

BCFFPA Board of Directors  
Teleconference Meeting  
January 26, 2010

PRESENT

Melanie Filiatrault  
Peter Dueck  
Sherry Jones

Heather Bayes  
Debbie Drewitz

Sheila Davis  
Marcie Perron

Ellaine Ashby

1. Minutes of December 15, 2009 accepted as written
2. No additions or changes
3. Nominations Committee appointment  
  
01/01/2010:MSC: (H Bayes) M. Perron is appointed to chair the nominations committee for 2010. Carried
4. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer unavailable – No report
5. President's Report
  - a. Leslie du Toit has not met with Federation however we continue to try to meet with her. Michele Haddon will strategize. The next year will be challenging.
  - b. Heather and Melanie will be contacting the REDS to set up meetings
  - c. The mileage issue continues to be worked on.
6. Vice President's Report
  - a. Heather continues to be involved with the IFCO planning committee for 2011.
  - b. The communication flow will be addressed in the Partnership meeting.
7. MCFD Liaison Report
  - a. There are many changes coming
  - b. Her portfolio will remain the same
  - c. Will send graphics and literature regarding the roles of the leadership team
  - d. There is a process in place for consultation with other groups
  - e. Michele suggested calling the Grandparents group – Carol Mytusic of Foster Parent Support Services

8. Regional Reports
  - a. Vancouver Coastal
    - i. Raise the status of fostering
    - ii. Stop advertising for recruitment and treat current homes better. Retention is more important
    - iii. Christmas celebrations went well
    - iv. Foster Parents continue to be concerned with the length of time children are staying in care
  - b. Interior
    - i. Kamloops is working on a proposal for 3<sup>rd</sup> year social work students to do their practicum in a foster home.
    - ii. Focus groups are being set up to streamline the systems
    - iii. Still a shortage of homes for teens. There is still a lack of support for teen homes
    - iv. The Cranbrook local is back up and running
    - v. Kelowna continues to provide workshops
    - vi. The Regional Partnership meeting went well. Foster Parents and MCFD are looking at doing several joint ventures
    - vii. It was reiterated that original logs should be kept with a copy to MCFD, as MCFD still has no method of storage.
    - viii. Williams Lake and 100 Mile house continue to close beds
  - c. North
    - i. This area is quiet
    - ii. The Christmas party was well attended
    - iii. Partnership meetings are taking place in Dawson
    - iv. There are still concerns regarding lack of placement
  - d. Vancouver Island- No Report