

Spring Gathering 2010

April 27, 2010
9:00am – 4:30pm

Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy Network

Batshaw Youth and Family Centres - Auditorium

6, Weredale Park
Westmount (Québec)

ADOPTED ON APRIL 29, 2011

1. AGENDA

Opening Prayer

Welcome - Co-Chairs

Presentation and welcome new Coordinator

Thank-you to Devora Neumark by Co-Chairs

Report of September 29, 2010 – Review and adoption

Adoption of April 27, 2010 agenda

Strategic Plan of NETWORK and finances 2010/2011

Presentation of Working Committees – Action plan and priorities 2010

 Youth

 Social Services

 ART - CULTURE

 Education, Training and Employability

 Communications

 Health

 Steering Committee

Analysis exercise and dialogue on Working Committees and their priorities 2010

Questions, comments and public announcements by participants

Move to close general gathering

Closing prayer

2. OPENING PRAYER

Irene Qavavauq opens the Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy Network Gathering with a prayer.

3. WELCOME – CO-CHAIRS

Odile Joannette, Co-Chair, Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador (Representative) and Nakuset, Co-Chair, Representative for Social Service Working Committee opened the meeting with a welcome to all and provided some guiding housekeeping advice.

- Availability of simultaneous translation for unilingual French and English citizens
- Request to order lunch during coffee break to assist cafeteria
- Thank-you to participants for bringing snacks and foods
- Availability of documents by e-mail request to NETWORK Coordinator
- Reduction of paper distribution (greener meetings)
- Questions or problems to new Coordinator via e-mail or telephone

Odile and Nakuset presented the new Coordinator of the NETWORK, Daniel-Paul Bork to the members of the NETWORK.

4. THANK-YOU TO DEVORA NEUMARK

Odile and Nakuset, on behalf of the Steering Committee, the Working Committees and the entire NETWORK wanted to publicly thank Devora Neumark for her volunteer contribution that helped start the NETWORK.

A small gift was presented to her to the warm applause of the members of the NETWORK.

5. REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2010

Odile presented the September 29, 2010 report (on screen) to the members present. The document is available via e-mail with the coordination office.

The larger themes were reviewed with a quick overview of the meetings of the Steering Committee and the Working Committees, to be discussed later in-depth.

ADOPTION OF APRIL 27, 2010 AGENDA

Moved by André Dudemaine to adopt the agenda of April 27, 2010
Seconded by Caroline Farly, Projets autochones de Québec.
Adopted by consensus

6. STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE NETWORK 2010/2011

Nakuset briefly reviewed the Strategic Plan of the NETWORK and explained its purpose.

Odile welcomed the Inuit community in Montreal to the NETWORK and introduced Allison Irumia of Makivik and Harry Adams of Kativik School Board (Nunavik).

It was expressed that the NETWORK desires the active participation of the Inuit of Montreal and ensuring that their issues to «improve their quality of life» are addressed and that they are a vital part of the community at large.

Participants received a copy of the Plan prior to the meeting via e-mail. Co-Chairs asked if there were recommendations, changes or revisions required. Plan was approved.

ADOPTION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN OF THE NETWORK

Chandra Labelle proposes to adopt the NETWORK Strategic Plan
Seconded by Devora Neumark
Adopted by consensus

7. WORKING COMMITTEE - YOUTH

Presentation by Widia Larivière and Jorge Herrera

The Youth Working Committee started in September 2009 as a result of the September 2009 gathering of the NETWORK.

At this point in time, the Committee is not active and has two members, Widia Larivière of Native Women's Association of Quebec and Jorge Herrera of Inter-tribal Youth Centre of Montreal.

Two priorities guide the Committee.

- 1) Identify the common needs among Aboriginal youth and their organizations in greater Montreal and invite youth to participate in a process of creating realistic solutions
- 2) Create partnerships to support Committee projects that respond to the needs of youth and their organizations

The Youth Committee is confronted with two challenges, 1) to mobilize youth over the long-term and, 2) a representative group.

