

Edmonton and Area Fetal Alcohol Network



SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 04 2015

The Society members met at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 04, 2015 at DECSA:

Present: Mark, Paul, Carol, Qadra, Lori, Fayanne, Ashley, Laura, Brittany, Lynne, Dani, Aimee, Jamie, Tyler, Lisa R., Cheslea, Trish, Leah

Absent with Regret: Miranda, Denise P.

1. Call to order and roll call

Mark called the meeting to order

2. Approval of last minutes

Laura approved last meeting minutes

3. FASD Tip Sheet Committee

- Committee is working on this month's tip sheet
- Frontline Newsletter
 - This month's issue is dedicated to tips for back-to-school

4. Messaging Committee

A. Artwork Contest

- Seven artwork received
- Committee will select 1st and 2nd place for each category
- Winning artwork will be displayed during FASD Day Event at Churchill square

B. Events Updates

- K-Days - Recap
 - 55 individuals RSVP'd for the event, but only 23 showed up
 - Bubble machines had no batteries, therefore, were not used
 - Meeting discussed if such event is worth the effort as members did not turn up
 - It was agreed that that it is important to keep presence at the parade
 - Maybe next time we should stress the importance of attendance
 - All in all, terrible weather but successful event

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- FASD Days
 - Event will be held at Churchill square
 - Event poster went up on the blog
 - Members were asked to RSVP to the event and actually turn up for the event
 - List of requirement have been received from the City
 - Messaging committee is working on the list
 - Members were asked to bring flyers and brochures to distribute to the public
 - T-shirts are available for those who did not take it for the K-days event

- AGM
 - Meeting will be held at DoubleTree by Hilton
 - Members were asked to RSVP and plan to attend
 - Qadra brought receipts for those who wish to pay registration fees
 - Invites have also been sent out to FASD Cross-Ministry Members

- Jeff Noble Event – September 24, 2015
 - Registration for this event is now closed to the public
 - EFAN is charging \$20 per person for registration
 - Event will be held at Chateau Louis
 - EFAN members who want to attend to check with Lisa

5. Life-skills program update

- The following agencies/programs were suggested by members
 - CHIMO
 - Alberta Works
 - McDaniel Youth Program (only up to 21-year-olds with FASD)
 - McDaniel does not support adults, but members can email Brittany or Colleen to discuss clients in need of life-skills
 - FASS Educators have materials developed for life-skills training

6. Review of Strategic Planning Document

- Members were asked to come up with ideas on
 - Building Relationships
 - Advocacy
- Lisa reported that she had invited GoA employees to EFAN meetings
- FASS Educators reported that they offer training, workshops in regions 6
- Laura will suggest educators names to present during an upcoming volunteer workshop

7. Additions

- **Audits**
 - Lisa passed around audits to Society Members
 - Lisa asked members to go through the audits and email questions to her
 - Members will vote on motions during the 2nd AGM scheduled for September 1st
 - Lisa reported that the audits were not approved during the last meeting
 - Audits were sent back to the accountant and the audits are now correct

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- Motion: Lisa moves that we approve the April 1, 2014 - March 31, 2015 audit, seconded by Ashely, approved.

- **EFAN Co-chair**

- Mark reported that he has moved out of the network region
- Mark decided to give up his position as the co-chair so to have someone in the region fill it
- Denise Plesuk's position is also coming up
- Roles and responsibilities of co-chairs on the EFAN site
- Nomination forms and requirements for nomination are also on the site

8. Program updates

A. Bissell Centre– FASS Educator

- Edmonton Public Library will present during the next Frontline meeting
- There will be no frontline meeting in September as members will be attending to the Jeff Noble event

B. Leduc County – Bridges Program

- Program is fully staffed
- Early Year's Mentor is now filled
- One client has been moved from the waitlist
- Waitlist is at 4

C. Kids Kottage

- FASD respite program starts in September
- Program is hoping to be able to look after 2-3 more clients and up client numbers to 40

D. Children and Family Service

- No update

E. SolGen

- Trying to find people to speak at an upcoming conference
- New program for persons who steal cars is underway

F. McDaniel Youth Program

- Previous vacant position has been filled
- Program has another vacant position and a posting just went up
- 8 girls and 7 boys on are on the waitlist
- Summer programs are going on well
- Support Groups starts in September

G. First Steps Program

- Spots available for pregnant or mother who are up to six months postpartum

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H. Coaching Families Program

- Waitlist is low
- Members were asked to refer clients to Coaching Families Program
- Support groups will start in September.
- Mentors are trying to arrange for childcare for evening Support Groups

I. Bissell Centre – Waitlist Coordinator

- Waitlist is coming along
- 10 on the waitlist at the moment

J. Bissell Centre – PCAP Partner

- Spaces available for partners
- This program provides supports to partners of women who are at risk

K. WICS

- No update

L. DECSA

- Registration deadline for Assets for Success Program is in August
- Members were asked to contact Aimee for referrals
- The City of Edmonton is having a public transit discussion group at DECSA on August 05, 2015
- Questions for the discussion group include
 - Would people prefer a \$35 monthly pass or a bus ticket at a \$1 per ticket?
 - Where would be the most convenient place to purchase the monthly pass or ticket?
- Members were asked to share this information with their clients
- Aimee will send details of the meeting to Qadra to post it on the EFAN site
- Member can also call Aimee directly for details

M. CASA

- Waitlist is at 5 months
- Contractors are working on the Snooze-room
- Snooze-room should be available next week

N. Metis Nation

- Pancake breakfast was a success
- Tyler new to the position
- No more updates at the moment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

September meeting is cancelled for the AGM which is scheduled for September 1st, 2015

Next meeting will be on October 06, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at DECSA