

PENDER HARBOUR ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FORUM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2016

PENDER HARBOUR SCHOOL OF MUSIC

PRESENT: Rose Everett (PH Advisory Council), Linda Pearson (Bargain Barn), Cindy Schroeder (PH Lions), Sharon Halford (PH Seniors Initiative), Kevin Farrell (BIG), Lisa Johnston (Emelles/Chamber of Commerce), Dave Sullivan (PH Blues Festival), Naomi Lazar (PH Aquatic Centre/PH Garden Club), Peter Robson (OCP Review Committee), LaVerne Elms (LaVerne's Grill), Paola Stewart (PH Community School), Gary Park (PH Health Centre), Elaine Park (PH Living Heritage Society), Stephanie Lomax (PH Reading Centre), Mary Weber (PH Choir), Frank Mauro (SCRD), Leonard Lee (Chamber of Commerce/Harbour Authority/PH Advisory Council/PH Living Heritage Society), Joi Phillips (PHESS PAC Hot Lunch Program/Community Youth Club), Marlene Cymbalist (Community Club/Seniors Initiative), Janet Falk (PH Music Society), Steve Luchkow (PH Advisory Council), Janet McIntosh (PH Advisory Council), Karen Dyck (PH Advisory Council)

The meeting was opened at 7:00pm by Karen Dyck, Chair

**Follow-up to Forum Meeting of February 18, 2015**

In addition to the Community Directory of groups & organizations, there should be an inventory of equipment and materials available for other groups to rent or borrow.

**Community Day 2016**

Discussion was held. The decision was, to proceed with Community Day and hold it in conjunction with Pender Harbour Days, July 8-10, 2016 with better marketing to the public. The PH Community Hall will be rented with the possibility of expanding to the Music School and the outdoor classroom for music performances. PHAC will work with the Harbour Days organizers. Karen Dyck to followup, looking for organizational help, possibly Cindy Schroeder and a Rotary Club member. PH Days will have a large mail-out that individual organizations can donate to in order to defray costs to everyone.

**Volunteer Centre Membership – Rose Everett**

Rose Everett gave a presentation on Other Sources of Funding with sample packages circulated. A sign-up sheet was circulated for any group that wanted the package emailed to them. She will continue to monitor sources for updates. PHAC is a member of the Sunshine Coast Volunteer Centre in Sechelt and any members of PHAC have free access to the Centre's database for searching for funding. Rose described the work of the SC Volunteer Centre such as workshops and a listing of volunteer positions.

**Roundtable Discussion**

PHEDD PAC Hot Lunch Program/Community Club (Youth) – Joi Phillips

- Looking for volunteers for the Community Club Youth Nights & Hot Lunch Program

#### PH Music Society – Janet Falk

- There are major changes being made to the BC Societies Act which all non-profits should be aware of
- The Music Society has been approached by a Film society to show films in the Music School. Society requires projection equipment which the Community Club now has
- The Jazz Festival this year will be a “Jazz Light” with 1 venue in Madeira Park

#### PH Living Heritage Society – Elaine Park

- PH Days will be July 8-10, 2016
- There is a new building at Sarah Wray Hall which will be used for teaching courses and housing the archives.
- They have new software for recognition of archives
- AGM will be March 11

#### PH Aquatic Centre – Naomi Lazar

- Ladies Spa Nite will be February 27

#### Bargain Barn Store – Linda Pearson

- \$70,000 was donated to the PH Health Centre in 2015
- Always looking for volunteers
- BB now has a cash register and is training volunteers in its use

#### Community Club – Marlene Cymbalist

- Celebrating 70 years
- New contact for booking the Community Hall is Brittany Shepherd at Copper Sky Café

#### PH Blues Festival – Dave Sullivan

- PH Legion will be the main host venue during the Festival of June 3 – 5, 2016

#### PH Choir – Mary Weber

- Several upcoming concerts
- Looking for some male tenor voices

#### Official Community Plan Area ‘A’ – Peter Robson

- Is about half way through the process of review and will soon be holding public meetings

#### PH Reading Centre – Stephanie Lomax

- There will be an annual tea on February 24, a Family Dinner on June 22
- The hours have been expanded to Tuesday – Saturday from 11am to 2pm

- Memberships available for \$5

PH Lions Club – Cindy Schroeder

- There are only 7 members, they could use more
- They continue to hold their Pancake Breakfasts at the Lions Campground
- They provide Christmas hampers to families in PH

Chamber of Commerce – Lisa Johnston

- There is currently a membership drive
- Expansion of the Visitor Information Centres with a 2<sup>nd</sup> one to go into Harbour Spirit Centre

PHAC – Steve Luchkow

- Karen Dyck is developing a “how to” plan for marketing an organization to reach more potential users
- Steve gave an update on the Dock Management Plan following the release of the Penner Report
- Looking to increase memberships, available tonight
- The Trail Signage Project is ongoing with 1 kiosk built at Lions Park, the next on Mencaher Road, funding has come from a Community Forest Grant
- Joint project with PH Harbour Authority for ‘Slow Down, No Wake’ signs in the Harbour
- There will be a spring Community Clean Up and a fall Trash Bash
- There have been 2 meetings with MP Pam Goldsmith-Jones
- 2 vacancies on Board that can be filled

LaVerne’s Grill – LaVerne Elms

- LaVerne is concerned that she is now the only provider of prepared meals to eat in or take out in Garden Bay

SCRD – Frank Mauro

- The annual budgeting process is well underway with the first Draft completed

PH Community School – Paola Stewart

- There are lots of courses coming up with the School branching out to Sarah Wray Hall

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm by Karen Dyck

Next meeting TBD

Notes taken by Janet McIntosh, PHAC Secretary