We know that youth are hard to organize as the Inter-Tribal Youth Centre of Montreal located at the Native Friendship Centre of Montreal (NFCM) had a problem connecting with youth also. As for the second challenge, we would like a cross-section of youth, not only Aboriginal youth associated with, for example, student associations. We want to work with the youth that need help and support and develop projects that touch them directly.

Our second priority concerns partnerships and collaborative efforts, at one point to be honest, we questioned the need for a youth committee when the youth should be involved in each Working Committee as each subject touches them directly. We recognize that the youth need a voice in the NETWORK.

In short, there are several subjects that we need advice on and we look forward to the feedback on our priorities in the afternoon session and your feedback and comments.

8. WORKING COMMITTEE – SOCIAL SERVICES

Presentation by Nakuset

The two priorities of the Social Services Working Committee are:

- 1) Create a shelter for men or a healing centre
- 2) Create intermediary resources (foster families) for Aboriginal people in need of minimal to maximum amount of support services.

Our Working Committee has many active members (refer to Social Services presentation in Annex) and since June 2009, we have divided into two sub-committees – social services and homelessness. We meet as a whole on a monthly or bi-monthly basis and the Sub-Committees met separately to work on their concerns and then both report back to the Working Committee.

In respect to the Social Service Sub-Committee, we are focused on creating culturally sensitive tools for Aboriginal children in foster care. We want to provide appropriate tools to foster and adoptive children of Aboriginal heritage and help give a connection to their history and build a positive self-identity. Our first priority is to establish an Aboriginal group home, an intermediary step that incorporates a traditional holistic environment.

However, some short term measures need to be addressed beforehand. One measure is to create a resource manual for non-Aboriginal foster and adoptive parents that includes subjects such as:

- how to obtain and retain Indian Status cards / Inuit beneficiary number
- help foster families understand the results of the 1960`s and provide examples of suggested readings such as 'Stolen from our Embrace'
- highlight local Montreal cultural activities and resources
- show importance and reasons for attending traditional ceremonies
- how to work with and challenge negative Aboriginal stereotypes by others.

In addition, our Sub-Committee would like to create a pool of Aboriginal people who are willing to become foster parents. One of our observations is that 70% of children in foster care across Montreal are Inuit. We want to include useful subjects in our resource manual such as Inuit traditional values, a directory of local resources and a bibliography of children's books of Inuit storytelling. Our Sub-Committee will meet twice in May, 2010 to create a Social Services Terms of Reference and continue work on the resource manual. The next meeting of the entire Committee is scheduled for June 1, 2010.

Our other Sub-Committee that address «homelessness» is committed to finding solutions in the gap of services for itinerant or mobile Aboriginal men. The second priority is to create an Aboriginal healing centre / shelter with a comprehensive healing program. A meeting is scheduled in the upcoming month to address the vision and purpose of an Aboriginal men's healing centre and/or shelter, impact of a new luxury development on property of the Seville Theatre, examine the needs of Aboriginal women who congregate at the Cabot Square and discuss the issue of shelters and a policy of refusing people «under the influence».

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Chair of the Social Services Working Committee by e-mail or telephone.

9. WORKING COMMITTEE – ART • CULTURE

Translated version of original French text – presented by André

The objectives are as follow:

- *Establish an Aboriginal Community Cultural Centre in Montreal*
- *Establish a local cultural fund for Aboriginal artists and cultural workers*

The Working Committee – ART • CULTURE is composed of organizations and Aboriginal associations with an «artistic and cultural» mandate in Montreal, or at least, whose activities, projects and events are Aboriginal focused, and this for at least a period of three years.

Active members:

- Terres en vues, represented by André Dudemaine
- Ondinnok, Aboriginal theatre group, represented by Catherine Joncas
- First Nations Garden, Botanical Gardens, represented by Sylvie Paré
- Circle of First Nations of UQAM, represented by Gustavo Zamora Jimenez

Engrenage Noir / LEVIER is a member organization having assisted with the start-up of the Committee and collaborating with the financing of activities (salary of the Coordinator). Engrenage Noir / LEVIER is represented by Devora Neumark. We are pleased to inform you that after a selection process, Amélie Girard is now the ART • CULTURE Coordinator.

