

**ACPD's Outreach Working Group Meeting Notes**

**July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Virtual Teams Meeting**

**4:00PM – 6:00PM**

**Members in Attendance:** Jake Maurice, James Kemp, Mark McNeil

**Also in Attendance:** Rebecca Banky

**Members Absent:** Paula Kilburn, Hope Bonenfant, Robert Westbrook, Benjamin Cullimore

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Approval of July 6<sup>th</sup> Agenda:** Agenda was approved with the addition of Guide Dogs

**3. Approval of June 18<sup>th</sup> Meeting Notes:** Meeting notes were approved

**4. Inclusive Art Show Discussion with Yvonne from Centre3:** Yvonne cancelled at the last minute and so we weren't able to have a full discussion on it. We reviewed the documents that Yvonne sent us

regarding the Sensory Perspective's Inclusive Art Show.

**5. Accessibility Fair and Awards Update:** We are still waiting on Comms to release the Award Nominations. It is currently waiting on approval from Mayor Horwath as it uses a quote from her.

We then discussed the accessibility issues on the website and how we can do nothing about the semi-serifed fonts. That led to a brief discussion about our website and how we would like to jazz it up a little with nice fonts and images, but plain and simple is truly accessible.

We are still waiting on the release of the awards before we approach the exhibitors for the Fair. They are tied together and so don't want to move too quickly on one and leave the other behind.

We then reviewed the changes on the website page by page. As it is just an update, there is very little that needs attention. We are having difficulties in unifying the size, but Tech support can offer no solutions. Jake then asked about bus tickets and would we be able to provide them to people. We discussed this and decided that we could provide them to any member of

the committee, any volunteer or any contributor that requests them.

**6. Judging Panel Discussion:** We discussed what the judging panel should look like. We decided it should be comprised of seven individuals. 4 or five will be ACPD members and members of the OWG are tasked with thinking of who we should invite for the community to be a judge as well.

**7. Possible Cooperation/Collaboration with Spinal Cord Injury:** SCI approached me regarding combining his August 1<sup>st</sup> exhibition with our fair. We spent a couple days discussing what that might look like and what issues they would cause. As SCI is doing this as a fundraiser and charging exhibitors \$500 and up for a booth, we see some serious compatibility issues. He offered to provide funding for certain things, but it was too late to make wholesale changes to both our plans. We asked him to approach us regarding next year's event to see if we can work together in the future.

**8. Other Business:** We discussed Guide Dogs and some of the issue Mark is having in connecting with the Lion's Club. Jake offered to ask his contacts if we continue to have difficulty here. Jake also asked us

about the traditional opening and explained the difference between a short opening and a long opening. We chose the short opening of ten minutes. We also briefly discussed the t-shirts. James Jr. is working on a few designs. Members requested the Shirt contain a guide dog/puppy image.

Jake has asked to be an official member of the OWG.

## **9. Adjournment**