

**FIRA
General Meeting
May 27, 2018**

Meeting to prioritize projects for FIRA Hall

18 Members present

Meeting run today by Dave Chevrelis, Vice President in the absence of President Dave Wilson.

The Trillium Grant application was denied. We were to put \$6,300 towards the projects if we would have received it. The thought is to try to get some of the projects done this summer.

Financial report reviewed - summary submitted by Treasurer Keith Clarkson and read in his absence. There were 5 hall rentals in 2017 for a total of \$270 and one so far this year for \$50. There is approximately \$17,000 available not in GIC.

8 projects were discussed:

1. Entranceway:

~ **New Door:** A new door with a window was quoted in the grant last year for \$3,775. It may cost approximately 5% more due to material cost increases. This would be an improvement for safety.

~ **Deck, steps and roof / overhang:** A permit is likely required. A design was quoted in the grant for \$8,249 with labor. Alternate design was discussed with the deck coming out 8' from the building and extending 12' from the door along the building toward the ramp with the steps continuing in that direction rather than protruding into the parking lot. The deck cost would be around \$4,000. Roof options are still being explored from a lean-to style covering the door area or maybe simply an awning.

Lou Skraba also had a suggestion for an addition to the building for storage constructed to the left side of the door. He may have some ties where he can get materials at a lower cost. Lou had drawings passed around. Lou stated he could do drawings, get them developed and approved by architect & obtain the permit. Front door size has new regulations and may need to be made larger. There could be issues with existing building floating on blocks if an addition is on sonotube. Further review would be necessary to determine if it is feasible and what manpower is available to keep costs down.

2. New windows - 6 in total for quoted price in grant for approximately \$4,440. There most likely will be a 5% increase in cost for increased cost of materials. Question - are we eligible for Government assistance - a contractor would be the one to find that out.

3. Toilets with new grab bars: A senior or handicap toilet should be 17 - 19" in height. Our current toilets are 16"H. Costco toilets are 16.5" so didn't make sense to buy for 1/2 inch difference. Home Hardware has the proper size and we may get a deal being from FIRA or go on Senior Day. A grab bar has been purchased for the bathroom that doesn't have one and will be installed. Lou suggested that we beware of buying foreign made toilets because it is hard to get parts if needed so we should stick to Canadian or American made.

4. Skirting around front and sides of building: Vinyl skirting with entrance doors. Existing floor Insulation is in good shape underneath.

5. **Install central air conditioner for \$1,400.** Close out sale includes labor and everything we need. Could upgrade thermostat to program air and heat around activities.

6. **Dishwasher** - commercial grade: \$4500-5500. The Ontario Food Premise regulations apply to us for special events where we prepare food for the public (Pancake Breakfast). Back in 2006, the Health Department advised us if we do not have a commercial dishwasher that heats to required wash (60-71C) and rinse (82C+) temperatures, or have a chemical solution rinse, then we must adhere to alternate prescribed manual sink washing sanitizing method with chlorine rinse for events where we serve the public. We have this procedure on a wall poster they provided behind the kitchen sink. At that time they also advised us to serve on single use disposable tableware, so this wash procedure only applies to the prep/cook items (mixing bowls, etc). We apply for and receive Health Dept approval prior to the Pancake Breakfast, and they inspect us periodically for compliance. We have always passed, subject to use of proper manual wash procedures. Without a commercial dishwasher, said procedures must be followed, as well as other Food Premise requirements. If we purchase a commercial grade dishwasher, we would not have to use the alternate manual wash procedures for these items.

Be advised, the Food Premise regulations do NOT apply to Potluck Dinners at FIRA as they are for members only and we are not preparing food at FIRA to serve the public. If members are concerned about the sanitation of our plates and silverware being washed in a regular dishwasher or proper use of the manual wash method, disposable plates could be used or members could bring their own. Obviously, food prepared by members in their own homes for other member consumption are not subject to Food Premise regulations. Dave Wilson and Carrie & Joe DiFrancesco are meeting with the Health Dept. June 4th to obtain further clarification.

7. **Water System Improvements.** We have a system that is not in compliance but our water is currently testing fine. Dave and Joe met with Code Enforcement Officer who explained that newer systems have an automatic shut off if the UV is not functioning, as opposed to an audible alarm on residential systems. Because our system does not have an automatic shut-off, Dysart took the cord so it is out of service. Dave will inquire of the Health Dept why we cannot keep our UV system for added protection while we review an upgrades system. There is iron in our water but Health Dept stated that s not a health risk and changing sediment filter sooner may help. Dave will also inquire as to Dysart sharing in a new UV system as they did on the original.

8. **Roof:** We are not sure if the roof is original roof as there seem to be spots that could indicate it needs to be replaced sometime future. Since the meeting, we heard the roof is fairly new. We will continue to investigate.

Septic system: Need to find out when it was last done and where the septic bed is. Will not need to be inspected since we are across the road. Graham knows that the tank was fine when it was last looked at approximately 4 years ago. Not enough solids going through our septic.

We occasionally have mice. There are 2 live traps but they aren't easily fooled.

Folks present prioritized their preferences and members will be asked through email to do the same.

Graham Newton presented on **Meat Sale.** This is the 9th year of the meat sale. Brought in \$4,916 with 20 orders. Made \$796 for FIRA. Slightly less than last year but still a great job. Thank you to everyone who purchased. A handout was distributed.

FIRA Sports TV analysis. Gerry McLennan did the research and forwarded the results as he was unable to attend tonight. His handout indicates that Shaw DirectTV has the best package for the cost. It would be \$44.99 a month for first 3 months then price increases to \$69/month but we could then downgrade the package and pay \$59/month. These costs included 74 basic channels including golf, TSN and sportsnet. The first package included 15 additional channels to choose and the reduced package includes 5. We will further discuss this at the next meeting.

New Business: Donna Smith is setting up difibrillator / first aid training and will let us know the date soon.

Club 200 tickets sale starts June 15th. Graham will contact last year's sellers. Instead of 1 draw per week, we will draw at the 4 pot lucks starting in Fall, ending at the Christmas dinner.

Twelve members signed up for **Mahjong**. A few sets were obtained. Starting on June 4 at 1:30pm, the members are going to learn how to play together. If you aren't signed up and would like to play, contact Bonnie Beaudoin or show up on 4th.

FIRA
Income Statement
2018 through May 24, 2018

Income			
	DUES	5,400.00	Net Expenses
	Fund Raising	5,106.60	583.13 *
	Hall Donations	75.00	
	Fitness	1,802.00	362.00
		12,383.60	
Expense			
	HALL EXP. Incl propane	(999.72)	
	FUND RAISING	(4,523.47)	
	Fitness	(1,440.00)	
	BANK S/C	(7.00)	
	HYDRO	(398.79)	
	BELL	(304.25)	
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		<u>(7,673.23)</u>	
Current Year Income		4,710.37	
Cash January 1, 2018		5,814.57	
Current Balance		10,524.94	
GIC invested 11/17		7,500.00	
GIC due April 2019		<u>10,936.39</u>	
Total Funds		28,961.33	
* 50:50		79.50	
Silent Auction		92.60	
MacGregor Meats		955.50	
Summerfest			
Quilting		(523.47)	
Crafts		8.50	
Pancake Breakfast			
Summer BBQ			
Pig Roast			
Sharpening		10.00	
Club 200		<u>(39.50)</u>	
		583.13	