Our vision is to improve, via art and Aboriginal culture, the quality of life of the Aboriginal population of the greater Montreal area as well as to value, promote and distribute the artistic and cultural diversity of urban Aboriginals of Montreal. In order to do this, we have identified two priorities.

The first priority is to work toward the development of a community cultural centre in Montreal. This centre would become a crossroad and point of convergence for Aboriginal culture – expositions, performance art, seminars, discussions, round tables, lectures, training and other types of projects, events and activities.

The second priority is to continue our work (already started) with the *Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec* and the *Conseil des arts de Montréal* in order to create a cultural development fund for Aboriginal artists and intervenors from Montreal.

Today, we want to launch a logo contest in the Aboriginal community to create a logo for our Committee. In addition to the notoriety of the successful logo, the artist will have the chance to win a prize of \$400.00

On another note, in order to identify the needs of the Aboriginal population of Montreal and more specifically, the creation of a community cultural centre, we have distributed a brief questionnaire to you and if you could return it today, it would be very helpful.

Lastly, it is important to underline that the Terms of Reference (French version) have been completed and adopted by our Committee on Tuesday, April 20, 2010. We intend to present the formal version to the NETWORK and have them approved and adopted very soon.

10. WORKING COMMITTEE – EDUCATION, TRAINING AND EMPLOYABILITY

Presented by Dolorès André, Representative

The priorities of our committee are to:

- *Create tools and network activities related to education, training and employability based upon clientele needs to ensure that all Aboriginal peoples within the city of Montreal have access to programs and services that will allow them to attain their full professional and academic potential.*
- *Creation of an Aboriginal Training Centre to empower the Aboriginal community through education, training and employment.*

Our Working Committee consists of twenty members and our meetings are held every third Tuesday of each month. Several important Montreal intervenors participate in the Committee such as:

- Rising Sun Childcare Centre
- McGill University
- John Abbott College
- Kativik Regional Government
- Quebec Native Women
- Service Canada
- City of Montreal
- First Nations Human Resources Development Services of Montreal
- Racism Prevention Office, Labour Program, HRSDC

In addition, in our targeted recruitment plan, we aim for the participation of Cercle des Premières Nations, UQAM and Emploi Québec in the future.

Our vision is to empower the Aboriginal community through education, training and employment.

Our mission is to ensure that all Aboriginal Peoples (First Nations, Inuit and Métis) within the urban city of Montreal have access to programs and services that will allow them to attain their full professional and academic potential.

Our mandate is composed of the following elements:

- Collect and share information on existing programs, admission criteria and the different sources of financing available of federal, provincial and municipal governments
- Support organizations in the creation of their projects
- Share information and promote the services and programs that are related to education, training and employment
- Highlight the Aboriginal needs and concerns in education, training and employment to the appropriate channels and organizations

Current project

Our current project is an information kit – this was identified as a common need. This package would serve as a guide to new arrivals in Montreal or any individual who wants to learn more about employment, the procedures and criteria to return to study or the labour market.

The kit would also include information about housing, training, education and employment, process to register for schools and colleges, required pieces of identification or other required documents. A proposal for funding for a summer student has been prepared and approved by the «Fonds de solidarité Travail Québec» to assist with this project, in partnership with First Nations Human Resource Development Commission of Quebec.

MAMU – Ensemble – Together

The Committee is planning a networking event with the goal of informing Aboriginal people of the competencies required to integrate into the labour market and inform them of the services and programs in place that address education, training and employability.

Our priority for the creation of a Training Centre for Aboriginal Labour Market is to be developed over the long term. This centre would address adult education, reading skills, essential competencies; essentially the basic skills required for socio-professional development.

