



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, May 18, 2017
Doors at 6pm
6:30pm-8:30pm

MC: Reg Tiangha (Board of Directors), Seth Leon (Board of Directors, Executive Committee)
Minutes: Thulasy Lettner (Staff Collective)

Attended: Reg Tiangha (Gear Station; CommunityWise Board of Directors), Seth Leon (Alberta Community and Cooperative Association; CommunityWise Board of Directors), Mitiku Wakwaya (Oromo Society Network; CommunityWise Board of Directors), Corinne Craig (SEEDS Connections; CommunityWise Board of Directors), Curtis Boudreau (SMART Recovery; CommunityWise Board of Directors), Susan Bareshinebone (Aboriginal Friendship Centre; CommunityWise Board of Directors), Courtney Robertson (CommunityWise Board of Directors), Helen Mok (CommunityWise Board of Directors), Lori DeLuca (CommunityWise Board of Directors), Philip McCutcheon (CommunityWise Staff Collective), Erin McFarlane (CommunityWise Staff Collective), Thulasy Lettner (CommunityWise Staff Collective), Jian Hong (CommunityWise Staff Collective), Kennedy Enns (Fairy Tales Presentation Society), Sarah Zhu (Arusha Centre), Akash Asif (SupportWorks), Roberto Montagni (Opportunity Works), Kaj (Opportunity Works), Elizabeth (Opportunity Works), Anthony (Opportunity Works), Gerald Wheatley (Arusha Centre), Greg Lang (JAWS), Kim Brown (JAWS), Leslie Wilkins (Artistic Expressions), Kevin Allen (Individual Member), Krissi Markowski (SMART Recovery), Sally Truss (This is My City Art Society), Aaron (Refuge Recovery), Aminah Malik (Refuge Recovery), Jill Armstrong (Elephant Artist Relief), Noah Tiquebo (Eritrean Canadian Cultural and Civic Centre), Mike Simoens (Calgary Centre for Global Community), Kate Reeves (Chinook Country Historical Society), Kelly Ernst (Calgary Outlink), Son Edworthy, Paisley V. Sim (MLA Ganley's Constituency Office)

AGENDA

1. Welcome, land acknowledgement, and introductions 6:30

Total voters in attendance: 12 (at the beginning)

- Seth: welcome, land acknowledgement, housekeeping
- Reg called meeting to order at **6:40pm**
- Noted amendment to change agenda:
 - Proposal (Reg): to remove item #2 from the agenda as Councillor Evan Woolley could not attend
 - Consent: 12
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstained: 0
 - **Proposal passed**

2. Greeting from Ward 8 Councillor Evan Woolley 6:45

- Taken off agenda

3. Group Icebreaker 6:50

- Introduce yourself to someone you don't know:
 - Your name
 - Your connection to CommunityWise
 - Where your grandparents were born
- Introductions (accidentally skipped this agenda item)

4. Approve the Agenda for AGM May 18, 2017 7:00

- Proposal (Reg): Accept agenda with amendment to item #2
 - Consent: 16
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstained: 0
 - **Proposal passed**

5. Approve the Minutes of AGM May 19, 2016

- Proposal (Reg): Accept 2016 AGM minutes as presented
 - Consent: 16
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstained: 0
 - **Proposal passed**

6. Business Arising from Minutes of May 19, 2016

- No business deferred from May 19th 2016
- *(Reg talked about the auditor as an fyi)*

7. Presentation of Annual Report by Staff Collective 7:10

- Staff collective gave annual report via slideshow
- Question: Do we need to fundraise for the building restoration?
 - We are not responsible for this, the City of Calgary is
 - We are only responsible to keep money aside for maintenance
- Question: What is the yellow piece of the finance report pie chart?
 - Room bookings and rentals from very small members
- Question: What is more accurate balance without the \$16,000 amortization?
 - \$8000 profit looking a total income minus expenses
 - We are cash flow positive
 - The auditor decides what the depreciation is, and it can change from year to year
- Jian is leaving, presentation of flowers from the Board of Directors

8. Presentation of 2016 Audited Financial Statements 7:30

- Jian provided overview of statements, with support from Corinne
- Question: Doesn't the membership have to accept the statements?
 - The Membership doesn't need to accept them because our current bylaws state that we only need to present them, so we are doing what our bylaws require us to do

9. Proposal to approve CommunityWise Bylaws 2017 7:45

- Reg provided history of bylaw changes and the following major changes:
 - The usage of gender neutral pronouns.
 - Clarification of and edits for consistency of CommunityWise terminology.
 - Removal of legacy communication methods (ex. Fax) and allowing electronic communications as a way of offering notice of general meetings.
 - The consistency of the Board of Directors, specifically: ensuring that external Community Representatives will never hold a majority over members of the Society.
 - Other changes that better reflect operational realities in 2017.
- Proposal (Reg): repeal the 2013 CommunityWise Bylaws and replace them with the Proposed 2017 CommunityWise Bylaws.
 - Consent: 17
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstained: 0
 - **Proposal passed**

