

7:00 pm, Sun. June 18, 2023. (Meeting of Volunteer Board, via Zoom)

Present: James Chamberlain (President), Andrina Perry (Treasurer), Joan Merrifield (Vice-President), Steve LeBel (Secretary), Dan Coles, Cathy Welch

1. **Applications for Funding this Quarter:** Exactly \$4000 was raised from our donors. 5 funding applications were received. The directors discussed them carefully and decided that, as per our earlier board decision, we would present three options to the donors to vote on.

The options are:

- A. Vancouver Island Persons With HIV/AIDS Society
- B. The Pride Society of the Comox Valley (Pride Comox Valley)
and Saplings Gender Diverse Kids
- C. The John Howard Society of North Island

If the donors select option B, then the Pride Society of Comox will receive \$2400 and Saplings will receive \$1600. This is because their financial requests are smaller than those of the others.

Steve will send out the voting info on June 20, and the deadline to respond will be on June 26. Donors will be asked to put down a second choice as well as their first choice.

2. **One-Year Birthday Party:** this celebration will be on July 23, 2-4 pm, at Pacific Gardens in Nanaimo. James will send out invitations, and Dan will receive and track the responses.

James will arrange drinks, and Dan and his partner Steve will bring cake. James will try to arrange one or two speakers from groups that have received funding from us.

3. **Membership Update:** We have 46 paid-up members at this point.

4. **Brochure Update:** James has updated the brochures and had them reprinted.

5. **Applying for Charitable Status:** James and Joan will be starting the process of submitting the appropriate documents.

6. **Website:** Andrina has posted our existing bylaws, the draft for new bylaws, our constitution, and all our bios on the website.

7. **Next meeting:** 10:00 am, Monday, July 24, 2023, at Dan Cole's house on Gabriola Island. Agenda items will include AGM preparations, and the process of applying for Charitable Status.