As the Chair of the Committee, I would like to thank the members for their participation and sharing of expertise that is aimed to help the Aboriginal community. To mention a few, Ms. Donna Lemay, Ms. Ianik Vertolli, Ms. Anouchka Chagnon, Nathalie, Mr. Cook as well as Joann Kimberly, all of whom are here today.

11. WORKING COMMITTEE – COMMUNICATIONS

Presentation by Jean-François O'Bomsawin, Representative.

The priorities of our committee are to:

- *Increase the visibility of the NETWORK (external communications)*
- *Create a process of sharing internal information (among the NETWORK and between the different Working Committees)*

The work of this Committee will start with the priority to increase the visibility of the NETWORK. The members of the Working Committee are:

- Chantal Latour – Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones
- Odile Joannette – Assembly of First Nations of Quebec et Labrador
- Carole Chouinard – City of Montreal
- Travis O'Brien – Office of the Federal Interlocutor

The Committee needs a few more members and potential candidates would be responsible for assisting in an advisory capacity.

To attain our priority of increasing the visibility of the NETWORK, it will happen via projects already heard about today such as:

- Logo (NETWORK)
- Internet site for public
- Slogan
- Media relations
- Communications plan for NETWORK

Our external and internal communications will occur in the two official languages – French and English.

12. WORKING COMMITTEE – HEALTH

Presentation by Chantal Robillard, Alternate.

The priorities of our committee are to:

- *Establish a fully functional health centre in Montreal for Aboriginal people*
- *Establish and maintain an online database of health services relevant to Aboriginal people*

The vision of the Health Working Committee is to “empower the Aboriginal community by working together toward healing.”

The mission of our Working Committee is “to achieve a culturally sensitive, holistic health service delivery model that is accessible to all Aboriginal people, within the urban setting of Montreal where emphasis is placed on quality and continuity of care.”

The Health Committee has the representation from many Montreal organizations concerned with Aboriginal health and healing such as:

- Traditional Healer
- Centre des femmes de Montréal
- Native Women’s Shelter of Montreal
- Art Therapist
- National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation
- Kativik School Board
- McGill University
- Native Friendship Centre of Montreal
- Cree Health Board - Cree Patient Services
- Médecins du monde
- Institute of Population Health

In respect to our Strategic Plan and our Terms of Reference, these documents are completed in English and currently being translated into French.

In the last year, five of our members visited an Aboriginal health centre in Toronto, Ontario to better understand all elements of a fully functional health centre. The visit was informative and we were encouraged to start our funding process.

Currently, our plan is to follow-up with «Agence de santé et des services sociaux» and meet with this agency to discuss Aboriginal health needs and our priorities.

We are also interested in a logo to assist with our work and priorities and have initiated a process to develop a logo.

We have begun work on an Aboriginal health database and currently we have over three hundred (300) community health resources. Basic information is being collected and we hope to have a solid database available for use by the NETWORK over the course of summer 2010.

Our activities to date have seen us complete a list of resources, our annual evaluation of our Strategic Plan, and work on the creation of our database.

We look forward to continuing our work and moving forward to achieving our priorities and supporting the Aboriginal community of Montreal.

13. NETWORK STEERING COMMITTEE

Odile presented the Terms of Reference of the Steering Committee.

Each participant who registered prior to the actual meeting received copies of the Terms of Reference of the NETWORK and the Steering Committee in PDF format.

General discussion by members of NETWORK

Several subjects were brought up for general discussion by members of the NETWORK

Working Committee Terms of Reference

- a. Do Working Committees create their own or are they confined to follow a format
- b. A problem by First Nations to be defined as “Aboriginal” or “autochtone”
- c. Some members prefer to be recognized by their Nation or as “First Peoples”
- d. Inuit representatives articulated a request that “Inuit” be included in name of the NETWORK
- e. A question was raised as to why “Métis” was a problem for the NETWORK.
- f. A suggestion was made that perhaps the NETWORK name be presented in an Aboriginal language and not English or French.

In respect to the above concerns, it was noted that Working Committees should be free to create their own Terms of Reference and refer to the NETWORK as a guide. General discussion resulted in a guideline that Working Committees should have the same vision and principles of the NETWORK.

