

VANCOUVER OSTOMY MINUTES - AGM SEPT 20/2021

ATTENDEES:

DEB ROONEY, CARLY ALLEN, EARL LESK, MICHAEL ARAB, BILL WILLIAMS, JOAN NICHOLSON, EDIE PLETZER, AJ LEVILLE, ROSEMARY HILL, LAUREEN SOMMEREY, NACHIKO YOKOTA, JOHN HARTMAN, LAUREN WOLFE, JOE AIGA, NEAL DUNNWOODY, ARDEN, TARA ESMA, PATSY PETERS, ANDREA MASON, PETER MOOGK, SANDRA, NACHIKO YOKOTA

MINUTES:

Deb-Joy Jones is the Christmas party/luncheon organizer: up to 50 ppl allowed, Adults only this year to accommodate, first to pay the \$25.00 cost will secure their spot at luncheon. Will be held at the Holiday Day Inn, Sunday December 5/2021

Carly & Tara spoke about this year's Step Up for Ostomy unofficial event. Meeting at Lafarge Lake at 10am, by the big statue where Pinetree meets the park near the skytrain station.

John Hartman introduced himself, Executive Director of Ostomy Canada Society. Slideshow presentation followed explaining his experience and passions. He is unfortunately a Maple Leafs fan (lol). Overview of SUFO and thanked everyone for their time and efforts.

Sandra discussed the Youth Camp. Cancelled as a result of Covid but hopefully will be back next summer adhering to health regulations in place at such time. She recently had lunch with a previous youth camper, Sarah, who's in a nursing program. Great to see her and proud of her achievements.

Patsy spoke about the patient visitor program. She and Lauren will get together and work on connecting any loose ends needed to support both nurse and patient.

Deb reviewed the newsletter expenses and advertiser sponsorships. Nurses and ostomates both agree that the newsletter is amazing and gets grabbed up quickly at ostomy clinics. Members are welcome to a printed version via mail, however the electronic version saves expenses.

Joan added that we currently have 107 members in VUOA, slightly down from last year. Members will receive 6 issues of the newsletter and 2 issues (summer and winter) of Ostomy Canada Magazine. The annual membership drive is in Sept & Oct.

\$8,000 of donations in 2021, advertisers being the main fund money. Finances are in good standing and available from Deb upon request.

An email will be sent out to the younger ostomates looking for a person who wants to be the Young reporter for the association in hopes to drive more memberships from younger age groups.

Earl spoke about supply donations being very constant. With the help from Nightingale he is able to ship easier at a lower cost to the Calgary warehouse. Donations mostly sent to FOOWW, Islamic relief Canada. His friend Gurweet Atwal, in the Indo Canadian community in Surrey has been a huge help at no cost. Earl was even a guest on Punjabi TV!

Meeting concluded with Laureen's Cuiwear presentation and friendly goodbyes to the group.