

## Nov. 8/23 FoKL mtg notes

Attending: Gwen, John, Greg, Alanda, Sukhananda, Tina, Rory

### Agenda:

1. Financial update & forecast
2. Fundraising update and donor appeal
3. Maintain Office?
4. Set meeting for Grants Committee
5. 2024?

### 1. Financial

- Full 2000. for CBT grant will be given, even though full %age of completion was a bit less than required. CBT requests phone call about this; Gwen will do in coming week
- As yet, no word from Aimee at RDCK for 2500. grant; expect to hear after RDCK mtg on Nov. 18
- Still looking on track for no money owing at end of year.
- Need to determine what projects we can reasonably do before creating grant applications. On the edge of working outside our capacity on science projects. What does the Science Committee think we can do? This answer affects going forward. Even a grant was obtained for a project, do we have the capacity to carry it out?

**ACTION:** Gwen will send out email to Science Committee to determine a meeting date to discuss this area.

### 2. Fund-Raising

- GoFundMe has currently more or less levelled out.
- Article submitted to Pennywise will be included if there is room; \$10/mo. ad will appear for 4 weeks regardless
- board members can contact resident associations in their area
- Request to credit unions: want to be sure that a donation here would not jeopardize Summit donation for coming year.
- Sukhananda sent Press Release; **ACTION:** board members read and comment, send suggestions. John reminded that a press release is to secure interest from media, who will then adapt writing to fit their own angle. How to make release attract interest?
- Tina will contact Coop
- Suggestions about whether contacting businesses could be effective?
  - a phone call could be more effective
  - someone who the business knows should contact them
  - **ACTION:** board members, for next meeting, make note of business owners they know as potential donors
- Discussion about online auction; 2 Audubon prints have been donated; is this worth pursuing right now? **ACTION:** Board members will investigate possible sources of items for a possible auction, what could be sold

- Suggestion to use “What’s on Weekly?” – an email sent out each week that gives info on what is happening in Nelson. **ACTION:** Tina to investigate if the FoKL fundraising initiative can be included.

#### **4. Maintain Office?**

- Need to give month’s notice so a decision required by end of next 3 weeks if we are not renting space after 2023.
- Gwen isn’t sure if we need it; working from home is possible and can use innovation center for 17.50 if weekly mtgs required.
- When office was let go in pandemic it was difficult to find space again; but do we need it?

#### **5. Grants Committee Meeting**

- **ACTION:** Tina will send out message with potential dates for a mtg.

#### **6. Other: CEBA repayment?**

- Gwen just got notice from bank to be able to meet, set up authorization, and discuss this loan repayment process.

Next mtg: Nov. 15; same time for now