps fund hockey equipment and training for children
- **Next meeting** – Tuesday, February 18, 2014