

**Minutes of PCA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2019**  
**held at the home of Coline Morrison**

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**Present:** Coline Morrison, Daryl Boshart (by telephone), Gemma Parker, Linda Blake, Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill (Chair)

**Regrets:** Allison Evans, Dalreen Fobler, Robyn Switzer, Susan McMurray, Zhiizhii Prince

**Regular Business:**

1. **Welcome.**
2. **Review and approval of agenda.**
3. **Approval of minutes from September 19, 2019 meeting:** Motion to approve by Coline, seconded by Gemma and agreed.
4. **Treasurer's report:** Coline reported that the Neighbourhood Party, after subtracting expenses, raised almost \$470 for the PCA. The Pumpkin Parade raised \$94 for the PCA.

**Committee Reports – What's New?**

**1. Communications:**

- In consultation with Garvey, Daryl has determined the recipient address for emails sent to [donations@thepocket.ca](mailto:donations@thepocket.ca) cannot be updated. Consequently, "Donations" will be removed from the Pocket website "Contact Us" page. Future queries about donations can be directed to the other addresses, such as "General Information and Inquiries – [info@thepocket.ca](mailto:info@thepocket.ca)".
- Daryl will explore ways to promote use of the PCA Instagram account, including putting a link on the Pocket website beside the existing Facebook, Twitter and Flickr icons. He will research and advise how to post pictures on the PCA Instagram site, with particular attention to obtaining subjects' permission to post and copyright protection.
- Daryl will contact Pocket Change Co-Chair David Langille to discuss and confirm choice of vendor for the PCA's new website design.

**2. Membership:**

- The membership table at the Neighbourhood Party was successful in signing up new 2019 members and collecting some 2020 fees from new and existing members.
- The 2019 membership count is 429, of which 59 are first-time members.

**3. Events/Neighbourhood Support:**

- **LEAF (Local Enhancement & Appreciation of Forests) Young Urban Forest Leaders Tree Tour** – Lori attended a city-wide debriefing meeting of program participants in November. She advised organizers that Pocket participants appreciated the event, particularly the free shrubs, and the PCA would be happy to host it again.
- **Pumpkin Parade** – About 85 pumpkins were displayed and then disposed of in a compost bin provided by the City for that purpose. Volunteers offered free hot chocolate and popcorn, and many participants gave cash donations to the PCA.
- **Sip and Chat** – Lori and her husband will host a house party for Motorama owners Peter and Maria in the new year (probably soon after the sale of their diner is finalized).
- **Neighbourhood Support Committee** – The committee met in October and will meet in early 2020 to discuss the few remaining Town Hall 2015 goals and future direction of the committee.
- **Neighbourhood Party** – The Party Planning Committee met in November to review this year's party and make recommendations for next year. The Committee and the PCA Executive thank the many volunteers who make the party possible and everyone who attended. Special thanks to companies and individuals who donated to the silent auction. Proceeds from the auction support the neighbourhood party and the PCA. Thanks also go to Councillor Paula Fletcher for arranging the park permit for the event.
- **Frozen Santa** – December date to be confirmed.

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**Business Arising:**

1. **Art in the Park:** Robi Levy, a Pocket resident and professional film maker, is working on a pro bono video of the Art in the Park program, which will be included with the PCA application for a Toronto Arts Council grant for 2020. Other grant opportunities will also be sought.
2. **First aid/CPR training:** Deferred to next meeting.
3. **Liaising with Kapapamahchakwew/Wandering Spirit School:** Melanie Laking, Chair of the Parent Council, met with Lori to explore potential school/PCA connections. Melanie has requested to be added to the Pocket Change supporter email list (managed by Craig Jasman). The principal has not followed up with Susan to arrange a meeting with a few Executive members,
4. **Pocket Change:** The Pocket Change Executive met on November 8 and is planning a Community Information Fair, possibly for December 3 or 9 at Wandering Spirit School. Information will be posted on the PCA website, Facebook, member email list and Pocket Change email list. The PCA member email list will include an invitation to be added to the Pocket Change supporter list.

**New Business:**

1. **Signing thank-you card for Rebecca Nelson (previous PCA secretary):** Under the Scotiabank Employee Volunteer Program, Rebecca requested that \$1,000 be donated to the PCA for each year of her term. A cheque for \$1000 was received in September, and the final \$1000 is expected in fall 2020. Thank you from all of us.
2. **Concerns mentioned at AGM or on Pocket Facebook page:**
  - **Safety of new path in Phin Park:** Concerns with lighting and snow/ice removal. Lori will contact Superintendent Jim Spyropoulos and Councillor Paula Fletcher to address these issues.
  - **Raccoons on personal property:** Concerns with people feeding raccoons and other wildlife, which attracts them to neighbouring properties. Lori will research City policy and ask Daryl to post information on the Pocket website's Resources tab in the FAQ section.
  - **Vehicle traffic/speeding:** Concerns with the recent increase in traffic and speeding most likely due to construction on nearby streets, causing redirection of traffic to Jones and Greenwood. The construction is scheduled to be completed November 30, 2019. Lori contacted Councillor Fletcher's assistant, who is monitoring the situation.

**Next meeting:** January, Date TBD

Minutes prepared on November 17, 2019 by Linda Blake.