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Attendees:	Mimi Golding, Tim Golding Samayan Karim, Mitchel Karkner, Breen Agnew, Liona Liu, Jody Brenton, Tracey Davidson, Anne Barb-Swartz, Jan, Marie La Rose, Josh Lee, Hanna Raczkowska
Regrets	
Meeting date	Tuesday, October 18, 2011

Call to Order

Approval of agenda

Motion was made by Breen, and seconded by Mitchel to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting. **Motion carried.**

Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Mimi declared that she is serving on the CLC as a non-voting member, since her and Tim are married, and he is a voting member.

Approval of September minutes

Motion was made by Mitchel, and seconded by Breen to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2011 meeting. **Motion carried**

Introductions

New CLC members and Ottawa Chapter Staff were introduced.

President's report

Treasurer's report

Josh will provide new budget in November meeting.

Office Manager's report

Jody announced:

- Lego club has started
- Parent resource kit is being handed out by professionals, considered a valuable resource to families with newly diagnosed kids
- New support group to support couples where one or both are on the spectrum.
- Asperfem support group is doing well.
- Prescott Russel support group.looking to become Chapter on their own. In communication with provincial office and Jody.
- Renfrew chapter.is.struggling, may become a support group.
- Halloween party at the end of the month.

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- SEAC training this weekend.
- Marie will share list of acronyms related to autism and services available
- Snowflake party December 4th, 2011. Location: Travel Lodge Hotel on Carling. There will be a Facepainter, Santa, indoor water park. Gifts to all the kids. 120 people attended last year. This event is organized in partnership with Children at Risk. Gifts are purchased for each child. You have to be a member to come out to the snowflake party.
- Currently there are about 80-90 Autism Ontario Members in the Ottawa Chapter. There are 28 chapters across the province.

Chapter Development & Fundraising Manager's report

- See Tracey's notes (will be attached)
- Discussion about tax receipts. Will they be easier to deal with?
- Other fundraising ideas: Poker night, Yuk yuks comedy night, Hole in one contest
- April –Autism Awareness Day-International
- October-Canadian Autism Awareness Month

Newsletter and social media

See Marie's notes

Perhaps a youtube account could be started. Thinking of series—I am autism. Shows what autism looks like. Another suggestion for title “We are autism”.

Anti-bullying piece can be added here, for example, training videos about bullying prevention.

Should Google+ account be made? Not necessary at the moment.

Nationalization of the Ottawa Autism Registration

Kathleen Prevost is the contact person regarding this.

Looking to move the registry to a national level, not just in Ottawa. Difficult process in doing this. Tim suggested that we need to get in touch with federal MPs that live in Ottawa. Draft a letter and give some examples of success stories to persuade people better.

Registry-can register child so that police have info about child, description, specific triggers. Allows police to approach them in a more understanding way. Gives police one more tool to use.

Are there any examples of police treating a child with autism inappropriately? We could use this as an example of the need for making a national registry.

SEAC (public and separate)

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Tim did not attend SEAC meeting last month.

SEAC pamphlet-what does SEAC do? One board has it, one board doesn't. We should suggest that both boards provide this information to parents.

Anne will be tracking what parents are calling in about in terms of problems with schools.

We have to remember that SEAC is not meant just for autism, but all special needs, so our concerns may not necessarily be the same concerns as others at the meetings.

New Business

Spending

Motion was made by Tim, and seconded by Breen to approve \$1600 for SEAC training spending. **Motion carried**

Strategic Plan-Can be found on huddle (a file sharing site).

Jody will take care of this.

Provincial office asked each chapter to report on 2 things the chapter has done since the last meeting. Jody will report on increasing size of the CLC. Another thing is attempted fundraiser of PICS (although not successful).

Realize Community Potential Program

The last couple of months there have been many changes. Ministry gave money for this. RCP was specific to the Ottawa chapter-full time English staff part time French staff-in the past.

Currently there are two new staff members:

Anne-family support coordinator –offering advocacy, counseling, reaching out to community etc.

Jan (part time) Community Events Coordinator--responsible for logistics. She should take direction from the CLC about what the needs are of the community.

Past events-Mont cascade. Movie opportunities. Bowling events. Parties, community fairs, Movies-geneva centre is doing them in Kanata. We could get it going in the east end as well.

Support Group Meeting and Budget

Jody wanted to organize an event, get all the support group leaders together.

10 support groups-20 people-because there are about 2 support groups.

Motion was made by Tim, and seconded by all to approve \$400 for a thank you dinner for support group coordinators. **Motion carried**

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Advertising

Some ads were supposed to go into the METRO newspaper. Still waiting on them to get out.

Local Float Account

Current balance in float is \$2000. Asked provincial to prioritize the float. This is not helping. We need a bigger buffer.

Instead of \$2000, make it \$4000.

Motion was made by Maria, and seconded by Tim to approve a \$4000 float. **Motion carried**

Confirmation of next meeting date and time and Adjourn meeting

Motion was made by Mimi, and seconded by Mitchel

Next meeting November 8th