

MINUTES – Guatemala Stove Project
Perth, Ottawa and Extended Volunteer Zoom Meeting
July 13, 2021

1. Chair: Rita Minute taker: Phill

Present: Rita, Liz, Terri, Bob, Joni, Bill, Judy, Phil, Rob, Janet, Ishim, Ken, Erika, Holly, Ian, Al, Pierre

Regrets: Norah, Lynn Porter

Note: Action Item starting with an **

2. Review and acceptance of minutes from June 1, 2021

*Correction noted that “two masons were trained on building school stoves. One of the masons is a new mason (not two as stated in the minutes).

Motion to accept moved by Rita, seconded by Paul

3. Update of Situation in Guatemala from Ishim

Most people in Guatemala still are not vaccinated (roughly 2% so far due to limited supply to this point). Hope for the next few months as they hope to have more Sputnik doses available and will have donations of Moderna and Astrazeneca. At this point only people over 50 can even apply for an appointment.

4. Update on Jose’s condition

Sadly, Jose has been diagnosed as having Covid, and he exposed Ishim and her family before he felt any symptoms and had his positive test. Jose has been experiencing many serious symptoms (fatigue, pulmonary difficulties) for a number of days and the hospitals are so overwhelmed that they are not able to provide much help. Jose has found a doctor that will come to his house.

Ishim and her family need to quarantine for another 10 days. Her sister Utzil has been helping both Ishim’s family and Jose’s family by bringing supplies, medicines etc.

Everyone expressed wishes for Jose’s recovery and Ishim promised that she would keep us updated on her family’s situation.

5. Upcoming Events/Presentations

Liz gave a brief update on the Grant Advance program. A number of proposals have been submitted to various organizations. The Trottier Foundation has responded with a rejection of the GSP proposal. Hopefully we will hear from other organizations in the next few weeks.

Erika updated everyone about the revised brochure which will hopefully be ready by the AGM. There are still some final edits and decisions about layout to finalize. Note that new stove prices will be listed as \$325 and new school stove price will be set at \$600. A decision was made to print 2000 copies in this printing (as opposed to 4000 in previous print runs).

6. Date for 2019-2020 Annual General Meeting

Sunday, August 15, 01:00 pm at Last Duel Park (or as a Zoom meeting dependent on Covid restrictions at the time).

**Phill to send map to Liz and Liz to send out as Mailchimp notice

Ken suggested ensuring our name is clearly posted and that there are brochures to hand out to passersby.

**Ken will look into a notice in Ottawa Citizen “Our Town” section

**Rita to contact Humm and Perth Courier about notice of AGM

**Phill to contact Lake 88

7. Past Events

Three new school stoves have been built by CEDEC and photos were posted on Facebook

8. Discussions:

Social Media

Lynn Porter's daughter sent her thoughts on GSP social media (see attachment)

A group stayed after the regular meeting to go over and discuss these notes

**Rita to send a thank you to Lynn's daughter for her assessment and her input on GSP social media

Fall Fundraisers – discussion about how to proceed in the fall (dinner? On-Line auction? Perth Dance?)

**Liz will send an email to a group including Ottawa and Perth volunteers which will discuss and suggest a plan for fall fundraising plans

February Trip

Board has decided to make a decision in mid November regarding the possibility of a February 2022 trip to Guatemala.

There was discussion about the pros and cons of a trip to Guatemala in February.

9. Next GSP volunteer meeting Tuesday, August 31, 2021 7pm - ZOOM meeting

Meeting adjourned 08:30 pm moved by Kern, seconded by Rita