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[Toronto 350.org] 2017 Planning Meeting Minutes

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TGM Agenda April 11 2017

1. Land Recognition (2min)

"I would like to acknowledge this sacred land on which the Steelworkers Hall operates. It has been a site of human activity for 15,000 years. This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River. The territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and Confederacy of the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, the meeting place of Toronto is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in the community, on this territory."

2. Introductions - preferred pronouns (5min)

Kalina - she/her

Roger - he

Estella - she/her

Amelia Rose - they/them

Snowcubb - he/him

Martin - he/him

Tresanne - she/her

Anju Chauhan - she/her

3. Financial Report (10 mins)

- \$3,695 in our account
- Going to be getting donations that are just for PCM, then reimbursing
- If you want more information about financials, talk to Tresanne
- Importance of account balance is that motion was passed to decide whether or not to pay president for next month if there was \$3500 in account

4. Constitutional amendments (15 mins)

- To become a voting member, you need to attend two planning meetings and fill out a survey on our website. Tresanne proposes an amendment to the constitution to remove Article 2 of Section 3, Caleb seconds, 8-Y 0-N 2-A

- Notice of innovation meetings must be sent out at least 6 calendar days prior to meetings with date, time, and place. Tresanne proposes taking out requirement for “place.” Proposition rejected.

5. Proposition of new position and adoption of role description (10 mins)

- Tresanne is leaving in October and is creating the position of Vice President (someone who will train for the next six months)
- VP Description: work closely with the president to learn how to run the organization and grow the movement by empowering core members. From April to October 2017 the vice president will increasingly take on tasks that fall under both short term detail oriented tasks as well as long term tasks. This position may be paid from July to September. The intention is that the vice president will run for and be a highly qualified candidate for the president position at the elections in October 2017
- You can vote if you have come to two meetings in the past year
- 8-Y, 0-N, 0-A, motion passes

6. Exec elections and reading of role descriptions (60 mins)

- Role description doc for reference: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M2zGYZvRZKhBLCjn7QVTTAL7Tulmzxfsf01FqCCPxXg/edit>
- President: Tresanne nominates herself, Katie seconds, 8-Y 0-N 1-A (TRES PRES)
- Vice President: Tresanne nominates Amelia Rose, Roger seconds, 6-Y 0-N 3-A (AR VP)
- Treasurer: Anju nominates herself (background in economics and finance, worked as Treasurer for non-profit that support education-related projects in India for underprivileged children, excited to work with Ellery on a transition and know more about what the role entails), Tresanne seconds, 10-Y 0-N 0-A (ANJU TREASURER)
- Administrative Coordinator: Caleb nominates Estella (been relatively active in climate movement for past couple years, fundraised for Chippewas of the Thames, wants to get more involved, is organized, has experience in communications and web development), Valerie seconds, 10-Y 0-N 0-A (ESTELLA AC)
- Communications Coordinator: Katie nominates Roger, Ashley was talking to Roger about shadowing him for the role until August, Tresanne seconds, 10-Y 0-N 0-A
- Media & Creative Coordinator: Roger nominates Kalina, Valerie seconds, 10-Y 0-N 0-A
- Volunteer Coordinator: Kalina nominates Valerie (important for leadership to be united, have more of a routine so org is more accessible to volunteers, more joint work with other allies esp. labour movement, etc., was great working with Chippewas, link us in with a whole other world other organizers might not be connected with), Tresanne seconds, 9-Y 0-N 0-A
- Research Coordinator: Valerie nominates Erin, Kalina seconds, 8-Y 0-N 2-A
 - Access to resources/materials/publications other members may not have
 - Other people can link up with research coordinator
- Divest OTPP Lead: Amelia Rose nominates Brian Young, Roger seconds, 9-Y 0-N
 - What are the volunteer opportunities on this campaign? Attend rallies, get government to say they want to divest (½ of pension owned by government, ½ by OTPP), events and outreach
 - Anju needs to take her position back to her work because of potential conflict of interest (work deals with mutual funds, pension plans, etc.)

- Municipal Campaign Lead: Caleb self-nominates, Tresanne seconds, 9-Y 0-N 1-A
- Pipelines Campaign Lead: Kalina nominates Katie, Valerie seconds, 9-Y 0-N 1-A

7. Update on what we are planning and what action needs to be taken assignment of action items (any time remaining)

- People's Climate March (April 29)
- Listening Circle - tomorrow night!
- Art Build (April 16)
- Home is Where the Balance Begins - arts-based workshop about interactions with our personal environment (April 17)
- KAIROS Blanket Exercise (April 25)
- Lysistrata - A Climate-Based Sex Comedy, live reading of an adaptation of the classic by Aristophanes (April 26)
- Call-in (May 2?)
 - Should we see if someone in Toronto would be willing to do that challenge?
 - 12-2? 11-4?
 - Valerie would be interested in assisting
 - Computers set up too for people to email

8. Shadows for exec roles

- Coverage in positions for continuity - if exec take vacation who can cover?
- President usually takes on role if it can't be filled
- Maybe we should look into have cross-training for positions, improve delegation skills, retain volunteers

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