The problem of terminology is not new and many First Nations are uncomfortable with the term “Aboriginal.” It was suggested by Co-Chairs that perhaps the best way to address this issue was to consult the members of the NETWORK and obtain their feedback.

Members present were comfortable with a small survey to obtain feedback on the name of the NETWORK and this subject matter was referred to the Communications Working Committee and Steering Committee to resolve.

Terms of Reference – Steering Committee

Chandra Labelle, Social Services, moved to adopt
Catherine Joncas seconded the motion
Terms of Reference adopted by consensus

14. COLLECTIVE BRAINSTORMING ON COMMITTEE PRIORITIES 2010 - 2011

The following section is to be taken as a “summary of the dialogue” only as a result of the collective brainstorming exercise between participants

The flipchart exercise (full results attached as annex) recorded the input of participants as they looked at guiding questions (expectations, strengths, challenges, priorities) and provided feedback to each Working Committee’s priorities for 2010 – 2011.

The results were reviewed for common themes and grouped accordingly per Committee’s priorities and the results are recorded as a guide for discussion and next steps.

Questions:

- 1. What are the members expectations regarding the Committee and its 2010-2011 priorities?**
- 2. What are the Community’s strengths that the Committee should emphasize on?**
- 3. What are the Community’s challenges that the Committee should keep in mind?**
- 4. What are the members recommendations regarding the identified priorities?**

15. YOUTH

General comments

Need more research on youth issues, outreach to youth, increased involvement and incentives for participation. They would appreciate feedback on how to move forward.

Committee – is a separate one needed? Share youth between Committees and involve them, actively recruit; difference between street youth and university youth; increase links to youth committees in Aboriginal communities; create a sense of belonging.

Connection – technology (Facebook / twitter), sport / outdoor activities, festival culture vs. pedagogical culture, inform about youth centre, music, exchange program between Montreal youth and community youth, find a specific environment.

Cultural summer camps (early childhood to teen age), summer camp where youth take care of children

1. Expectations

No comments

2. Strengths

No comments

3. Challenges

No comments

4. Priorities

Tools or kit for youth who arrive in Montreal

Consult with the Aboriginal youth – get to know them better, identify where they go, find the means to connect with them, student exchange, involve the parents, resources to support, prevent drop-outs.

16. SOCIAL SERVICES

Homelessness - General comments

Learn from existing studies – research (literature review), compare to work completed for Aboriginal women, see what exists for other men's shelters and compare experience.

Undertake a survey to better understand the problem – environmental scan or needs assessment that describes the challenge?

Can existing resources fill the gap in service for Aboriginal men?

1. Expectations

Locate in an appropriate location

What is the liaison to the Health Committee?

Montreal and Quebec health departments must be involved

Foster Care and Adoption - General comments

Culture – lack of openness by foster/adoptive families to Aboriginal culture, resistance by institutions to aboriginal foster families, place into foster homes from their cultural group if possible (Inuit kids into Inuit Montreal families)

Family preservation – focus on family, more recognition of extended family

Adoption/Foster – high numbers of Aboriginal foster children, educate and evaluate families before adoption or foster care, create database of long-term placements (follow-up)

Big Brother and Big Sister to have Aboriginal programs

1. Expectations

No comments

2. Strengths

No comments

3. Challenges

Culture – find Aboriginal families

Courts – Native Court Workers, civil courts and youth protection, criminal court

4. Priorities

No specific comments

17. ART • CULTURE

General comments

Elders – create links between youth and Elders, create a database of Elders, define Elder

Database of organizations and artists / resource database of local talents

Sweat Lodge Committee

1. Expectations

Become a resource centre – culture, make known (disseminate) the culture, place for cultural exchanges, teach traditional art, programs for preschool and elementary, several types of cultural activities are possible, strengthen cultural identity

Do not duplicate programs/services (i.e. those with Native Friendship Centre of Montreal - NFCM)