10. Election of the 2017-2018 Board 8:00

- Board members who stepped down during 2016/2017 (before end of term):

- Susan Bareshinebone (Aboriginal Friendship Centre)
- Sally Truss (This is My City Art Society)
- Carmin Moore (ACT Alberta) – absent
- Incumbent board members
 - Reg Tiangha (Gear Station)
 - Seth Leon (Alberta Community and Cooperative Association)
 - Mitiku Wakwaya (Oromo Society Network)
 - Corinne Craig (SEEDS Connections)
 - Curtis Boudreau (SMART Recovery)
 - Ernesto Gudino (Venezuelan Canadian Association of Calgary) - absent
 - Courtney Robertson (Community Member)
 - Helen Mok (Community Member)
 - Lori DeLuca (Community Member)
- Photo taken of 2016/17 board
- Standing election:
 - Aminah Malik (Refuge Recovery)
 - Aminah provided brief self-introduction
 - Proposal (Reg): Aminah Malik be appointed to CommunityWise Resource Centre Board of Directors
 - Consent: 17
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstained: 0
 - **Proposal passed**

11. Awards ceremony

8:10

1. Spirit of the Old Y

The spirit of the Old Y is awarded to an organization that has been with the Old Y building for many years, contributing to the vitality and spirit of our centre with their ongoing programs, services, events, meetings and presence.

In 2017, this award is given to **SMART RECOVERY** in recognition of their presence in the building for 15 years, providing accessible peer support service. This year, through the great passion and skill of dedicated volunteers and facilitators, SMART RECOVERY expanded their meetings at the centre and throughout the province.

2. Heritage Award

The Heritage Award is offered to a member that promotes learning from our past, honouring the diverse cultures, communities, and traditions, and sharing the stories of this historic space.

Kevin Allen, is recognized for his work through the GAY HISTORY PROJECT highlighting the queer community in Calgary going back generations. The GAY HISTORY PROJECT continues to enrich and inform our present society.

3. and 4. Spirit of CommunityWise (x2)

The Spirit of CommunityWise is awarded to an active member, contributing to the vitality and spirit of our centre with their ongoing programs, services, events, meetings and presence. In 2017, this award is given to two member groups because they both are awesome.

The first award is to **Prospect Human Services: Zine Club** who runs a Zine making and Art program at CommunityWise. The club brings a vibrant and inclusive energy to the building. Their contributions to the culture of CommunityWise, for example, creating art murals currently on display in the back yard seating area and hosting Mini Zine Fairs, exemplifies the spirit of CommunityWise and focuses on creative opportunities of working together. Their Zines are amazing!

The Second spirit of CommunityWise award is for the **Eritrean Cultural and Civic Centre of Calgary**, who members have a very long history in the building. The Eritrean community has and continues to contribute enormously to the city of Calgary and the cultural fabric of this building. The Eritrean Cultural and Civic Centre of Calgary “brings people together” organizing community meetings, connecting and supporting Eritrean-Canadian families and youth, and striving for social justice. Their members have volunteered a lot at the building and have been very accommodating and supportive of other member’s experiences in the building as well.

5. Collaborator Award

The Collaborator Award is offered to a CommunityWise member who has over the year cultivated relationships, connections, engagement opportunities, and collaboration amongst the membership of CommunityWise.

In 2017, this Award is offered to **Fairy Tales Presentation Society**. Fairy Tales has fostered an open and supportive environment for community groups at the building and especially connected with grassroots projects in reaching their goals while earnestly and thoughtfully working with them on a shared journey. Certainly among others these include Voices: Calgary’s Coalition of People of Colour, Queer History Project, The Coming Out Monologues, Youth Riott, Miscellaneous Youth Network, etc . Fairy Tales recently organized an Ally Toolkit Conference bringing together many groups and individuals for important conversations.

6. Community Award

The Community Award is offered to a member organization providing barriers-reduced space, resources, and programming in an effort to realize the vitality and spirit of the centre as an equitable environment for diverse communities and their needs.

For 2017 this award is offered to the **Aboriginal Friendship Centre**. The Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary runs a wide variety of programs and at CommunityWise hosts the Eagle Spirit Survivor Street Celebration. With amazing handmade meal, singing, drumming, smudge, and community. Each Group day the building comes alive with new voices and services offered aimed at fostering an inclusive and accessible moment in time especially for Calgary’s diverse urban aboriginal community.

Honorable mentions

-Arusha Centre Society – Flood Prevention certificate

-TWV (Beltline Bike Club) Collaboration between the BGCC, CAS and TWV. Empowering youth and giving rise to confidence and adventure in their own community

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12. Announcements

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- June 14, 2017: Underground World Café
- Upcoming Anti-racism training

Adjournment and outside for group photo

8:30

- Seth adjourned meeting at **8:20pm**