

## SSD Council Minutes

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016

**Adjunct Meeting:** called to order by Heather at 10:09am

Heather reported on the rally on April 13<sup>th</sup> regarding changes to the disability bus pass and PWD. Heather also discussed SSD coffee.

**Meeting called to order by Heather at 10:13am**

- *Attendance:* Heather, Joseph, Bernadette, and Patrick

**Acknowledgement of Territories:** Heather acknowledged the territories

**Approval of Minutes:** Moved by Heather, seconded by Patrick

- Heather moved to insert that she gave notice of motions regarding board games, karaoke, and other outdoor activities. Seconded by Joseph, carried.
- Heather moved to strike “Heather agreed” regarding TLP action items “Heather agreed to add further action items in addition to those already on Basecamp.” Seconded by Bernadette, carried.
- Main motion carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Heather, seconded by Joseph

- Patrick moved to insert “BIRT SSD office staff will always post the expected length of office closures when the office closes during regular hours, and if the closure can be anticipated beforehand notice will be posted on Facebook unless Board members, other staff, or volunteers can be found to provide office coverage.” Seconded by Bernadette, carried.
- Heather moved to insert “BIRT the SSD will conduct outdoor Yoga, Tai Chi, or other Mindful Movement sessions throughout the summer.” Seconded by Patrick, carried.
- Heather moved to insert “Karaoke” as a discussion item. Seconded by Bernadette, carried.
- Main motion carried.

**Reports:**

Heather reported that she had a final copy of a document responding to claims circulated in a petition regarding the SSD. There has been interest among advocacy groups to the SSD’s offer of funding for events relating to intersections. Heather reported that she had been discussing some personnel matters. Finally, Heather reported that people with disabilities had been included among those vulnerable to violence in a UVSS policy relating to sexualized violence.

Patrick reported that he had been in the office yesterday to keep the space open and last week tabled at an event for transitioning high school students and their families.

Joseph reported that he had been performing work related to the personnel committee.

### **Motions:**

BIRT the SSD Council approves \$1,000 for Autism's Own conference in August 2016. Moved by Joseph, seconded by Bernadette, carried. Patrick and Joseph abstained.

BIRT the SSD Council approves an SSD sailing program that subsidizes sailing lessons for UVic students identified with disabilities through Recreation Integration Victoria for \$2,500. Moved by Heather, seconded by Bernadette, carried.

BIRT the SSD Council approves \$400 for board games for the SSD office. Moved by Heather, seconded by Bernadette.

- Joseph moved to strike "\$400 for board games" and insert "\$800 for board games and related expenses." Seconded by Patrick, carried.
- Main motion carried.

BIRT the SSD Council approves \$200 for colouring books and markers for the SSD office. Moved by Heather, seconded by Bernadette.

- Bernadette moved to strike "markers" and insert "markers and other colouring utensils". Seconded by Joseph, carried.
- Main motion carried.

BIRT the SSD Council approves \$250 for hypoallergenic pillows for the SSD office. Moved by Heather, seconded by Bernadette, carried.

BIRT the SSD council approves \$150 for blankets for our weekly summer evening picnics. Moved by Heather, seconded by Patrick.

- Heather moved to strike "\$150 for blankets" and insert "\$250 for blankets and tarps". Seconded by Bernadette, carried.
- Main motion carried.

BIRT the SSD Council approves \$100 for a Spring movie night for the SSD. Moved by Heather, seconded by Bernadette, carried.

BIRT the SSD Council approves an emergency hire position for two months at \$15 per hour to keep the SSD office open. Moved by Heather.

- Patrick moved to table until the in camera session. Seconded by Joseph, carried.

BIRT the SSD bursary program through the RCSD is raised by \$1,000 per semester for three semesters, \$3,000 in total. Moved by Heather, seconded by Patrick.

- Patrick moved to strike "is raised by \$1,000 per semester for three semesters, \$3,000 in total" and insert "is renewed with the following funds allocated: \$1,000 for summer

2016, \$6,000 for fall 2016, and \$4,000 for spring 2017.” Seconded by Bernadette, carried.

- Main motion carried.

BIRT the SSD approves a day long orientation and training session for the SSD board with dinner for \$500. Moved by Heather, seconded by Patrick.

- Joseph moved to strike “\$500” and insert “up to \$1,000.” Seconded by Bernadette, carried.
- Main motion carried.

BIRT the SSD approves \$350 for an outdoor art day in the summer. Moved by Heather, seconded by Bernadette, carried.

BIRT SSD office staff will always post the expected length of office closures when the office closes during regular hours, and if the closure can be anticipated beforehand notice will be posted on Facebook unless Board members, other staff, or volunteers can be found to provide office coverage. Moved by Patrick, seconded by Bernadette.

- Joseph moved to strike “always” and insert “always, except in exceptional or emergency circumstances,”.
- Bernadette moved to table pending consultation with the union. Seconded by Joseph, carried. Patrick abstained.

BIRT the SSD will conduct outdoor Yoga, Tai Chi, or other Mindful Movement sessions throughout the summer. Moved by Heather, seconded by Bernadette.

- Heather moved to table pending research into facilitation options. Seconded by Bernadette, carried.

Heather moved to approve funding of \$150 plus tax for each Council member who is not currently MHFA-certified and wishes to participate in MHFA workshops. Seconded by Bernadette, carried.

Joseph moved to reconsider the last motion, inserting “and staff member”. Seconded by Bernadette, amendment carried, amended motion carried.

**In Camera Session (1 hr):** In camera session began at 11:35am, ended at 12:25pm

### **Further Motions**

BIRT the SSD Council approves an emergency hire position for one-month increments as needed at the appropriate wage as established by the Collective Agreement and the Office Assistant 2 job description. Moved by Heather, seconded by Bernadette, carried.

Heather moved to amend the agenda to insert the following three motions, seconded by Bernadette. Carried.

BIRT the SSD Council approves \$100 for a community garden plot for the SSD

including seeds. Moved by Heather, seconded by Patrick, carried.

BIRT the SSD approves a \$10,000 budget for the SSD Transitions to Leadership Program. Moved by Heather, seconded by Patrick, carried.

BIRT the SSD Council re-approves a \$10,000 budget for central air conditioning for the SSD office. Moved by Joseph, seconded by Heather, carried.

**Discussion Items:**

Board available hours for keeping the office open.

- Patrick volunteered to keep the office during regular hours on April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Heather said she would contribute a Doodle poll.

Ideas for snack, community lunch and picnics food

- The consensus was that community lunches would continue with sandwiches, veggies, and finger food, with pizza approximately once a month.

Ideas for types of Tea

**Heather moved to adjourn at 12:59pm, seconded by Bernadette, carried.**