2. Strengths

Diversity

Multilingual

Young Aboriginal student population (universities and colleges)

Montreal and Inuit population aspect (good)

3. Challenges

NFCM – what is complementary to NFCM? – Partnership – collaboration

Complexity of financial plan and financing

4. Priorities

Develop content before a building

18 EDUCATION, TRAINING and EMPLOYABILITY (E-T-E)

General comments

Increase visibility of the Committee
Identify existing resources (gaps and overlaps)
Create tools – for community members and employers
Youth focus is missing
Network activities between fields of employment, training, counselling, guidance and well-being

1. Expectations

No comments

2. Strengths

No comments

3. Challenges

English and French languages
Daycare
Funding
Racism
Schools – drop-out rates, recognition of Aboriginal certificates, pro-active educators, Aboriginal-friendly universities and partnerships, better tracking through Aboriginal student contact lists, liaison with school boards,

4. Priorities

Need for day care

Include business development (2 responses)

Education system – early orientation, meet school boards, visit high schools, education materials (language aspect), curriculum (religion and history)

19. COMMUNICATIONS

General comments

Make us aware of Coordinator's role and distinguish between Committee role and Coordinator role

All programs and services intended for Aboriginal people should be on one central database

Put a notice board up at NFCM and maintain on regular basis

1. Expectations

One logo

Workload indicates a need for one communications officer, not necessarily full-time

2. Strengths

No comments

3. Challenges

No comments

4. Priorities

Web site is priority – password for users, need for a communications position, link to government sites (Aboriginal related), update is a challenge (internal mechanism), bilingual, Aboriginal art on web site.

Communications plan is essential – newsletter for announcements, 1-800 number, contact number, have NETWORK promotion in different events, have NETWORK promotion in universities, ensure Committee needs for communications is met, strengthen communication between Committees, have a media strategy, recruit students (UQAM) to help develop a full communications plan, pamphlets, identify communication needs of all Committees.

20. HEALTH

General comments

Questions – combine a health centre with a social service centre? How long has this been discussed? Can Medicare cards be issued at health centre? How will Elder issues be addressed? Do “partial function” health centres exist and if so do we help them? How do you connect with the population?

Involvement and participation of «Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtone du Québec» if not Native Friendship Centre of Montreal

Aboriginal languages – NFCM has program for translation between patient and medical care givers

Networking

Data collection needed – identify needs

1. Expectations

Philosophy and approach – holistic, traditional, western and alternative, physical, mental and emotional.

2. Strengths

No comments

3. Challenges

Governments and funds – solid support in funding, federal and provincial complexity, collaboration between Inuit and First Nations, make Aboriginal health problems known to governments, lobby for generic medications.

Need to collaborate with other Committees

Personnel – few Aboriginal doctors / nurses, no family doctors, strategic approach to find doctors/nurses, *Médecins sans frontières*, Aboriginal nurse training programs, partner with dentists and other specialists to reach out to community, health specialist – disability.

4. Priorities

Breakdown priorities into stages and timelines

Communications plan – update so Committee members are aware, increase awareness in hospital setting and MED programs, link to community, update all Committees via updates, recommend a communications plan.

21. STEERING COMMITTEE

General comments

More recruitment at large and with organizations

Assure the representation role in front of the different government levels

Use free training

Media – Canada and Quebec media council to lodge complaints, use media partnerships, provide media training for other journalists

Documents in Braille

1. Expectations

No comments

2. Strengths

No comments

3. Challenges

No comments

4. Priorities

Centralize - one stop shop (financing and building), build or buy our office? Centralize all services under one roof?

