

Guatemala Stove Project Volunteer Meeting  
October 5, 2021 7pm  
Zoom

1. **Open meeting and welcome to all**

**In attendance:** Rita Redner, Janet Allan, Tammy Morrison, Bob Klatt, Liz Ballantyne-Jackson, Bill Gardiner, Peggy Saenz, Tom Clarke, Romaine Honey, Ken Morin, Holly Blair, Leslie Rowe, Lynn Porter, Al Teflissi, Norah Hall, Judy Field, Paul Hauraney, Pierre Fortier, Terri Henderson, Ian Gibb, Phill Brackenbury, Ishim Yac, Rob Bowyer

**New to the GSP:** Kathy Locke

**Regrets:** Peni Schwartz Gagnon, Carole Gagnon

**Call for:** Chair: Tammy, Recorder: Rob

2. **Review of Minutes**

from August 31, 2021

Action item 4: Terri and Rita, complete.

Follow up: **Item 5b:** regarding donations in the name of Frank Quinn

Erika stated donations so far have totaled \$1769 with \$500 still to come with another possible \$500 matching donation from Ontario Hydro.

Thank You cards will be mailed to those donors by Erika

Rita: approved, Norah: Second

3. **Past events**

Janet and Liz met in mid September with students of Algonquin College's Child and Youth Care program. As before, there are two groups that will plan and initiate their own fundraising projects.

Details to come the end of October, early November.

4. **Upcoming**

October 26, Board of Directors Meeting

November 5 to 15: fall fundraiser, 32 Auctions

November 9: Janet and Liz are presenting to the Bytown Rotary-Ottawa.

Next Grant Advance meeting: date not set

5. **Report from Guatemala**

At 7:20 Ishim joined our meeting and provided an update from Guatemala

**Current Conditions**

Covid remains a huge problem in Guatemala.

Hospitals are full, health care is too expensive for the average person, the economy is in worse shape than before, prices for just about everything continue to rise as inflation sets in.

Between 20 and 25% of the population have received at least one vaccination dose.

Ishim and family expect to receive their first dose soon.

Corn crop in Guatemala is hit and miss this year. It has been an exceptionally dry year, colder than normal lately, and the fungus that damages the corn lingers in parts of the country.

Ishim has been meeting with a group of 35 women teaching them a variety of useful skills: making chocolate, how to grow one's own bird feed for their chickens, and gardening skills.

Ishim still suffers from long term covid.

**Stove Update**

Over the past couple of weeks Ishim has supervised the installation of 4 school stoves. 2 stoves

remain to be built and the expectation is they will be completed next week.  
Ishim will send the GSP photos of each of the 6 completed stoves in two weeks.

6. **32 Auctions**

Items for the auction are still needed.

Gift certificates for services are one of the more popular items.

Holly, Janet, and Liz has the site up and running. Items have already been posted.

To Show/Post an Item:

4 photos per item are allowed

provide information about the item

give its estimated value

Send photos and information to Holly and she will post.

All items will need to go to Janet by November 5

For Perth, the drop off location is Phill's house. Phill will get the items to Janet.

If you are planning to contact a person or business regarding a service and you think a Letter of Introduction would be helpful please contact Liz. An old, or new, calender is also a good way to show prospective donors what the GSP is all about.

Judy is working on a poster.

Advertising will need to explain how to access the 32 Auction GSP site.

Liz to contact the Ottawa Citizen for inclusion in their Upcoming Events page.

Janet pointed out that the GSP 32 Auction site from last year is still up. It can be confusing.

The more people that look at our 32 Auction Site the better. In other words, share our 32 Auction fundraiser as much as possible on the various social media platforms.

Ian will look after the financial report.

Rita and Terry will keep track of, and keep records of, payments, including cheques.

There will be two pick up locations once the auction is complete: Janet (Ottawa) and Phill (Perth). Dates for pick up of items are November 18, 19, 20.

7. **Other**

2022 Calenders are ready. If you would like one, or several, Janet in Ottawa has 55. Tom in Perth has 70.

Perth fundraiser, May 2022 Mother of a Dinner is a good possibility to go. Phill has started to organize the event with the hosts.

The Perth dance this coming November has been canceled due to too many restrictions in the fall out of Covid.

8. **Next Volunteer Meeting**

Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, 7pm

To take place over Zoom.