

ACTING PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE MEETING SUMMARY REPORT  
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1<sup>st</sup> VP Report (Pat Norman) Discussions underway with their provincial youth in care representative regarding having a representative from the National Youth In Care Network be a member of the CFFA Board of Directors. Letter to be written by the Acting President (Sheila Durnford) to the National Youth In Care with this request.

A new CFFA display banner continues to be worked on.  
Pat is looking into the possibility of having a University student translate our new pamphlets.

3<sup>rd</sup> VP Report (Norm Brownell) Letter sent to all Provinces asking them to encourage foster parents to become members and to have membership forms available at their functions and meetings. Article re: membership placed in last Bulletin. Address labels will be made for CFFA pamphlets when handed out.

Treasurer (Katherine Jones) Our fundraising project is doing well with the Christmas Show coming up mid December. Have received several donations - 2 \$500.00, and a Provincial Membership. As Katherine has been off work for a couple of weeks, she has not had time to do a full report but will have this to the Executive in the next week or two. Financially we are doing fine.

Discussion regarding resignation of David Sanguéz, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. David was not able to continue on with this position due to a very busy and hectic schedule at home. He will be missed, and we are hopeful we will see him at next years Symposium as one of their delegates. The Executive made the decision to leave this position vacant until the next AGM. Policy & Procedures and Bylaws will continue to be worked on by the committee spearheaded by Amy Jenkins.

Donation letters were drafted by the Acting President (Sheila Durnford) and have now been approved by the Executive for distribution. CFFA Secretary (Connie Mulholland) will send to companies that we find in our research that gives donations on a yearly basis.

Website - We are seeing an increase in the use of our website and the Acting President is receiving requests for information, requests for

interviews, research projects, request for links on our website etc.  
Requests of a Provincial nature are forwarded to the Province.

At the last AGM a motion was passed regarding information sharing around Communicable Disease in each Province as there was concern this information was not being shared with foster parents. A letter requesting feedback from each Province was written by the Acting President. Those Provinces that replied seemed not to have concerns around this, and seems that it is a Provincial issue not National; therefore no further work will be done on this at this time.

The CFFA's proposal to have a 30 second spot (slide show or a public service announcement- PSA) for the pre-show at a major movie theatre across Canada has been approved. The PSA will run for a full month in all Cinemaplex Theatres across Canada sometime in 2008.

Funding will need to be secured and this is currently being worked on by Sheila. We will hire a company to do the Public Service Announcement if we are successful in receiving funding.

As Partnerships are very valuable to organization such as ours, we are pleased that we are partnering with the Child Welfare League of Canada on a project they have been funded for titled Promoting Parent Education and Support. Our Acting President has been asked to be a part of the Advisory Committee on behalf of the CFFA and the committee will be meeting at the end of January.

We are working on some other partnerships and hope to have more to report on in the New Year.

Work is progressing on next years Symposium, the hotels have been confirmed and we are working on the meeting schedule for the CFFA portion of the conference. We are hoping that Manitoba will soon have the registration information. When we receive this information it will be posted on the CFFA website and we will also email it to all our members. With this being our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we are hoping to make this a special Symposium.

Next conference call will be held in January.