



Minutes – Annual General Meeting

April 20, 2022
7 PM Online

Present: Kirsten Bradley (chair), Jason McArthur, Sylvie Hamel, Anne Bowen, Robin Fairburn, Meagan Christie (minutes), Michael Dougherty, Fiona Azizaj, Fumi Torigai, Michelle Edwards

1. Michael moved that we adopt the agenda, seconded by Sylvie, motion carried
2. Report from the Co-Chairs - Michelle Edwards and Kirsten Bradley

-most recent family we sponsored was a family of four who have now moved to southern Canada in 2021. They are grateful for the support of Yukon Cares and doing well

-previously we worked with local Catholic Church and ORAT (Office of Refugees Archdiocese of Toronto)

-now we will work exclusively with ORAT who have a lot of experience and will be able to hold our donations and issue tax receipts

-\$20-\$40,000 is typically our contribution when we sponsor a family so fundraising is important

-we have offered to help and share our resettlement knowledge if Ukrainians are arriving in the Yukon

Upcoming Sponsorships:

- we are eager to sponsor another family from the Canadian government Blended Visa Office Referral list now that sponsorships have reopened after being closed because of covid. These sponsorships have a short wait time once a family has been identified. At this point there is nobody from Ukraine on the list.
- we have begun a private sponsorship. A local woman has the funds to sponsor her sister and we will help with the settlement. Sadly it is likely to take a couple of years before she will arrive.
- another file we have is a father and son that are in the process currently, we hope they will arrive in 8-10 month. They have been through a lot and are keen to settle down here
- private sponsorship of a single woman from Ethiopia, currently in Israel, whose uncle lives in Whitehorse

-thanks to the Whitehorse Diocese for many years of support

- awesome new website, thanks to local company Bizont who donated the work on the website to us
- new logo designed by Pauline Gallinat who volunteered her time to develop it. Thanks to former board member Fiona Azizaj for all the work she did with Pauline on this.
- Michelle has been 6 years on the board and on one settlement committee. Next year will be elsewhere and will step down from the board
- Kirsten and Fiona both spoke about how much we appreciate Michelle's leadership and all the work she has done for Yukon Cares

3. Financial Statements/ Treasurers Report for 2021 – Kirsten

Whitehorse Diocese Refugee Fund Financial Statements:

- Whitehorse Catholic Diocese has been kindly doing a wonderful job of managing our main donations
- Total in Whitehorse Diocese Refugee Account December 31, 2021 was \$113,519.34.
- \$58,342.00 is allocated for two families that we have committed to sponsoring and who have not arrived.
- \$55,177.34 is unallocated
- we don't need to vote on the money held by the Diocese because they are responsible for that

Yukon Cares Financial Statements

- Total Revenue in 2021 = \$4123.00
- Total Expenditures in 2021 = \$1333.65
- balance Dec 31, 2021 = \$13,278.12

Jason moved that we accept the 2021 Yukon Cares Financial Statements, seconded by Michael, motion carried

- ### 4. Michael moved that we adopt the new draft bylaws to be in line with new Societies Act
- Only change from Societies sample bylaws is a change for quorum at AGMs to 15% of membership instead of 25%

Michelle seconded, motion carried

5. Nomination /Election of Directors

Meagan nominated the following people to be directors of the Yukon Cares board:

Kirsten Bradley
 Michael Dougherty
 Sylvie Hamel
 Meagan Christie
 Jason McArthur
 Robin Fairburn
 Nick Leenders
 Fumi Torigai

Fiona Azizaj

Seconded by Michelle, motion carried

6. Upcoming Event — Film, Dinner and discussion

- a group at the United Church show films of social justice nature followed by discussion, they have offered to host one of these events as a fundraiser for Yukon Cares
- from Sherbrooke to Brooks, NFB film tracing story of refugees to Canada
- either June 9 or June 16
- 5pm door, 5:30 dinner and dessert, film at 6pm

ACTION: Yukon Cares to set up a table with information and cards

7. Sylvie has put together some charts for board members about the families we have sponsored, acronyms and people involved. There will be a training session for new board members.
8. Michael moved that the minutes show: The board and membership of Yukon Cares wishes to express our appreciation to Michelle Edwards for all her efforts on our behalf. Seconded by Kirsten and supported by EVERYONE!
9. Meagan moved that we adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20