

GSP Volunteer Meeting

November 2, 2021 (Zoom)

Attendance: Rita Redner, Phill Brackenbury, Norah Hall, Cathy, Janet Allan, Pierre Fortier, Leslie Rowe, Bill Gardiner, Diana Dolmer, Erika Johner, Terri Henderson, Rob Bowyer, Liz Ballantyne-Jackson, Tammy Morrison, Tom Clarke, Ian Gibb, Judy Field, Joni Seligman, Ishim Yac

Regrets: Peggy Saenz, Paul Hauraney, Lynn Porter, Ken Morin, Marcia and Irwin Pencer, Carole Gagnon.

1. Greeting Chair: Erika Minutes: Phill
2. Report from Guatemala by Ishim
 - many cases of Covid, but slow vaccine rollout (less than 50%)
 - Gov't has bought Sputnik vaccine from Russia, but those wanting access to US need AstraZeneca, Moderna or Pfizer
 - vaccine hesitation rampant and variants mean many are sick
 - no restrictions, so communities making own rules
 - prices rising (Gas, food) so inflation is happening and difficult for families to afford daily needs
 - schools open in some areas and closed in others
 - cases probably very underreported
 - Ishim and daughters' recuperation from Covid has been slow but is progressing
3. Past Events
 - no past events
 - donations in Frank Quinn's memory (\$3000)
4. Upcoming Events
 - Nov. 9 Presentation to Ottawa Rotary (Liz and Janet)

Nov. 14 Algonquin College Child and Youth care Worker
Fundraiser (virtual Bingo and Trivia)

Nov. 30 Board Meeting

Nov. 5 -15 On-line Auction Fundraiser

5. Volunteer trip for 2022

Board decided there will be NO trip due to Covid restrictions and concerns

6. On-Line Auction

Nov. 5 – 15, 120 items (may keep some items out for future auctions)

Administrators review functions and discuss streamlining
(meeting to sort out details Nov. 9 at 7 pm)

Mailchimp poster to be sent out to remind people of Auction

Phill to confirm dates on website for Perth pickups

7. Other

- Letter from Wee Waifs Worldwide Trust sent \$3000 for stoves and Incaparina

-Calendar sales

-Donations in Perth be sure to get Thank you cards from Phill

-deposits for calendars need to be identified so Terri can put them in spreadsheet

8. Date of next meeting: Tues. Dec. 7 7 pm (Zoom)