

# MEETING SUMMARY

Date: November 3, 2016  
9:00AM PST

Held via Skype. Notes prepared by Arnica Rowan.  
Attendees: Arnica Rowan, Tawnya Pattie, Dacia Douhaibi, Nicole Bellefleur.

Meeting Minutes include formal meeting decisions, informal meeting discussion and tasks assigned to directors.

## MEETING DECISIONS

MOTION	1ST	2ND	PASSED
<i>To accept the Meeting Minutes from May 2 2016 and Aug 16 2016 as presented.</i>	Arnica	Dacia	Yes
<i>To support CH with \$30,000 for 3 years.</i>	Arnica	Tawnya	Yes
<i>Marketing Plan All directors must be monthly donors, no matter what amount. By December 31, 2016 all directors will write a 100 word profile of themselves, including their background, why they are passionate, and what they love best about our work. At the December 2016 meeting all directors will be assigned a topic to write 400 words about for the coming year, all due January 30, 2017.</i>	Arnica	Nicole	Yes
<i>To engage a project evaluator to do an assessment of the success of the teen girls program over the last three years.</i>	Tawnya	Arnica	Yes

# MEETING NOTES

Meeting Minutes from last two meetings - Accepted

New board member search

As per our previous discussion that we need our minutes to be kept and posted more reliably, we were on the hunt for a new secretary. Arnica sent an email to some of our long term donors asking if anyone would like to apply as our new secretary. Thankfully, Kerry Worth and Laura Morrison, Leslie Kudna expressed interest in becoming members of the board. Leslie is an American, so she can't be an official director. Laura sent us a complete bio, and it looked great. We didn't have a chance to talk to Kerry yet. We will extend an invitation to Laura to join the board, and involve Kerry and Leslie in other ways.

Canadian Humanitarian contract for Love & Hope Centre

CH has given us a budget for \$112000 for the centre. It started as \$50,000 three years ago. Costs have gone up dramatically due to inflation and program expansion. As much as we would like to be a 50% donor as we were three years ago, our finances don't support it. So we will support with a \$30,000 a year commitment for the next three years, which we can handle at the current level of monthly support and some assistance from reserves. If we increase our monthly donor base as planned, we will offer to increase the amount in subsequent years.

New Life program

We love this program and are very happy with our partner. We will make a decision about continuing the teen girls program in March, since we don't have the revenue at this point to afford another cohort. We will do an audit to verify the success rate of the program, which we think is approximately 80-90% success of exiting prostitution.

Teen girls are in a new house, closer to the Hope for Children office. Yonas feels that they are all safe and not being disrupted.

Donor communications

Tawnya and Flora and Arnica met with a couple of long time donors in an Ethiopia restaurant in Vancouver last month. It was a great meeting with a bit of a focus group on programming and communications.

There is an information vacuum about how our children are doing considering the current state of emergency in Ethiopia. So we are going to send out a newsletter saying

There is unrest in Ethiopia, Google it if you want more information

Some details about how our programs and kids are doing

General information about emerging needs around unrest and drought

AGM

We will confirm if our December meeting is an AGM or not.

## TASKS TO DO

TASK	DATE	LEADER	HELPER
<i>To meet with Dick and Deb from Canadian Humanitarian to assess how projects are doing in the new political climate.</i>	Dec 2016	Arnica	
<i>To draw up new contract with Canadian Humanitarian for \$30,000.</i>	Nov 2016	Arnica	Tawnya