



AUTISM ASPERGERS FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 12, 2018 7:00 PM

LOCATION: AAFS Clubhouse, 7220 Fairmount Drive SE, Calgary, AB

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Chair's Welcome and Introductions
3. Motion to Approve the Agenda
4. Motion to Approve 2017 AGM Minutes
5. Financial Report
 - a. Presentation of and Motion to Accept Audited Financial Statements
6. Election of 2018-2019 Board of Directors (Minimum 5 – Maximum 9)
 - a. Slate of Names
 - i. Richard Arsenault
 - ii. Gary Chiste
 - iii. Avery Cochrane
 - iv. Faye Furdyk
 - v. Gil Lederhos
 - vi. Isabelle Martin
 - vii. Michelle Siegel
 - b. Motion to Elect Board
7. Executive Director's Report
8. Motion to Adjourn



Attendance: See attached attendance sheet

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1. Chair's Welcome and Introductions

Gary Chiste welcomed the group.

- Gary to talk about Board accomplishments, becoming a governance board and example of evaluation process.
- Introduce Board members, indicate two current vacancies as well as opportunities to participate in Committees.
- For vacancies on the Board, we're looking for people with experience and expertise in the following:
 - Law
 - Community / government liaison experience
 - Human Resources
 - Recreation / sporting facilities



- Fundraising and fund development
- We're also looking for people interested in participating in committees including:
 - Finance
 - Human Resources
 - Governance/Policy
 - Fundraising/Public Awareness

If you're interested in joining the Board and any of our committees, you're welcome to join our next Board meeting on May 15th. Please see any of our Board members for more information.

Motion to approve the AGM agenda

Moved by Gil, seconded by Richard.
(All those in favour/ Opposed) *Motion carried.*

Motion to approve the minutes from 2017 AGM

Moved by Avery, seconded by Michelle
(All those in favour/ Opposed) *Motion carried.*

Financial Report – Gil Lederhos

- For the fiscal year ended October 31, 2017, AAFS engaged Scase & Partners to complete the annual audit of the financial statements.
- The audit was completed in February 2018 and the final version of the financial statements were provided to the board in March 2018. The Board has approved the financials prior to the AGM.
- The auditors issued their opinion and consistent with prior years it was qualified with respect to revenues from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to audit verification. This is common for this type of non-profit organization as sufficient audit evidence isn't available. With the exception of the revenues from donations, the auditors issued a clean audit opinion.

Motion to accept the audited financial statements: Richard Arsenault moved to accept the audited financial statements, seconded by Avery Cochrane. All in favour; 0 opposed. Carried.



Election of the 2018-2019 Board of Directors

1. Seven candidates have consented to stand for election:

1. Richard Arsenault
2. Gary Chiste
3. Avery Cochrane
4. Faye Furdyk
5. Gil Lederhos
6. Isabelle Martin
7. Michelle Siegel

There are two vacant positions on the AAFS Board. **If there are any members who are interested in serving, please talk to a board member after the meeting.**

Motion to accept the slate of names: Gil Lederhos moved to accept the slate of names;; seconded by Michelle Siegel. All in favour; 0 opposed. Carried.

2. **Executive Director's Report** – *Dean Svoboda*

To include: highlights and accomplishments, new business, recognition and acknowledgement

- Reputation in the community is growing; ie. schools know about us
- Highlights – AAFsies awards to recognize our staff and community.
October 11, 2018 – a signature event to bring community together
- Jersey project – over 400 jerseys from 100 teams from around the world.
A group of kids going to watch junior A and B hockey
- AAFS Rural – thanks to Brie we were able to get this going in Okotoks and Airdrie
- Our new home – 5 year lease, we can conceptualize
- Our place in the community – people know who we are and our increased reputation
- Movie project – started with kids who wanted to make movies. Now one of our most financial programs
- Financials – getting over \$1 million is a milestone for us.

Thanks for our staff, members, committee members are in place, etc. who do so much for us.

Movie Project – Christian Kostinuk



- 5 years running, difficult to finish projects
- 2017 – 2 hours of content
- AMPed – vocational program who want to use in a multi-media program, ie. filmmaking. Creative vs social venture.
- Movie project – Saturdays, 11-5pm
- Mini-movie project – Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm
- Stop motion club – run by Zane who created Vile of Terror. Zane writes, directs and produces.
- Screenwriting class
- Improv class
- Editing class
- Social venture – AMPed and AAFS. Educational content for organizations, providing opportunities for people on the spectrum. Gives members an opportunity towards work, etc.

Lyndon Parakin – Autism Calgary

- Autism Alberta Alliance – work done provincially to give a provincial voice to the autism community. Always been a board of parents who was focused on local issues.
- Saw the opportunity for fund development for others in rural groups, smaller communities
- The Alliance formed in the past 4 years – spurred by advocacy work to help families.
- Advocacy families have grown from 12 families to 130 families
- Saw systemic issues with funding
- Lead professionals invited – clinical advisory group, evidence-based practices
- Create an entity so govt must come to this group if they want to change policy or direction
- Built a vision and mandate for Autism Alberta – recreational, housing, homelessness, social needs, etc. Life long vision
- Autism Alberta Board saw this and appreciated the work. Branded as part of Autism Alberta, adding health professionals and clinicians
- We want to redefine a similar report that helped created the FSCD act
- Want to have our community build and influence promising practices
- Build a smaller planning committee – bringing clinicians and parents together
- Stakeholder engagement – approx. 400 people



- Inspired by national movement

Duke of Edinburgh award – Graham

Since 1956 – recognizing youth for what they love to do

- Community service
- Skill development
- Recreation
- Adventures

Bronze, silver, gold levels. Age 14-25 non-competitive.

Motion to Adjourn: With business of the Annual General Meeting concluded, Avery Cochrane moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Gil Lederhos. All in favour, 0 opposed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.