

**Syria-Antigonish Families Embrace
Steering Committee Meeting**

November 9, 2021
7:00-9:15 pm
St. Andrew's Community Centre

Present: Mark Ballard, Mary Ballard, Jack Beaton, Bronwen Cooke, Harry Daemen, Marla Gaudet, Lucille Harper, Othman Soufan, Peter Wade
Regrets: Sheila Sears

Minutes

Agenda Item: Minutes and Business Arising

Discussion:

October 26 Minutes: in discussion The Process: SAFE accepts requests PROVISIONALLY

October 12 Minutes: Add "It was suggested that" Othman could act as a research partner...

August 31: The subcommittee recommends that each family begin to receive the \$200 rent subsidy "should it be needed".

Actions:

Jack moved to accept the October 26 minutes, with agreed upon change (see above).

Mark seconded.

All in favour.

Othman moved to accept the October 12 minutes, with agreed upon change (see above).

Harry seconded.

All in favour.

Jack moved to accept the August 31 minutes, with agreed upon change (see above).

Othman approved.

All in favour.

Agenda Item: Treasurer's Report

Sheila Sears

Discussion:

For the One Year Window, it was agreed that SAFE will commit funds for the full year of sponsorship, including 12 months of RAP and startup costs. Therefore, \$15, 866 should be noted as a liability.

TD0051 has a deficit of \$7621 related to increase in rent needed to house this family.

PCREN, Shapiro Foundation and EMPP Clarification: SAFE is acting as a charity that receives funds from the Shapiro Foundation that are then forwarded to employees that have been hired through the Economic Mobility Pathway Pilot program. The funds being forwarded are the startup costs for families

coming through this refugee/immigration stream. Can this be done, given that the funds will be directed to specific individuals?

Actions:

Lucille will notify CGs of increase in RAP rates.

Sheila will notify co-sponsoring family of TD0051 of increase in RAP related to increase in rent amount and will ask for a contribution from the co-sponsoring family.

Pete moved to accept the October 31, 2021 Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Mark.

All in favour.

Lucille will ask Evelyn Jones to find out when the need for audited financial statements for the IRCC will begin.

Pete will talk more with Sheila about the EMPP program and, if needed, will do some research into the CRA implications.

Agenda Item: SAFE Steering Committee Debrief of 2020 and Ways to Best Support Each Other With Current Families, Upcoming Arrivals, and New Sponsorships

Discussion:

It was agreed that we were happy to be back together in person. Our work during Covid has been more challenging. We need to continue to find ways to stay connected, to feel supported and to grow SAFE so that work is shared and volunteers feel supported.

Agenda Item: Sulaiman Family Arrival

Actions:

Lucille, Pete and Bronwen will meet with the Osama and Alaa to discussion quarantine plan and final arrangements.

We will have a check in with the whole Steering Committee before arrival.

Agenda Item: SAH Annual Report—Spaces for 2022

Discussion:

For 2021 we have 11 spaces we can carry over to 2022.

Action:

In addition to carrying over the 11 spaces from 2021, SAFE will ask for 10 more spaces to equal a total of 21 spaces for 2022.
