

January 2020 Month End Report

This report covers the month of January.

“Never believe a few CARING people cannot change the world”
Unknown

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

This item has been moved to the end of the report.

Letters and proposals

- ✦ During the month of January a fourth quarter financial report was prepared for October, November & December 2019. This report was accepted by the Directors and shared with all members.

Meetings Attended:

- ✦ No meetings were attended during the month of January.

Pending meetings

- ✦ Pending meetings are regarding conference planning, bookkeeping, & 2019 yearend paperwork.

Connections to our members

- ✦ January 16 – distribution to members the September, October, & November Month End Reports
- ✦ January 17 – Winter Zone Meeting schedule
- ✦ January 24 – Invitation for members to online participation in Ontario’s Budget Consultation.
- ✦ January 29 – Central Zone Meeting reminder and change of location notice.
- ✦ January 30 – Information sharing regarding sleep workshop for children being held in London

Conference

- ✦ FPSO is working on plans for conference 2020, we are confirming presenters, planning the conference budget and seeking affordable location options.
- ✦ FPSO has evaluated the suggestions for conference facilities that were to be submitted by November 30. The board only received two recommendations – One was too far outside³ of the desired conference location area, and the other one was not in FPSO’s budget for this year. The board will continue to seek ideal location options.

- ✿ Conference 2019 bill with the Quality Inn continues to be a focus of the Board of Directors. The goal is to completely have the 2019 hotel bill paid off prior to any 2020 conference registrations arriving.

Charitable status

- ✿ FPSO received a follow up from Service Ontario (where the Guardians and Trustees Office sent the letters of Patent FPSO changed with the support of all of your votes back in July. These changes had to be registered as part of the final stages of the reinstatement of the Charitable Status.
- ✿ The follow up from the Guardian and Trustees Office and the corporations division of Service Ontario required an update of all of the board members and officers of FPSO. This work was done and submitted back to Service Ontario and confirmed with the Charities Directorate division of the CRA.
- ✿ The CRA then requested a full T3010 to be filled out based on the 2018 financials. This is in process and will be completed and returned in early February.

Private membership

- ✿ A follow up package will be sent to private members in February.

Website

- ✿ A number of sections have been updated this month, including the lifetime achievement awards and the foster parent of the year awards

Fundraisers

- ✿ FPSO Scratchers Fundraiser is up and running the board looks forward to receiving back from members the funds they were able to raise in the local

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Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

These items remain a constant focus of the FPSO, and will be forwarded at every opportunity.

- ✿ Provincial Advocacy in the areas of;

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- Raising the Image of foster parents.
- Standardizing the foster care per diem rates for foster parents and reimbursable amounts for the children in care across the Province based on the Toronto CAST model.
- Advocating for a child welfare system that is centered on The Best Interest of the Child.
- The Rights of the child as designated by the United Nations.
- The rights of the caregivers
- The Benefits and Strength of one voice.
- Collaboration with other partners in the Child Welfare field.
- Recognition of the Skill level into Regular, Specialized and Treatment Levels of the foster parents ability to parent different children recognizing the different needs and challenges of the children coming into care.
- Protection to the foster parent specific to CPIN including:
 - Information written about foster parents and how it is stored.
 - Securing our financial and medical information on CPIN.
 - SAFE, financial, medical
 - Foster parent privacy
- Legislation;
- Supports for Children and youth with Special Needs.
- Gathering of adoption disruption and breakdown statics – to better inform adoption practises.

Acronyms:

FPSO – Foster Parents Society of Ontario

AGM – Annual General Meeting

PACY – Provincial Advocate for Children and Youth

PAD – Presidents' Advocates' & Directors

OARTY – Ontario Association of Residential Treatment for Youth

ORCA – Ontario Residential Care Association

CAST – Children's Aid Society of Toronto

CPIN – Child Protection Information Network

SAFE – Structured Analysis Family Evaluation

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