

Regina Public Interest Research Group
Board Minutes – July 15, 2020 at 5pm – Online

1. OPENING ROUND

- 1.1. Check-ins and announcements:
- 1.2. In attendance: **Krystal, Parvin, Prince, Veera, Cara, Nicole, Ben, Julian**
- 1.3. Regrets: **Chiara, Noora** Absent: n/a

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 2.1. Meeting length – approx. 2 hours
- 2.2. Approve minutes of June meeting, changes to agenda, agenda, choice of chair (**Veera**) and minute taker (**Nicole**)

3. Motions

- 3.1. July 1 funding round – make decision on applications and decide what to do with extra funding
 - o **The board pre-approves funding for Four Directions and UR Creative Minds if they provide more details**
 - o **The board approves funding Regina Cat Rescue application**
 - o **The board approves to transfer \$1000 from this funding round to the October funding round, and to be authorize the Executive Director to distribute the rest of the \$400 grants at her discretion as she hears about other COVID-related support initiatives**
- 3.2. Fall funding rounds (Oct 1 and Nov 1) – decide how to allocate COVID19 specific funds
 - o **The board approves keeping all funds under one umbrella and will decide on allocations to regular sub-categories (including COVID19) when the applications are being reviewed**

4. Discussion items

- 4.1. Donation to Walking With Our Angels initiative
 - o **Krystal will be making a donation through our discretionary fund**
- 4.2. Programming and operational updates
 - o **Garden – going well, Annie has started in the garden, testing drip irrigation system, Tayef and Krystal are working out a produce pickup plan for students, refer interested people to the Green Patch Facebook page for more details**
 - o **AGM – planned for Thursday September 17th 2-4pm online, related to municipal election**
 - o **Generating Momentum August 6 & 7th registration closes soon**
 - o **Space negotiation agreement is progressing**
 - o **Audit (review by independent body) done every year, Krystal dropping off our info to accountant for next week**
 - o **Krystal will read up on Canadian Government Wage Subsidy program and Canadian Red Cross COVID-19 emergency response grants**
- 4.3. Schedule August board meeting, decide chair and newsletter roles, designate board member to check board email
 - o **August board meeting – Tuesday August 18th 6pm**
 - o **Prince will chair the August meeting, Cara will do the newsletter for August**
 - o **Veera will check the board email, Parvin as backup**

- 4.4. RPIRG's role in better supporting Indigenous, Black and other racialized students
 - o **Krystal will synthesize everyone's input and we can discuss more in August**

- 4.5. Julian presentation and workshop – RPIRG's strategic plan, the role of the communications committee, practicing class talks
 - o **Communications & Outreach Plan 2020 – Julian gave a brief summary and would appreciate the board reviewing this for more detailed discussion with specific feedback at the August comms meeting**
 - o **Updating contact lists and identifying potential allies/partners – Julian would like names of profs or contacts or organizations that board members know who would be interested in our initiatives**
 - o **Email template for direct outreach – the template can be updated as needed. Cara will email some new contacts using the template. Julian will let the board know if more help is needed sending emails.**
 - o **AGM – Julian is attending a workshop on how to run an online AGM. The AGM will focus on the upcoming municipal election to educate our members on how to engage with relevant issues. If anyone has ideas for speakers or facilitators, please let Julian know.**
 - o **Resources for students – the board thinks the top issues to prioritize for online student resources are tuition, food security, and potentially others.**
 - o **Class talks – Julian will need the board's help covering class talks, and discussed how to give a good class talk. Board members should practice class talks in the mirror.**

5. CLOSING ROUND

- 5.1. Next meetings
 - 5.1.1. **Board: Tuesday August 18th 6pm**
 - 5.1.2. **Governance training: Monday July 27th 5pm**
 - 5.1.3. **Communications committee: Thursday August 13th 5:30pm**

- 5.2. Check out