

Edmonton and Area Fetal Alcohol Network



SOCIETY MEETING MINUTES APRIL 05, 2016

The Society members met at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 05, 2016, 2015 at DECSA:

Present: Denise, Lisa R., Bernie, LaDene, Qadra, Brynn D., Kathryn, Kayleigh, Brittany, Jamie, Gail, Jenna, Erin, Miranda, Leah, Linh, Shirley, Tannis, Laura, Aimee, Tanya

Absent with Regret: Carol, Ashley, Paul, Tracey

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Denise called the meeting to order

2. DECSA's Announcement

- DECSA is hosting 1st annual garage sell on April 9, 2016 from 8-3pm
- Tables are available for rent
- DECSA will accept table reservations until this Thursday
- Aimee shared event poster

3. Just-Us-Girls Presentation

Linh from Just-Us-Girls presented to the meeting

4. Approval of Last Minutes

Jamie approved last meeting minutes

5. FASD Tip Sheet Committee

- Miranda is working on this month's tip sheet
- Members are welcome to join the tip sheet committee

6. Messaging Committee

A. Strategic Planning Day – Recap

- Item was tabled

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B. Not-for-Profit exhibition

- Event was a success
- A lot of people from both non-profits and private businesses attended the mixer
- Attendees were sceptical about the prevention banner at the beginning
- At first females didn't want to stop by our table while drinking alcoholic beverages
- We didn't have swag to give so harder to attract a crowd
- Lisa asked what kind of swags we should get for future events
 - Pens was popular among the members
 - Fidget tools
 - Bags
- Lisa asked members to think of fun taglines as "alcohol and pregnancy do not mix" does not work with our target group
- Fun taglines can be emailed to Lisa Rogozinsky

C. 2nd Artwork Contest

- Contest started in February and is scheduled to end in July
- So far no entries have been received
- Members were asked to share contest poster with schools in their area

D. 2016 K-Days

- Not many people attended last year's event even though many had RSVP'd
- The wait time at the event entry was long and participants got rained on
- The chair of the meeting asked if members wanted to participate in the 2016 K-Days
- By show of hand, majority voted not to participate
- Members suggested tagging with other events at Churchill square this summer
- Qadra will email City of Edmonton's events office to get a list of events planned for the summer

7. Adults Support Groups - Update

- Groups were poorly attended for the last 3 months
- Decision was made to reduce the groups to 2 per month
- Groups will be held every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
- Both groups will be held JAC from 1-3pm
- Members were asked to share these groups with their clients and those on the waitlists
- Paul and Lisa will be the contact persons for these groups
- No child care / child minding program is available for these groups

8. Inter-Agency (Committee) Meeting Attended

- Nothing to report

9. PCAP Council

Nothing to report

10. Other Council Updates

- Bow Valley college is going to offer FASD Diploma Program
- Lisa will participate in the curriculum committee

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11. FASD Youth Justice Support Project

- Nothing to report

12. Additions

E. Membership Fees

- Membership fees are due in April
- Members can pay today as Qadra has brought receipts with her
- Members also need to fill membership forms that would be used to renew the Society's registration
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13. Program Updates

A. Children and Family Services

- LaDene is the Health Liaison Specialist with CFS
- She has been involved with CFS since 5 years ago
- Her team created and updated curriculum in training unit
- Foster and adoptive parents can attend this training
- FASD COP group meet monthly
- LaDene feels EFAN is a good resource for their program

B. Girls Empowered and Strong Program

- New program starts in May
- This program is open to all girls ages 13-17
- Participants do not need to have FASD, but the program is FASD friendly
- Poster was shared with Qadra and it was posted on all EFAN sites

C. Metis Nation of Alberta

- Metis Nation is putting together a cultural calendar
- Calendar will be shared next meeting

D. McDaniel Youth Program

- Both waitlists are low
- Groups are going on well and are very well attended
- Program is down one mentor and position is not yet posted

E. CASA – FAS Tracs

- No update

F. Terra Association

- No update

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G. Coaching Families Program

- Program can use referrals
- Support groups are going on well
- Looking to have various presenters for 45 minutes during each support group
- Groups are open to any parent and caregiver of a child with or suspected to have FASD
- Parents and caregivers do not have to be involved with Coaching Families Program
- RSVP is needed in order to attend as food and child programming is provided

H. DECSA

- Nothing to report

I. Step by Step Program

- Waitlist is at 4
- Both mentors trained on Nobody's Perfect and will be organizing a group in the future

J. First Steps Program

- Program is down one mentor
- Position has not yet been posted
- Program has room for more clients and it continues to receive referrals
- Beth took over intake she currently has Tannis' phone
- Supervisor is still on medical leave
- 1 mentor is attending the Vancouver Conference

K. EFAN

- EFAN received \$783, 0000 addition to this fiscal year
- Cross Ministry Committee selected who gets this funding
- The funding was given to Bissell Centre's Supportive Housing and CASA for mental health, addiction, and supports for First Nations on Reserve

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Next Frontline meeting will be on April 12, 2016 at Parkdale School

Next EFAN Monthly meeting will be May 03, 2016, at 9:30 a.m. at DECSA