

Guatemala Stove Project
Perth, Ottawa and extended volunteer Zoom meeting
Tuesday August 31, 2021

MINUTES

1. The meeting started at 7:05pm via Zoom. Chair: Erika. Minutes: Ken.

Present: Twenty people; names taken from screenshot of Zoom: Bill Gardiner (Texas), Bob Klatt, Carole and Peni, Colin Tooke, Elaine Scott, Erika, Ian Gibb, Janet Allan, Judy Field, Ken Morin, Livio, Liz Ballantyne-Jackson, Marcia and Irwin, Norah, Rita Redner, Rob, Terri Henderson, Tom Clarke.

Regrets: Holly, Ishim, Paul, Phill, Pierre, Romaine, Tammy.

Note: **Action Items are highlighted with **** .

2. Review and acceptance of minutes from July 13, 2021.

Erika led a review of the Action Items:

-- Rita: has sent a thank-you to Lynne Porter's Daughter.

3. Donations for Jose's family

Terry said we have sent \$US 3,829 and there might be a bit more. The cost for Jose's funeral was low, because he was buried the same day that he died. His medical expenses were high: oxygen etc.

4. Tom has talked with Ishim and gave an update of the situation in Guatemala

-- They have moved the CEDEC office to Clara's home

-- Clara is now living at Utzil's house (Utzil is Ishim's sister).

-- Ishim's foot is better; she can walk now.

-- Ishim will get her first vaccination at the end of September. She is 32.

-- The corn crop looks to be mediocre this year; harvest will be in November.

-- GSP will ask Ishim for a proposal to build six school stoves.

-- ****Terri and Rita** discussed the amount of money in the bank and **will continue their discussion offline**.

5. Past events

a. Aug 15 AGM at Last Duel Park: About 28 people attended. Tom had prepared a nice memorial to Jose including a good photo of him, his biography, some photos and pine branches. Paul provided a bottle of Ron Zacapa and we had a toast to Jose. Tom told us how he met Jose over 20 years ago and how the stove project started. Jose will be missed by many people.

b. Aug 26 Long time volunteer Frank Quinn died. Liz told us that Frank and Otto were prime movers in setting up the Ottawa branch of the GSP along with Liz herself. Frank had a PhD in Science, and worked on Water. His obituary asked that donations be made to the GSP and three have been received to date. Frank's funeral will be tomorrow. There was a discussion about issuing receipts and thank-you notes.

****Erika will keep track of donation amounts.**

6. Upcoming events and presentations

a. Sept 16th – There will be a gathering of Ottawa volunteers at the home of Jim Nuyens. This will be the first in-person get-together for the Ottawa volunteers in two years since we haven't had any in-person fundraisers. We may include a fundraising component.

b. Week of Sept 20- Liz to present to Algonquin College year One Child and Youth Care Worker students. This is the third and last year that the GSP will be their focus. Liz will tell this new group of students about the GSP and they will later prepare and present a fundraising event with proceeds for the GSP.

c. Sept 21 Board of Directors meeting via Zoom. Tammy may be interested in joining the board, and will be

invited to the meeting as an observer.

d. Sept 30 Grant Advance meeting. Applying for grants is a slow process. Carole joined this group at their last meeting.

e. Friday Nov 19 Perth Fall Dance. Norah said the Open Road band has been confirmed. They are planning to have a Silent Auction at the dance. Attendance may be limited to 100 people. Dancing may or may not be allowed.

Rita asked who was on the Dance committee. People said it was usually Paul, Sue, Tammy, Rita, Norah, and Phill.

7. Discussion

a. Liz noted that Ottawa will not be doing a fundraiser this fall.

Liz asked if there would also be a Joint online silent auction; possibly ending 10 days earlier. There were positive comments. Last year's revenue was about \$21K and volunteers felt the auction should be repeated. (For the record, the invitation for our Virtual Auction was sent 2020-Nov-01. The auction started Fri Nov-06 and closed Mon Nov-16 via 32auctions.com.)

b. Silent Auction Committee: A tentative committee was started: Holly and Liz would be on the committee; Janet would help but would be less involved; Erica, Norah, Elaine volunteered; Ian agreed to do the Finances again. Ken asked again when the Rum would be auctioned off :).

c. Calendar: Judy said the calendar is almost ready to print. (It was delayed in order to include a tribute to Jose who passed away Aug-02.)

Judy said it would cost about \$8.00 each to print 100. We discussed how many to print and decided on 125. Tom would like six for a big donor. Someone asked for ten. Bob said he gives a calendar to big donors. They should be available two weeks after the final artwork is completed. Ken asked if some pictures of volunteers from previous years could be included. Janet said to send pictures to Pierre.

d. GSP Brochure: Erica said that the text has been revised, and the picture selection is almost done.

****Liz asked Erica to send the text to her for use in the calendar.**

8. Date of Next meeting: Tuesday Oct-05 at 7pm via Zoom. ****Rita will send out the invitation.**

9. Adjournment: Moved by Tom; seconded by Norah. The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.