

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga
AGM
May 1, 2019
Benares Visitors Centre

1. Meet and Greet

2. Call to Order.

Anne Fabierkiewicz, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She greeted and thanked everyone for attending the meeting also, she welcomed Lisa Abbott, the new Manager and Curator of the Museums of Mississauga.

3. Minutes of the AGM 2018

The minutes were accepted as circulated.

Motion of approval: Moved by Liz Durdan, seconded by Wanda Hall - Carried

4. Update by Anne Fabierkiewicz, Chair

Anne Fabierkiewicz, Chair of the Board of Directors, reviewed the various events and successes of Friends since the last AGM.

- During June, July and August, Friends hosted 14 “On the Verandah” concerts in order to raise funds for busses to bring students to the educational programs at the Museums;
- In December, Friends hosted 2 days of “Photos with Santa” in the log; Cabin, pets and Santa the first day and families and Santa the next day.
- Friends supported Elizabeth Underhill by volunteering during the week of Maple Magic by flipping pancakes and helping children build an Enchanted Forest in the Log Cabin.
- Friends have worked diligently to succeed in our mandate by bringing over a thousand new and returning visitors to the sites of the Museums;
- one of the successful fund raisers took place in March this year, a concert, featuring the Burlington Welsh Male Chorus.
- over the years Friends have donated over two hundred thousand dollars to the Museums of Mississauga.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Jenny Dale, who is stepping down from the Board, for all her years of service and for the huge amount of work done by her. Her contribution is greatly appreciated.

Anne informed the members that the Board is planning a new fundraising event in the autumn at Harding House. She invited Barb Smith, co-chair of the event, to present the plans for this fundraiser.

Barb Smith reported on the plans so far:

- save the date is Thursday October 24, 2019;

- the location is the Harding House itself;
- the subject is the Haunting of Harding House;
- the guest speaker will be Richard Palmisano who had spent many visits to the Harding House with his team and wrote a book titled “Ghosts”;
- Richard also visited the Coach House and the farm house across the street;
- this promises to be a unique fundraising event;
- the price of the ticket will be set after a meeting with the caterers.

5. Items that are to be included in the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga By-Laws.

Jenny Dale, Secretary presented the three items.

- Code of Conduct
- Conflict of Interest
- Mechanism for Resolution of Complaints.

Motion of Approval: Moved by Jenny Dale, seconded by Sue Shanly – Carried.
(See Addendum (a) attached).

6. Members Resolution – Gail Backus

Be it resolved that all contracts, acts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, and done and taken by the Board of Directors and Officers since the last Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga referred to on written resolution of the Board are hereby approved and confirmed.

Motion of Approval: Moved by Joyce Delves, seconded by John Pegram – Carried.

7. Election of Directors – Junaid Zuberi

Junaid Zuberi presented the slate of Directors for the 2019/2020 year and advised that there are 15 positions available on the Board.

Gail Backus
Joyce Delves
Liz Durdan
Julie Morris
Sue Shanly
Sadaf Zuberi

Christine Batiuk
Don Harrington
Anne Fabierkiewicz
John Pegram
Wanda Hall
Junaid Zuberi

Nominations from the floor

Joyce Delves nominated Joe Zammit
Liz Durdan nominated June Newhouse
Sadaf nominated Caitlin Anderson

Motion of Approval: To Approve the slate of officers for the 1029/2020 year.
Moved by Wanda Hall, seconded by Lindsay Doran – Carried.

8. Financial Report

The Financial Report 2018 ratified by the Board of Directors on April 8, 2019 will be made available to all as Don Harrington, Treasurer was unavoidably detained.

9. Museums Report – Lisa Abbott

Lisa Abbot, Curator and Manager of the Museums of Mississauga introduced herself and reported on the events of the current year.

Lisa has worked for eleven years in the City doing corporate, marketing and cultural programs. She was involved in the events at Celebration Square and has been a support person to the Museums.

Report:

- Merri Fergusson, Director of Educational Programs, retired and was replaced by Elizabeth Underhill;
- Noa Bronstein, Curator has left;
- Small Arms Building (SAB) opened in 2018.
- Numerous events and exhibits have been scheduled at SAB;
- Some programs are now at capacity;
- Many successful events include; Mother’s Day Tea, Maple Magic, Fantastic Beasts, 1812 Re-enactment, WW1 For Grade 10 students etc.

Lisa Abbott thanked Friends for funding some educational programs. She also thanked Lindsay Doren, Robin Solomon, Stephanie Meeuwse and Tracy Oliveira for their work and dedication.

10. Guest Speaker

Anne Fabierkiewicz introduced our guest speaker Matthew Wilkinson from Heritage Mississauga, a historian who has an indepth knowledge of our area. Matthew talked about Mississauga Roots to Routes which explored the origins of historic street names and transportation routes in Mississauga.

Anne thanked Matthew for his presentation which brought something new to all Present,

She extended a welcome to the new members and thanked all our sponsors, particularly CRH and Petro Canada.

Anne also reminded the members that FOMM has a website and is on Twitter and Facebook.

11. Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Motion to adjourn – Moved by Joe Zammit, seconded by Junair Zuberi –
Carried.

Addendum (a)

NEW ITEMS THAT HAVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUMS BY-LAWS

CODE OF CONDUCT (STANDARD OF CARE)

Every director of the Friends in exercising his/her powers and discharging his/her duties shall act honestly and in good faith with view to the best interests of the Friends and shall exercise the care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances. Every Director shall comply with applicable legislation, the regulations, articles, by-laws and any binding resolution of membership.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

In circumstances where a director could benefit financially, directly or indirectly, he/she must declare his/her potential conflict of interest. This must be noted in the meeting minutes and the director must abstain from debating or voting on this particular matter.

MECHANISM FOR RESOLUTION OF COMPLAINTS

A complaint can be brought forward to the board of directors in writing or email via the President. If the president is the subject of the complaint then it should be forwarded to the directors via the Vice President or other officer of the board.

The President may follow up with the complainant to further discuss the concern. Or respond in an immediate fashion if urgency is required.

The Board will review the complaint at their next board meeting and within thirty (30) days of receipt of complaint.

The Board of Directors will determine if the complaint is regarding a program/activity, or policy/procedure or a governance issue and then determine the most appropriate response and or action. A response to the complainant will be provided within fifteen (15) days of the board meeting. If the complainant is satisfied the matter will be closed.

If the complainant is not satisfied with the decision they may appeal the decision to an Appeal Committee, chaired by a board member, and include two other individuals external to the organization. A board member should chair this committee. The two external members should be knowledgeable on the subject of the complaint. The committee will then pass their decision in writing to the Board. The Board of Directors will review the recommendations and determine further action.