

Guatemala Stove Project Volunteer Meeting, March 14, 2023 7pm
Coutts Cafe, 57 Gore Street E., Perth and via Zoom

Attendance: Tim Wilson, Norah Hal, Tom Clarke, Livio Persi, Rita Redner, Bob Klatt, Al Teflisi,
Bill Avery, Jeanette Avery, Paul Hauraney, Phil Brackenbury

On-line: Janet Allan, Terri Henderson, Peter McCracken, Liz Ballantyne-Jackson

Regrets: Tammy, Lesley, Joni, Ken, Rob, Erika, Diana, Bernie

1. Greetings and Introductions

2. Selection of chairperson(Paul Hauraney) and secretary (Phill Brackenbury)

3. Review of agenda and addition of items as necessary

under #6 Past Events change 6 bursaries to **10** bursaries

-action item Terri to contact CFUW

4. Review/ acceptance of minutes of Nov, 29, 2022 - motion to accept Norah, 2nd Janet

5. Discussion as to where to send completed minutes

-send to Rita who will file and send to Liz for Mailchimp

6. News from Guatemala

-Tom noted that Tito (Ishim's husband) is running for mayor of Cantel. If elected this could promote awareness of the importance of cookstoves. He also mentioned an indigenous woman running for president was disqualified by the Congress. Travellers, most of whom were returning volunteers , felt things were returning to pre-pandemic conditions and this was confirmed by Ishim and Clara (who joined us via Zoom later) and stated that Guatemala was more stable now with many normal activities (school) returning

7. Medical assistance coordinated by Clara Colop/AMI

this year a number of children and adults were identified by GSP volunteers and AMI as needing some medical assistance:

Cinderella (18 mos.) cleft palate, Juan Jose (2 yrs.) palate, Florinda (5 yrs.) webbed digits on hands and feet, Griselda (12 yrs.) palate, Roberto (9yrs) rosacea, Rosita (32 yrs.) facial rash affecting eyes, Santiago (35 yrs.) facial rash

All have been seen by doctors and have started treatment/ surgeries and GSP/AMI will follow up with necessary support. There may need to be more fundraising here in Canada to fully fund the treatments.

8. Past Events

- Jan 8 /23 stove building workshop (Thanks to Paul for instructing and Tom for hosting!)
- Jan- Feb stove documentation by Tom and Phill with CEDEC and AMI (175 stoves and 4 school stoves)

- Jan -Feb stove documentation and visits with bursary and microloan recipients with AMMID by Liz and Janet (57 stoves, 4 school stoves, 15 Bursary students attended luncheon and Microloan review). **Noted that schools with more than 300 students need 2 stoves to meet the nutritional needs of that many students.**

- Jan 28 – Feb 6 Volunteer trip to Guatemala highlights - many returning volunteers and 2 new volunteers, cooperative and flexible group. New accommodations were scouted for next year by Janet and Phill as Casa Del Viajero has gone downhill since ownership changed.

- Feb 6 – Feb 28 stove documentation by Tom and Livio (75 stoves, 4 school stoves)

- Other: redo Facebook postings schedule, need volunteers for inputting of documented stove data, 7916 stoves built to date

9. Upcoming events

- April 29 Festival of the Maples, booth provided by Coutts cafe- schedule to be sent by Al
- Mother of a Picnic – Saturday, May 13/23 Perth Committee (Phill, Norah, Paul, Bill, Tammy, Rita) to meet Tues., March 28 at Phill's home 7 pm
- Site reservation for AGM Sunday June 11 (McMartin House) -**Phill to book**
- Ottawa Garage Sale for Bursaries June 10
- Offer by Niall Collins to make a movie involving GSP

10. Other

- Directors to pass a motion at next Director's meeting to allow a single person to make large transfer (up to \$25,000) of GSP funds to Guatemala

- Facebook posting schedule needs to be checked and reminder sent to those scheduled to Post

11. Date of next board meeting TBD

12. Date of next volunteer meeting Tues. April 18 7pm Coutts Coffee 57 Gore St. E. Perth

13. Adjournment 8:45 pm Motion - Phill, 2nd - Rita