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DAILY PUBLICATIONS SOCIETY
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Agenda for DPS Board of Directors Meeting - Nov 3rd, 2020

Meeting start time and location: 3 PM via Zoom

- 1. Call to Order.**
- 2. Land Acknowledgment.**
 - a. The Daily Publications Society would like to acknowledge that McGill University is situated on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka, a place that has long served as a site of meeting and exchange among nations. The DPS recognizes and respects the Kanien'kehá:ka as the traditional custodians of the lands and waters on which we meet today.
- 3. Attendance.**
 - a. Present: Everyone, Kate was 15 minutes late due to a scheduling conflict
 - b. Absentees: none
- 4. Appointment of Secretary.**
 - a. Appointed Emily
- 5. Adoption of the Agenda.**
 - a. Any new items to add to the agenda?
 - i. Yes, two motions from the *Daily*
- 6. Announcements.**
 - a. We received on Oct 26th a new Cease and Desist Letter from McCool's lawyer. According to McCool's lawyer, he was completely exonerated of the charges made against him under a thorough and impartial investigation commenced by the student bodies. We are currently seeking legal counsel with Mr. Bergman.
 - b. After discussion, the board concludes that it is unclear whether Mr. Bergman's suggestion is possible. Emily will consult with Mr. Bergman and advise the board of further steps.
 - c. Niels Ulrich has resigned from this Board.
- 7. Reports.**
 - a. Report of the General Manager
 - b. Report from the Publications (The Daily and Le Délit)
 - i. Daily: elected 1 new editor to the features section, in the process of doing interviews for social media and design positions – to be elected next week, our website has just been updated (thank you

- Mathieu!), we're working on our new newsletter
- ii. Le Delit: we are planning an inter-university meeting with other student newspapers, we have a workshop from our diversity committee in november
 - c. Melina would like to note that Kate and herself has decided to move the joint issue between the two papers in the winter instead of fall semester, due to the pandemic.
 - d. Délit: Comité diversité, Online presence (Facebook, Instagram)
 - i. Simon would like a report about their social media presence, Melina is consulting with Mathieu for tools they can use to help this. It will be discussed in the next meeting
 - e. Daily: Worries regarding our quotas (MoA)
 - i. Some members of the community have raised concerns about our quotas (how many articles are being published). Kate reports that the Daily is having trouble getting contributors, and they are taking steps to try and increase engagement and presence, but also being cognisant of the fact that it is a pandemic.

8. Financial aid packages.

- a. Applications were open until yesterday. Seven responses were received for a total of six financial aid packages available. Considering the fact that there are some technicalities regarding some answers we received, I will take a couple of days to get a better understanding on how we should proceed.
- b. We will vote on these next meeting.

9. Ethics Committee.

- a. [Motion regarding the appointment of new members on the Ethics Committee](#) (so that it can continue to receive complaints and adjudicate them when needed).
- b. Asa Kohn and Florence Lavoie. Anyone else? One member per publication. One DPS employee.
- c. Motion moved by Simon.
- d. Kate and Boris join, Boris will ask other DPS employees if they would like to join.
- e. Motion passes. No objections, no abstentions.

10. Threat of legal action: Declan McCool.

- a. Discussion regarding the opinion of this Board. Possibilities and course of action.
- b. This matter concerns the future of the DPS' reputation and potentially the financial stability of both publications.
- c. See announcements.

11. Roadmap 2020-2021

- a. I will be presenting my Roadmap 2020-2021 at our next Board meeting in December. It will offer you a comprehensive roadmap of my objectives as the Chairperson of this Board and it will include some of the new policies I would like to put in place.
- b. Simon will present this at the next board meeting

12. Motion to Purchase software for the Daily's newsletter

- a. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HPfswgmMcGopeBUMoxKUCJm8sYRJld0mCdh45BUVWKg/edit?usp=sharing>
- b. Kate presents the motion: services like mailchimp etc doesn't have the features we would like, one of our editors found a new solution that would better fit the Daily's needs after consulting with Mathieu. This subscription would be for the remainder of the publishing year (April).
- c. Simon asks if it would replace Send in Blue, which yes it would for the Daily listerv, but not for the DPS. He suggests le Delit can also consider this
- d. Boris says he will see if we can get a student discount.
- e. Melina asks what the extra features are, Kate answers that theres more options for design elements and make it more creative and specific to what the Daily would like to put out. She also asks if Mathieu or the Daily editors will be designing it, Kate answers that it will be the Daily.
- f. Motion passes. No objections or abstentions.

13. Motion to Pay Artist for Queer History Month Artwork

- a. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1b2TGv6Yde0H5v_S23KugFFEPNYtHtGZ8our7UfWzXSA/edit
- b. The *Daily* has commissioned art for Queer History Month, for the last weeks cover. The *Daily* is making a conscious effort to pay artists to make art that represents the communities they are a part of and we represent in the paper, they did this for Indigneous Awareness weeks and Black History Months in the past.
- c. Melina clarifies that the art was already made. The answer is yes.
- d. Simon asks that it is his understanding that the motion must be passed before the art is commissioned. Kate replies that this has happened in the past, and that the Daily does not promise a specific monetary amount, just that they will be compensated. Simon would like that in the future the motion be presented ahead of time before the art is commissioned, Kate agrees that the Daily can do that in the future.
- e. Motion passes. No objections, no abstentions
- f. Boris asks that Kate let him know how the artist would like to be paid and the details of payment for both motions.

14. Next Meeting.

- a. 1st December 2020 at 3 PM via Zoom.

15. Motion to adjourn our meeting.