

GFSI Management Board May 10th, 2021 @ 3:30pm (virtual)

Present: Sandi MacKinnon, Susanne White, Bill MacKenzie, John Coates, Meredith Langille, Shirley Cleave, Mike Toole, Hayley AuCoin, Scott Henwood, Ricardo Nicolini

Regrets: Seb Salazar, Promise Mwenga

Minutes recorded by: Meredith Langille

Meeting Agenda

- Review of previous meeting minutes
- Review of reports
- Finances
- Other Business

Review of previous meeting minutes

- The budget has been drafted, as discussed from last meeting
 - \$12,000 to be put back into budget for the Gathering Place which will secure rent if funding from Windsor does not come through
 - New funding model for to maintain the cost of the space moving forward
 - Draft budget can be circulated

CIN Report

- Questions:
 - Market Greens research: unique to Fredericton or all funded projects
 - Same evaluation across all pilot projects
 - Feedback unique to each pilot market (all came back positive for Fredericton)
 - Online orders?
 - Price list & order form is sent out to mailing list each Friday
 - New customers added to mailing list by requesting directly through market greens (in person or via email)
 - We will monitor new customer sign-up so as to align with our service capacity at the library.
 - Any way to encourage & expand communication networks?
 - New targeted group (low income, pre-existing health condition) over next year for free market coupons
- Interviewing for new produce manager tomorrow (hopeful for candidate)
- Funding received for next year of project

Transportation: Meet with potential service provider and discussed reframing deliverables. Project proposal expected next week.

GFSI Report

- Received Canada Summer Jobs for 8 weeks, would like to hire someone bilingual to work on NB Voices
- Questions:
 - Looking into different Health Insurance to save money & have more family coverage
 - SWAG member's project (Adopt an Elder) being run individually or with help (board, organization behind it, ect)?
 - Up to SWAG members to join in when projects are brought up during the meeting
 - Concern over responsibility of GFSI board to Adopt an Elder
 - SWAG all has individual projects
 - Are we moving forward with hub champions with civic tech?
 - Yes, we have not started this yet though
- Have not heard from RC Dean yet, Roxanne (professor) confirmed that the email was received

Finances

- Sandi was able to provide Roy with basic information for quickbooks / finances
- CIN data has been uploaded, but not categorized (pay, bank fees, etc), in quickbooks
- Bill to check in with proceedings & further updates on finances
- Financial year end March 31st
 - reviewed financial statements for year end meeting in September (to be submitted no later than June)

Other Business

- Partnership requests (GFSI) that we do not have the capacity to meet: are there themes emerging from these requests?
 - All diverse requests, no common themes that identify gaps
- Time for GFSI to become a more public advocate?
 - Basic annual income
 - Homelessness & housing
 - Need for significant action at political level
 - Draft a public statement asking for support from the npo sector & send to government?
 - Conscious of charitable status with advocacy → limited on political activity, but can produce evidence based reports
 - Educational approach to create safe space for learning, engaging informed conversation for pathways forward (for advocates)
- Reached out to ESIC to engage Civic Tech to do ward analysis for whole province
 - No response yet
- Any specific role for GFSI in post-COVID world?
 - Links between income, health, race, neighbourhood, ect inequalities
 - Evidence based or educational approach for advocacy
 - Economic development perspective
 - Dedicate structured time to this
 - Management board to work on this & bring to stewardship for feedback & engagement
 - Doodle poll to be sent out (4th, 11th, or 18th of June)
 - post-COVID great gathering?

Next Meeting

- To be determined (based around planning meeting in June)