

Coming Together & Moving Forward!

**Meeting 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
Friday, 09 10 02**

Record of Proceedings

Present (23):

Anju Cheema
Teri DuTemple
Donna Geer
Peter Hicks
Doreen Hunter
Dave Johnson
Marion Little
Bob Mitchell
Nancy Nagy
Ted Roberts
Michael Young
R.E. Bob Brown

Roger Cutler
Bill Foster
Jim Hackler
Phil Hoen
Chantal Jacques
Peter Lauren
Fred Mills
Harold Munn
Sheila Paul
Joslin Sinclair
John Braithwaite

Regrets (18):

Miles Anderson
Loraine Bosgra
Eleanor Creighton
Dave Dykstra
Karin Kaercher
Ron Macluskie
Bruce Monkhouse
David Vickers
Eva Wilmot

Carol Baldwin
Sandy Bryce
Bob Downie
Steve Howell
Honora Johanessen
Andrew McWhinnie
Ralph Sketchley
Marcia Williams
Dave Wilmot

1. Welcome & Introductions

Following some welcoming and introductory remarks by Bob and John those in attendance introduced themselves and shared their expectations concerning the morning and this initiative.

2. Participant Expectations

Roslin agreed to highlight the expectations on the flip chart. A number of common themes resulted:

- Support for and activities related to restorative justice and crime prevention;
- Interagency cooperation within the criminal justice system;
- Connection and interaction with the larger community or civil society – educating and informing the community;
- Enhance involvement with and participation by universities and community colleges on Vancouver Island;
- Address both criminal justice and social justice issues – have a community voice; and,
- Potential to obtain funding and a voice to support funding for key social programs, i.e. homelessness, stable funding for youths in need, or criminal justice programs, i.e. alternatives or options for high risk offenders.

3. Open Discussion

John facilitated a discussion that was initially framed by the following items and questions:

- Interim structure – Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, or at least identify responsibilities for the next meeting;
- When & where; and,
- Relationship with CCJA & BCCJA.

From the discussion the following points, perspectives and comments were presented:

- Several participants voiced support for establishing a “formal arrangement” with CCJA/BCCJA highlighting the following benefits:
 - being part of an established national and provincial criminal justice network & the camaraderie that ensues;
 - potential greater support for issues of local concern; and,
 - potential to seek funding from various sources for locally initiated activities;
- “formal arrangement” could be initiated via a review of the Societies Act or the pursuit of a Memorandum of Understanding between BCCJA and the proposed branch;
- A looser arrangement could be facilitated via gatherings similar to those held over the years at the University of Victoria with the Jim’s support;
- A hybrid was also suggested that would see a group consisting of “voting members” and other interested individuals; and,
- Some participants were not convinced that a new entity was required and were prepared to continue to channel their energies into their respective agency/group.

The group was tempted to pursue in the introduction of a formal motion (s) to address the above. After deliberation and accepting the fact that the group did not really having any standing it was agreed to remain less formal.

4. Discussion - Decisions & Actions Required

The following participants agreed to assist with moving our agenda forward:

- Sheila Paul – will assist with the distribution of minutes and notices;
- Marion Little – will assist with meeting arrangements at St. John; and,
- Teri DuTemple – will prepare a brief questionnaire and collate the responses for all interested individuals addressing such issues as support for a formal arrangement, the identification of a specific inaugural activity for the “new entity” to pursue, and the best time to maximize attendance at future meetings.

Thought was expressed that the initiative may be losing momentum. With no final decisions made in relation to issues such as structure and relationship, there was a shared acceptance and urgency that these decisions needed to be made at the next meeting.

To assist with the critical decisions to be made at the next meeting it was agreed that a little homework was in order. Consistent with this, please find the websites for both CCJA and BCCJA. Key areas for review would be their respective homepages and for BCCJA – Key Documents and for CCJA – Bylaws, Organization, Business Plan and Committees.

<http://www.bccja.com/home.html>

<http://www.ccja-acjp.ca/>

Also attached for review and consideration is the CCJA/BCCJA membership form.

Timing for the next meeting was discussed. Although concerns have been expressed by several interested parties the consensus from the meeting was to schedule the next one for another Friday. As noted above; however, times for future meetings will be pursued further via the proposed questionnaire. In relation to momentum, the questionnaire will be distributed to a mailing list consisting of 81 interested residents of Vancouver Island. Upon reflecting on the start date for this initiative – July 29th there were 15 interested residents – September 18th the roster grew to 76 and as of the October 2nd meeting the list increased by five to a current count of 81.

One Editorial Comment

The momentum concerning this initiative is in our hands and we need everyone to persuade, cajole and respectfully request that our friends and colleagues complete and return the questionnaire and if possible bring a friend to the next meeting.

Again with the agreement and support of the “new Grandfather” Reverend Munn the next meeting will be held in the:

**Lower Lounge
Church of St. John the Divine
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Friday, October 23, 2009**

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