

Minutes of Peretz Executive Committee Meeting

March 19, 2009

In attendance: Dena Dawson, Sylvia Friedman, Donna MacDermot, Richard Rosenberg, Louise Miller, Victor Neuman, Bernice Kastner, Mark Neuman, Anton Friedman

Minutes: Anton Friedman; typed by Donna MacDermot

Corrections to previous minutes:

None. Minutes approved, Bernice, Victor, MSC.

President's Report

- ◆ **Council of Presidents:** No new information

Treasurer's Report

- ◆ **Abbreviated report:** Donations and grants up over same time last year; revenue up as well. Projected modest surplus.

Business Arising

- ◆ **Key to Grove electrical room:** Grove strata council voted not to give us a key to their basement and the shared electrical/phone room. Donna to send a letter to the council requesting they reconsider and asking if they have conditions they'd want us to meet.
- ◆ **Donor cards:** Finished. Donna will display at next meeting.
- ◆ **Security workshop:** Donna attended a second one, this time for front-line staff. Need to create a security procedures manual and make sure all programs and all renters, both long-term and single event, know how to evacuate, lock down, etc.

New Business

- ◆ **Rafe Mair:** Only seniors attended his talk. Should we try to get him again before the election? Donna suggested the April FTN but Rafe is not available.
- ◆ **Bennett Muraskin:** Visiting in July. Would like to speak at Peretz. We could have a July FTN. He's OK with waiting for Claire's return to set a date.
- ◆ **Hinda's paintings:** Victor suggests we hang one and replace periodically with a different one. We should pick one to start with and ask Iosif to hang in hub above couch.
- ◆ **Garage sale:** Date TBD; probably June. Anton will look through inventory list and items with Donna.
- ◆ **Security cameras:** Will cost \$20,000. Need to be able to monitor online and to keep a recording. We should try to get a grant to pay for at least half. Possibility of getting a better price once the Olympics is over and the providers will be looking for customers. Donna thinks that Federation will have money available. Victor is going to security training next week and he will ask.

- ◆ **CSJO update:** Brochure will be out soon. Vancouver youth will give two workshops. Leslie Dyson is paying for airline tickets and attendees will pay her back. Going this year: Mark, Ben, Kerry, Tobey and Samantha.
- ◆ **Air miles credit card:** Donna to look into upgrading the VanCity card or seeing if CIBC has one.
- ◆ **Replace entrance doors with more secure versions:** At present, just replace the locks. If we need to replace the entire door, that will take some research and time.
- ◆ **Ultimate Frisbee game:** Late April or early May in Tisdall Park. Mark spoke to Lu Winters (JCC Youth Worker). BBYO may join them too. At first, probably just play; eventually, the organizations may compete.
- ◆ **New Horizons Grant:** Applied for and received grant to replace the Seniors Lounge chairs and get cutlery. We may get dishes or tablecloths instead of cutlery. The Board previously agreed to purchase new chairs, so will make up any shortfall so that we can get good quality.

Next meeting: Apr. 16. Motion to adjourn: Victor. Meeting adjourned.