

E2S – Edmonton 2 Spirit Society

Draft Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 9th, 2018

Pride Centre of Edmonton

4:00pm to 6:30pm

Boyd called the meeting to order by beginning with a smudge at 4:15pm followed by a roll call of attendance.

Attendance:

Boyd Whiskeyjack (President)
Lyndsay Breadner (Board Member)
Braedyn ? (youth)
Dorian Potts
Sissy Thiessen
Jeff Chalifoux (Vice President)
Ashley Tiller (Secretary)
Rob Gurney
Kat ?
Courtney ?
Tracey ?

Regrets: Cassie Flett (called in)

Absent: Sebastien Bourke (Treasurer)

Boyd reviewed the agenda as follows:

- 1) New Board Members introductions
- 2) Executive read reports
- 3) Action items
- 4) New business

Motion: That E2S form an Elder's Council to seek cultural guidance and support. Moved by Boyd Whiskeyjack, Second by Jeff Chalifoux. All in favor. Motion carried.

1) New Board Members introductions

Boyd gave the four new potential E2S Board Members the opportunity to introduce themselves and their intentions with joining. Cassie called in and explained that she is a student at the University of Alberta and works at the Albert Foundation for the Arts. Dorian is a student at Grant MacEwan University and has a background in web design and created the E2S June Newsletter. Sissy introduced a talking tool (lanyard) and went on to explain that she does programming for youth in schools, dances powwow and makes crafts. Rob is a Peer Support Worker at the Royal Alexandria Hospital has experience as a Zumba instructor and is willing to help with cooking and dancing.

Tracey mentioned her background in coordinating events and offered to help in that capacity and is not currently seeking a position as a Board Member.

We then moved to the new Board Member elections:

Dorian Potts: Boyd Whiskeyjack motioned to vote him in as E2S Webmaster. Second by Jeff Chalifoux. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sissy Thiessen: Boyd Whiskeyjack motioned to vote her in as an E2S Board Member. Second by Jeff Chalifoux. All in favor. Motioned carried

Cassie Flett: Sissy Thiessen motioned to vote her in as an E2S Board Member. Second by Ashley Tiller. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rob Gurney: Jeffery Chalifoux motioned to vote him in as an E2S Board Member. Second by Boyd Whiskeyjack. All in favor. Motion carried.

2) Reports

The reports were read out loud in the following order: Lyndsay, Ashley, Jeff. Each executive member summarized their work since the last meeting in June.

These can be found in the 2spirityeG Google Drive.

Motion: E2S should also form a Youth Council to support GSA's in Alberta for two-spirit youth. Moved by Ashely Tiller, Second by Boyd Whiskeyack. All in favor.

3) Action items

Jeff's report states that the Edmonton Men's Health Collective (EMHC) is creating an advisory team of leaders from different segments of the LGBTQ2S community to provide guidance and input on a new EMHC accessibility policy.

Motion: That E2S members, Jeffery Chalifoux and Rob Gurney, join the Advisory Council for the Edmonton Men's Health Collective partnership. Moved by Jeff Chalifoux. Second by Sissy Thiessen. All in favor. Motion carried.

4) New Business (A-F refer to Boyd's report)

A) GSA Conference

Sissy is already involved and will be presenting. Jeff and Dorian volunteered to create a two-spirit presentation and set up a booth at the resource fair on Saturday, November 17th.

B) Pride Centre

Lyn volunteered to be interviewed in October by Lydia Holmes, who is creating a video that will portray history of the Pride Centre covering 40 years in three minutes. This video will be debuted November 3rd at Paint the Town Red.

C) Shades of Color

Boyd proposes that E2S should form a coalition with Shades of Color like VOICES – Calgary’s coalition of two-spirit and racialized LGBTQ+ individuals.

D) Vital Signs Grant

Boyd is submitting a grant application for 10k on September 15th, 2018 to host a 2S Powwow in June 2019.

E) 2 Spirit presentations

Boyd’s report expressed concern for the influx of requests for two-spirit presentations. Boyd suggested that we only respond to those who have a budget or offer honorariums. In response, Ashley mentioned that E2S develop a contract to ensure that no ones time is wasted.

F) Monthly Socials

Boyd asked Dede, Pride Centre Secretary, to remove the monthly two-spirit gathering until further notice. Sissy stepped forward to lead monthly socials for E2S and will approach the Canadian Native Friendship Centre LGBTQ2S+ Support Group.

G) Pride Parade

It was mentioned, in the spirit of reconciliation, that the two-spirit community should be honored as the First People’s of Turtle Island by being put in front of the entire Pride Parade (after the Grand Marshal’s). Boyd will bring this matter forward to the EPFS.

H) NICE Powwow

Rob agreed to create a slideshow for the E2S booth at the National Indigenous Cultural Expo (NICE) Powwow. Everyone will send Rob pictures. Dorian will create a Newsletter. Boyd will be bringing the 2SYEG banner along with membership applications and pamphlets.

Business Cards/Website

Dorian will create an E2S template draft for business cards and get started on creating the new E2S Website. All new members (Cassie, Sissy and Rob) to send their bios and picture to Dorian for the website.

Motion: That the E2S bank account be connected to PayPal to accept new membership payments. Moved by Dorian Potts. Second by Boyd Whiskeyjack. All in favor. Motion passed.

Bracelets

Lyn will have 200-400 E2S bracelets made.

Boyd Whiskeyjack adjourned the meeting at 6:28pm.

Submitted by Boyd Whiskeyjack, President

Approved by Jeff - Vice President