

St Raphael's Ruins

May 7th 2023

Attendees:

- Ed, Diana , Bernie , Louise , Krista Andrea,Wanda
- Absent: Leona , Ian

Call to Order ,Welcome

Opening Prayer/ Diana

Minutes from last meeting sent out by e mail , no amendments moved to accept 2 nd by Louise

Financial Report

Had been gone over at AGM which preceded this meeting

Correspondence

Ed read a letter from the Archdiocese outlining their plans to have a staff picnic at the Bishop's House on Friday June 21 st with hopes to have a mass and photos in the Ruins . He moved that we grant this request , 2nd by Wanda . All approved

Karen Belanger SDG Cornwall sent e mail that on May 16 th 930 she would be stopping by the Ruins with summer guides to tour the site

Old Business:

Curator - Louise reported that she has hired a local student MacKenzie Moffat . Our application for summer student grant was approved for 8 weeks only so she proposed having Mackenzie under a six week contract for two days a week that we pay for and that she start full time hours June 22 nd where the grant will come into play . She noted as well that 9 th and 10 th week we would need to cover . Louise made a motion to have board approval to pay costs for summer curator salary above what grant covers.2nd by Wanda All approved

2 - Brouchers :Louise has ordered them and will be picking them up end of week

3 - Preservation Projects - Bernie updated us on projects that a \$40,000 grant by a private donor thru the Ontario Heritage Trust Fund that has allowed us to do . Repair has been done on entrance gates and interior railings. He noted the Caron has been repaired . The need for a load of top soil to ease the slope at back and eliminate need for railing . Motion was made to approve transfer of \$30,000 from Manulife to BMO cash flow so bills for conservation work can be payed as grant may not be released till all work completed. 2nd by Krista All approved

4 - Update on weddings / rentals 2024

Diana has 10 weddings (2 of which are booked for 4hrs) and 2 photo shoots.

5 - Golf Tournament : price for cart/ golf remains the same for this year .

120 golfers Thursday Aug 1st Caterer has been booked with there being a new cost of \$600 for use of club kitchen. Caisse are corporate sponsors , Manulife are putting in a team and possible sponsorship .Golf Tournament meeting upcoming Tuesday May 14 th

6 - ONCA : Ed thru research proposed that we are a federal non profit so perhaps are exempt . He asked Bernie to see if Shawn Adams would review our status and give us a legal opinion

7 - Andrea asked that we continue to gather files etc for archives . A committee will need to be formed to decide on the formate and hiring of a professional writer . It was suggested that the use of social media could be helpful

8 - Investment Strategy: Ed and Louise met with Wade Bedard of Manulife Wealth . He proposed that we change from a 50/ 50 investment portfolio to 60% fixed 40% equity split for better flexibility . Ed made motion that Investment portfolio at Manulife

Wealth be managed 60% fixed / 40% equity , 2nd by Bernie . All approved.

Ed made motion to transfer BMO Investorline account of approximately \$37,000 to Manulife Wealth 2nd by Andrea . All approved

New Business:

1 - Bench : Glenda's niece Mona has approached the board thru Bernie as to the possibility of her donating a bench in memory of her grandparents to sit outside the Ruins . She provided info on cost / materials available.. Board discussion was positive , motion made to proceed with this project , 2nd by Diana .All approved

Ed asked Bernie to have Funeral Friends add Glenda's name to memorial bench and redo some existing faded names

2 - Custodian: discussion on need to have someone help in locking gates etc from May / Oct . A proposed salary of \$100 a month was approved , Bernie to look into some possible interested candidates.

Diana will plant some flowers

Grass cutting : Bernie to contact Andre re Ruins contract .

Porta Potty rental : Bernie to contact Glengarry Outhouse , Motion to approve funds if contract increase , 2nd by Ed , all approved .

Bernie moved motion to donate \$200 to St Raphael's Rec Centre for use of hall for 2023/24 . Second by Krista , All Approved

3 - 1784 Historical Heritage Tent : Ed attended information session ,we will share area with Bishops House. One committee member is needed for four hour shift Friday am / pm Saturday am/pm

4 - Bishops House is having Sunday afternoon outdoor concerts ,discussion re hiring a piper to be at Ruins prior to these concerts

5 - Ed commented on Msgr McDougald upcoming induction well deserved into the Celtic Hall of Fame on May 24 th

6 - There will be a ten dollar collection from board members for our Memorial Fund

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