



**Board of Directors
December 11, 2017
Conference Call**

In Attendance

Marcy Perron, President
Chad Hooker, Vice President
Lance Bereck, Treasurer
Tanya Tagmann, Secretary
Tanya Hooker, Vancouver Island Delegate
Kevin Daniel, Interior Delegate
Walter Aguilar, Coast Fraser Delegate
Jayne Wilson, Executive Director
Ronda Sweeney, Community Network Manager

Absent

Victor Elkins, Coast Fraser Delegate

A quorum being present, the meeting commenced at 6:45 p.m.

***M/S/C (Moved/Seconded/Carried)**

ACTION	DETAIL	MOTION or ACTION
1. Ministry Liaison	No report this month.	
2. Regional Delegate Reports	<p><i>Interior Region– Kevin Daniel</i> The Interior region is busy. MCFD is handing out Christmas baking and presents for CICs. Many foster parents concerned about the rumored financial adjustments in the spring. Regional board not meeting this month. [ED updated that there are likely no financial announcements pending for spring from MCFD as the system of care design is still in process. Have discussed community consultation with Strategic Initiatives.]</p> <p><i>North Delegate – Tanya Tagmann</i> Prince George hosted a foster parent appreciation lunch. Gifts of calendars were given. No partnership meeting. BCFFPA Branch hosted a party and fun was had by all.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Region – Walter Aguilar</i> Foster parent appreciation night in Port Coquitlam was very well attended with over 100 foster parents – and lots of couples. Dinner and a show at the Giggle Dam.</p> <p>Provided support for a protocol in Maple Ridge. Foster parents are being told that PRIDE isn't available to current foster parents. [ED updated that the decisions haven't been made at MCFD provincial office yet.]</p> <p><i>Vancouver Island Region – Tanya Hooker</i> Attended the Nanaimo foster parent appreciation lunch – went really well with many in attendance. DAA foster parents attended as well.</p> <p>The new branch is running and hosted a swim and pizza night. 65 people attended. Heard that this was the highest attended function for foster parents in a while. Courtenay MCFD did not participate in promoting the event with a poster.</p>	

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	<p>Will be bringing someone for an education workshop soon.</p> <p>Courtenay/Campbell River foster parents discussing issues with foster parent payment. Levels are not being paid accordingly. Not paying for 3rd CIC if receiving full payment for the 2nd CIC etc.</p> <p>Some Island foster parents are being given unusual criteria for safe babies homes. Babies are being moved – the term used is “aging out” of the safe baby home.</p> <p>Providing support for a home that is “on hold” but the caregiver went in for the meeting without a support person, not wanting to rock the boat.</p>	<p>ACTION ED will seek clarification regarding criteria for a safe baby home</p>
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting	No changes to the Minutes of October 3 and October 7, 2017 Board meetings.	<p>MOTION to accept the Minutes of October 3 and October 7, 2017 meeting as distributed.</p> <p>M/S/C Chad/Walter</p>
4. Agenda	Additional items added to be discussed under new business.	
5. President’s Report	<p>Attended 2-day Permanency Forum in Richmond. Not many foster parents attended, mostly agency and MCFD staff. Focus of the forum was aging out of care. No new information about the adoptions or foster parent adoption process. There are many services available for youth. Discussion about how to distill information for everyone.</p> <p>Attended a meeting in Kelowna with branch president and Resources Team Lead to discuss retention and recruitment.</p> <p>MCFD hosted a foster parent appreciation lunch.</p> <p>Local is hosting a bake sale to support AGM attendees. Good feedback being received about hosting the 2018 AGM in Nelson.</p> <p>Many foster parents attended the Christmas party.</p>	
6. Vice President’s Report	<p>Krissy has returned to the office on contract to manage reception while Michelle assists with other tasks. Our fund developer is now in 3 days per week. Ronda working on the home studies project and setting up for a new year.</p> <p>The Vice President shared details of his schedule and adjustments expected to take place in the next few weeks.</p>	

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7. Treasurer's Report	<p>The Treasurer reviewed the October financial statements. Board expenses and networking expenses are lower than budgeted at this point in the year. Discussion regarding AGM expenses and need to create a policies and procedures process for future.</p>	<p>ACTION create AGM policy/procedure document and inform Board about the evolution of the AGM planning from many years ago to present</p> <p>MOTION to accept the October financial statement as presented. M/S/C Kevin/Chad</p>
8. Executive Director's Report	<p>ED provided a summary of the progress of the proposal being worked on for MCFD.</p> <p>Discussion about AGM motion to change the AGM date back to May. BCFFPA members voted to change the date to October a few years ago.</p> <p>Discussion about next steps for union affiliation for foster parents. Information provided by the committee wasn't comprehensive. Home share (CLBC) caregivers are on the same path. BCFFPA cannot take on this piece of the work.</p> <p>UBC students have completed their cost of living study. ED will review contents and summarize for MCFD.</p>	<p>ACTION create a survey asking members to weigh in about AGM month prior to further action. Defer further discussion until January meeting</p> <p>ACTION contact home share caregivers to discuss contacts for foster parents wanting to move forward with union affiliation</p>
9. New Business	<p><i>North Delegate Election</i> The letters for the election of a new North Delegate have been sent to members in the north region.</p> <p><i>Coast Fraser Delegate</i> One of our delegates has indicated that his foster children have aged out as of early in December. No letter of resignation has been received however it was discussed at a past Board meeting that the delegate would no longer be fostering and would be moving on to other activities in the community.</p> <p><i>Regional Delegate Duties in General</i> The President reminded all about the importance of networking in the community and asked all to review the parameters of the regional delegate position. Will discuss again in March.</p>	<p>MOTION to send an acknowledgement and thank you letter to the outgoing delegate M/S/C Lance/Chad</p>
10. Next Meeting	Next meeting January 22, 2018 by conference call.	
	Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.	