Resources – partnership and development, private sector, banks, Aboriginal businesses and foundations, kept up to date about resources, inform about government resources, highlight

Logo – one logo for all Committees, streamline work (logo and web sites), one logo for entire NETWORK, pilot a common logo

Membership list and data (interests, expertise, organization)

Communications and communication plan:

- Contact different departments and ministries
- Find ways and tools to make sure we do not end up working in committee silos
- Web site – link the work
- Improve communications between Committees
- Communication between groups – tools, resources and process
- Minimum language requirements for web site
- Connect to other communities in Quebec and Association of Friendship Centres to publicize
- Not only web site development but also promotion and updates
- Avoid duplication (i.e. with Inuit)
- Web site page for each Committee
- Free resources to build a web site
- Pamphlets
- Newsletters
- 1-800 number for call in
- Obtain input from Committees and support them in their work
- Establish a dialogue and existing resources
- Recognize and promote initiatives undertaken by Working Committees (gala, financial partnerships, media activity)
- More collaboration between Committees
- Update internally on how each Committee is advancing toward its priorities
- Web site
- Use visual power point presentations
- Web tools for positive role models (promote via Facebook, Twitter, YouTube)

- Database for each Committee
- Promotion and advertising
- Media partnerships

22. NETWORK FINANCIAL REPORT

Odile presented the financial structure of the Montreal Urban Aboriginal Community Strategy Network and the supporting funding agencies.

A thank-you was extended to the Office of the Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians, Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones, and the Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador (AFNQL) via the First Nations Human Resources Development Services of Montreal, and the City of Montreal.

The NETWORK has its first year of financial support to the amount of \$121,000.00 coming from the above sources that are dedicated to a Coordinator's salary, operations, equipment, translation and basic office expenditures such as travel, accounting, general gatherings, cellular phone, logo and marketing materials, web site, postal charges and office supplies.

A question was raised about the number of times that general gatherings can happen as simultaneous translation is costly, approximately \$3,000.00 per meeting. Odile brought forward that this was discussed by the Steering Committee and the new Coordinator has begun to examine other sources of financing to assist with simultaneous translation. This will be reported back to the NETWORK in the September 2010 meeting and we will determine if there will be another three meetings this fiscal year, or two meetings (amount defined in the current budget).

Secrétariat aux affaires autochtones confirmed that their contribution has been forwarded to AFNQL.

Adoption of financial report

Gustavo Zamora Jimenez, ART •CULTURE, proposed that financial report be adopted
Donna Lemay, E-T-E, seconds the motions
Motion adopted by consensus

23. NETWORK WEB SITE – COMMUNICATIONS

Odile and Nakuset discussed briefly that the NETWORK Coordinator will begin working on a web site for the NETWORK and that the work is under the general responsibility of the Communications Working Committee.

A template will be prepared for Committees to complete in order for their initiatives to be described and for public understanding of the Committee and their priorities and mandates.

24. LOGO – COMMITTEES VS. NETWORK?

A discussion on logos was initiated by the Co-Chairs because it was observed that individual Committees have started a process to design or search for a logo design for their Committees.

The question is “do individual Committees design logos and we have a result of six different logos for the NETWORK or do we have one logo for the NETWORK?” Several members mentioned that not all Committees have funds and that they would like a logo to use. It was observed that the Steering Committee has funds for a logo and that while perhaps more difficult, a joint project should happen between those with funds, open a logo contest and find one appropriate logo for the NETWORK. If this approach is not successful, then allow the Steering Committee to create a logo with its funds and move the process forward.

The joint project between Committees and the Steering Committee received support of the members present.

Logo contest in a joint project approach

Catherine Joncas moved that a contest be initiated in a joint project manner
Gustavo Zamora Jimènez seconded the motion
Consensus by members present

25. NETWORK MEMBERS

Several members had public announcements which they wanted to bring to the attention of NETWORK members.

Artial – Events upcoming
Ondinnok – New marketing materials for theatre piece upcoming
Regardes autochtones – GIRA – Aboriginal cinema
Cercle des premières nations – UQAM – events

The new Coordinator requested input by members on distribution of news and events as many have been forwarded to the coordination office.

The members suggested that events be forwarded to the Coordinator and once a week a summary of events be sent out to members and they will be responsible for follow-up with the event or news item that is described in the newsletter.

Dolorès André moves to close the meeting
Seconded by André Dudemaine
Adopted by consensus

APRIL 27, 2010

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