

GSP Combined Ottawa/Perth Volunteer Meeting  
Held over zoom  
January 26 2021

Present: Rita Redner, Liz Ballantyne-Jackson, Livio Persi, Erika Joiner, Paul Hauraney, Norah Hall,  
Ian Gibb, Phill Brackenbury, Bob Klatt, Jeanette Avery, Bill Avery, Judy Field , Tom Clarke, Holly Blair, Ken Morin, Jean Sharp

Welcome and greetings to new volunteer, Jean Sharp

Chair: Rita Redner  
Secretary: Rob Bowyer

### 1. **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Minutes were not read at this time.

### 2. **Humm Newspaper**

Kris Riendeau of the The Humm has a plan to create a feature in their weekly online newsletter.

It would showcase local charity driven volunteer run organizations. Phill has been contacted to see if the GSP would be interested in making use of their service. It would be a form of free publicity for the GSP. The catch, if you call it that, is our members would have to subscribe to receive the newsletter.

The previous GSP blurb that ran in the Humm will have to be updated to accurately reflect the times.

**Action:** Phill is willing to update the GSP information blurb and pass the new draft onto the Humm.

### 3. **Grant Advance**

Liz gave an update. The 8 volunteers involved have been learning the system, getting familiar with the software, identifying donors, and working to create template letters.

### 4. **Fundraising - dinner event**

Holly put forward a proposal to hold a fundraising dinner in early May.

The dinner would be held at Biagios Restaurant in Ottawa.

Date is set for Tuesday May 17, (6pm start taking into account people coming from Perth)

Two options:

Dine in on the Patio: holds 39 guests with social distancing in mind  
or, Take-Out.

A minimum of 30 dinners are necessary for 'special pricing'

Cost of dinner; \$55, of which \$20 goes to GSP

Volunteers will be needed to stage the event;

Holly: contact person, finances, music

Erika: logistics; keeping track of what type of dinners ordered and how many

Door prizes could be included.

An online auction could also be arranged.

Advertising the event will be necessary.

A similar event could be held in Perth (on a different date). A suitable restaurant would need to be sourced.

**Action:** Confirmation of the event will be necessary when the date gets closer. Details to follow.

#### **5. Fundraising – possible dance**

On behalf of the GSP Paul has booked the Perth Civitan Hall for Friday November 19 2021.

Depending on circumstances a fundraising dance will be held on that date.

Norah will arrange to hire a 'band', with the knowledge that the event is tentative.

#### **6. Report on Stoves**

Tom gave an update.

Jose of CEDEC has made a proposal to build 10 school stoves at \$500 USD each.

The extra money sent to AMMID in December will be used to build extra stoves.

Tom has had discussions with one of our Guatemalan bricklayers, Marvin. Marvin is willing to be hired by AMMID, travel to help build stoves, and teach other bricklayers how to build the new model stove.

Covid-19 has been a huge issue with our Guatemalan partners. Family members have taken ill but are recovering.

#### **7. Finances**

No financial updates from our bank accounts were made.

Paul informed us 'empty bowls' of Perth made a recent and generous donation of \$1100

Paul notes donations keep trickling in.

(After the fact: Tom has been in contact with past donor ILUNA. They made a donation of \$5000 to the GSP)

#### **8. Other**

No other business at this time other than something about bottles of Rum.

(P.S. Addition to minutes made after the meeting)

(**Note:** This will be the first winter in 22 that volunteers traveling to Guatemala to do the documentation of stoves will not be so. Ishim Yac of AMMID has been hired to do the stove documenting on behalf of the GSP. Ishim is to be paid \$5 US per stove.

Photos and documents will be sent to Tom.)

**8. Next Meeting**

Ottawa/Perth combined

To be held on Zoom

Tuesday March 9, 7pm

An agenda should be prepared in advance.

Minutes of previous meeting should be present.