



October 2019 Month End Report

This report covers the month of October.

“Children make your life important.”
Erma Bombeck, American humorist

Ongoing Initiatives & Projects

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

Letters and proposals

- 👤 This month the Dues Invoices were distributed provincially.
- 👤 The dues invoice package contained the FPSO Annual report which was distributed to members in meetings during conference.

Meetings Attended:

- 👤 The FPSO Directors have begun their new initiative of monthly video –conference meetings.
- 👤 The inaugural video meeting was held Monday October 14th, all Directors were present.
- 👤 This format will take some getting used to but will support the work of the Directors while maintaining a minimum of financial burden for FPSO.

Pending meetings

- 👤 November 6th, Tele-conference regarding Modernizing Child Welfare
- 👤 November 22, Panel regarding adoption in Ontario challenges and recommendations
- 👤 November 26, PAC Reception

Connections to our members

- 👤 October 7 – Child Welfare Survey
- 👤 October 10 – Conference location criteria worksheet – seeking input from members regarding future conference locations.

- 🕯 October 11 – request to engage with foster parents - from the Director, Children and Youth at Risk Branch, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services
- 🕯 October 16 – Bylaws information request
- 🕯 October 22 – Notice of the CRA deadline extension received
- 🕯 October 31 – Survey regarding early childhood mental health

Conference

- 🕯 FPSO is beginning plans for conference 2020.
- 🕯 We are interested to hear back from our members regarding conference location suggestions, the criteria was distributed this month, and the deadline for submissions in end of November.
- 🕯 We are pleased to confirm conference 2019 ended with a positive financial balance, a detailed reports on this will be included in the quarterly financial report that will be prepared for all members (following the end of the fourth quarter{Dec 31}).

Charitable status

- 🕯 FPSO has received a deadline extension from the CRA enabling us to continue with the process of reapplication for our charitable status.
- 🕯 We are in what we understand is the final stages of the reapplication.
- 🕯 The package is with the Guardian and Trustees office.

Private membership

- 🕯 We have this month received this year's first dues payment from a private member. This is a repeat member who also paid dues for 2019.
- 🕯 We hope this will be the first of many.

Website

- 🕯 No changes this month.

Fundraisers

- 🕯 New fundraiser this month; FPSO will be having printed scratchers tickets, each ticket will have 40 ovals, to be scratched off. Under each oval is either a "you donate" or "you win" message with a dollar amount attached. Each dollar amount is between \$2.00 & \$5.00. The cards are each designed to bring in \$75.00 dollars in donations to the board.
- 🕯 FPSO is relying on our members to help distribute and manage the cards. We hope this will be an effective fundraiser.

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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;
 - 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