

Tuesday, June 18, 2019



Georgian Bay Youth Roots Meeting -

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Financial Update

- Bank - \$452.30 - as of April 30, 2019. Monthly Bank Charges of \$1.95
- Expenses for Exam Destress Event Today (150+ people attended) - \$260.09
- BVO paid for \$105.23 and Youth Roots has a remaining \$153.86 to pay for from our account. Ryan Gibbons mentioned that the Town of The Blue Mountains could cover a portion of that remaining amount.

Action: Melri and Ryan will talk about payment.

Flyer Design

- Suggestion to include more specifics about what we're calling them to - Call out to youth - Join the Youth Roots Team (plan events, experience for resume, volunteer hours)
- We updated the list of partners.
- We want to have a Youth Roots Instagram account and have a youth manage it.

Action: Nadia Ellis and Emma Smith will work on the wording together.

Grant Updates and Next Steps

Meaford Bursary Program

- Jason spoke at Council and fielded a lot of questions.
- We were given \$2,000/year for 4 years to help with events, food at the high school, youth space
- One of the questions was about whether the money would be spent in Meaford.
- It may be helpful to have pop up spaces in various locations to see where youth prefer to go. Also may be important to have financial support from other sources.
- Perhaps we could offer an honorarium for a student who would help with that.

Next Steps:

- Interested people will meet later in July to plan a BBQ for GBCS in the fall.
- We would ask for youth input at that event.
- We want youth to help us plan how we would use the money.

Action: Jason will send a Doodle Poll to decide on a July meeting date for those who are interested.

Municipality of Meaford

- Emma Smith is going to ask for funds from Council as well, but she is not sure how much she will receive because Youth Roots received the bursary.

Town of The Blue Mountains

- Looking at revamping their granting process and Youth Roots might have opportunity to apply to TBM Council for funding as well

Future Launch

- We need 5 youth to co-lead the project.
- Kristi, from Public Health suggested doing a Youth Impact Summit for Grey Bruce.
- Money needs to be spent between November 2019 and August 2020.
- Recipients will be notified in November.

Sandbox Project

- We have missed this opportunity for this year.

Signing Authority

Motions:

To remove Jason Weppler as a signing representative for the Georgian Bay Youth Roots bank account.

To add Jennifer Moore as a third signing representative for the Georgian Bay Youth Roots bank account.

Moved: Melri Wright

Seconded: Nadia Ellis

Carried: Unanimous

Summer Event Planning

Municipality of Meaford - Emma

- August 12th 7-8:30pm - Free Pool Party
 - Ages 7 and up only Free Pizza's!
 - Last year 18-20 youth attended, collaboration with Thornbury Library to try to promote both the tie-dye event at the Thornbury library and the Pool party in Meaford.

Action: Emma will send a flyer to the group to remind everyone.

- Municipality is also looking to start a youth led group starting in September.
- Upcoming Pool Party.
- Canada Day July 1st all day 8am-10pm
 - Inflatables, Beautiful Joe Park and the Coast Guard to name a few.
- Longest Day of Play - Friday June 21st
 - free swim and a slip and slide from the fire department with a free slice of pizza.

Library - Lori

- They have a high school summer student assisting over the summer.
- They have a teen drop in with activities every Friday afternoon.
- There was a great youth writing program called Write On which combined food and writing, several teens attended and it was very successful.

Big Brothers and Sisters - Mandi

- Golf tournament in July on the 13th at Scenic City.

Action: A flyer will be sent round.

Town of The Blue Mountains - Emma

- Canada Day June 30th 4-9 at the Arena in Thornbury
 - No cost event for the community.
 - Craft learner-maker ideas inside and BBQ and Bar available outside.
 - Great opportunity for youth or anyone wanting to come.
 - Youth can attend alone don't need parents there.

Event Updates

Business in Motion Event in Clarksburg

- Lori and Emma reported two important points that were discussed:
 - 1-address youth as youthful
 - 2-benefits of a teen advisory group

YouthRex

- Over 30 people attended including a lot of youth.
- It went really well, people found it useful.
- There is talk of a 3 day development certification course from Youth Rex in the future.

Blue Mountain Council - Andrea

- Reported that the Sustainability Committee has been resurrected.
- The group will consist of 6 public members and 3 council members.

Public Health

- Youth Vaping
- Great interest from parents who are concerned about extracurricular activities that are going on.
- Ideally there will be a youth mental health and addictions champions training event happening again then those individuals give back to their fellow youth.

Grace United - Thérèse

- Friday, June 21st - Blanket Exercise with Shirley John
- Friday is also national Indigenous People's day.
- They are also doing an experiential engagement with history of contact focus on Grade 11's.
- There is also a Local and World History event with singing - cost for that is \$5.

Next Meetings:

Jason Wepler will send a Doodle Poll Message to decide on a July Meeting.
We will begin regular meetings again in September.