

**FEDERATION OF FOSTER FAMILIES OF NOVA SCOTIA**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**HOLIDAY INN, NEW GLASGOW, NOVA SCOTIA**  
**MARCH 8, 9, 2019**

Friday: 6-9 pm  
Saturday: 9-3 pm

Present: Ethel, Patricia, Joy, Iona, Anita, Darlene, Anne, Sheila, Wendell, Bill, Trisha, Gary

Absent Rose Ann

Team Agreements read and members reminded to advise if a conflict of interest arises.

1. Approval of agenda, accepted by motion.
2. Minutes of Board Meeting December 8, 2018, and January 18,19, 2019 accepted by motion.
- 3 Business Arising-
  - 6.2 Foster Care Social Worker – Ann read email from Wendell of conversation with Sue, reason why at this time we should not go forward with a letter/email to DCS. Discussed topic and noted report of not conducting regular home visits, not returning phone calls, and of some FCSW not wanting to be involved with paperwork. List on perpetual calendar for future consideration # 9- email to Minister – Wendell has not received a response to the inquiry for an update to our meeting with the Minister. Requested Board Members ask for updates at any Focus meetings DCS management may be attending.
4. Correspondence – none
- 5 Old Business –
  - 5.1 Honorary Foster Parents currently receive Christmas Cards & Newsletter, and now will be sent an Appreciation Card for Foster Family Appreciation. This will be done for those we have addresses for.
  - 5.2 Afrocentric Training – Anita updated request to source online training – live training would be most appropriate for learning, and how to properly care for ANS children for hygiene purposes, she forward a note to Sue advising of such.
- 6 New Business -
  - 6.1 Restorative Inquiry Meeting – Gary has attended Focus Meetings that try to prevent misfortunes for any child who may be under any type of care such as the Home for Coloured Children.
  - 6.2 Halifax Region Children’s Aid Foundation – each region will be granted \$150.00 – to spend as they see fit on family related outing and requested to send a small report to HRCAF. Draw will take place at the AGM, HRCAF are considering putting together a story book.

6.3 - 2020 AGM will be hosted by Mikmaw, Holiday Inn, Truro – Group has had some meetings to begin planning. Those attending meetings have some great ideas and are excited to be hosting.

6.4 – Board Training/Strategic Planning – June 21 Board Training, June 22, AM FFFNS Strategic Planning, PM Board information session.

6.5 – 2019 Honorary Foster Parent – Committee has selected recipients.

6.6 – PSS Program – Board Members are asked to promote the PSS program whenever the opportunity arises.

6.7 – Questions for PART – Any concerns/questions for Sylvie Ouellette at the AGM should be forwarded to Wendell.

6.8 – Letter from Fergus regarding allegations – Given to Policy committee for review, and Policy creation.

6.9 – Winnie Grant – Will be invited to attend an upcoming Board Meeting September/October. Recommended to do the same for a Mikmaw representative.

7. Perpetual Calendar – May 17,18, Board Meeting Yarmouth, - Team Building May 18, PM, - AGM May 24,25,26 Chocolate Lake Halifax,- Board training by George Savoury evening of June 21st, morning of June 22<sup>nd</sup> and board meeting afternoon of June 22, Future Inn, Halifax.

8 2019 AGM - Board Members are reminded to purchase Lotto tickets for Saturday's date or any future date.

9. Questions for the Minister – Next Meeting request a response to concerns by a specified date. Post Custody & Care – there was an extended discussion on this topic. Contracted Homes – Board Members had questions about being contracted home. Recreation Money – Board Member brought forth concerns of how a DCS staff was advising a Foster Parent they had to use recreation money already used from last year.

10. Committee Reports –

10.1 Personnel – No report at this time.

10.2 Policy – Continue to work on Policies.

10.3 OHS – no report

10.4 Bursary – Meeting set May 17, at 4 pm Yarmouth

11. Board Team Building- To be held at House of Joy's May 18, Yarmouth

12. Treasurers Report – Accepted by motion.

13. ED Report- Gary reviewed with Board, and asked for questions.

Next Meeting May 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Rodd's Yarmouth