



**Common Threads Board Meeting**

**August 2, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

**4:00 pm to 5:30 pm**

**Present:**

- Gail Knops
- Chris Casquilho
- Nolan Davidson
- Fred Berman
- Madchen Petrie
- Susan Marshall
- Laura Plaut

**Absent:**

- Casi Herrera

**Guests:**

- None

Agenda Item	Board Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting called to order at 4:00</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Susan's two-year term is up and she will be stepping away from the Board. This is her final meeting. The Board Members thanked her for her many contributions.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consent Agenda               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minutes 21 6 7 Meeting</li> <li>○ ED report - 21 July</li> <li>○ Infrastructure Committee notes 21 07 22</li> <li>○ Finance Committee 21 07 22                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Note updates to Gift Acceptance Policy and Conflict of Interest Policy</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Fundraising committee did not meet</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Fred moved to approve and adopt the consent agenda; Madchen seconded. All in favor, none opposed.</li> </ul>	<p>Consent Agenda approved and adopted by the Board</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Consent Agenda Discussion               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Laura is looking into getting a food truck</li> <li>○ Don't forget about the Uprooting Racism training on October 20</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Party Planning – August 12 and September 2               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Gail has taken the lead on planning for the August 2 party.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Still need beer (if we want beer) – waiting to hear back from Aslan and Wander. Boundary Bay was a no, same for Kulshan (too short of notice).</li> <li>▪ There will need to be some food prep. Pippin will welcome people as early as 3:00 to set up.</li> <li>▪ Gail and Laura will coordinate on a master list of everything that needs to be done.</li> <li>○ September 2 is still in planning stages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Does somebody want to volunteer to take the lead?</li> <li>▪ Some of what’s being done for the August party can be duplicated and re-used...</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Board Meeting Schedule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need to reschedule the standard meeting time or Casi won’t be able to attend.</li> <li>○ Laura will be gone from September 8 – 27</li> <li>○ Madchen will be in Bellingham Labor Day through 13th</li> <li>○ Unfortunately the 7th is already booked for a virtual benefit through Village Books.</li> <li>○ Doodle poll forthcoming to determine a date for September and a standing date after that...</li> <li>○ Proposed monthly schedule in 2020: meet only in even months. Committees would still meet monthly or as needed.</li> <li>○ Bylaws would need to be amended if we’re going to meet less frequently than monthly. Vote might need to be by email.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Financial Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Madchen (and Fred) offered an update on finances.</li> <li>○ Investment gain as of July 31 = \$16K. Less than \$10K remains to be invested.</li> <li>○ Big picture: we’re in a good spot. Individual donations could certainly be better but it’s not necessarily a bad thing to be an organization that relies on grants rather than individual donations.</li> <li>○ Laura suggested that it may be more accurate to think of it as “funraising” and focusing on joyful advocacy of the organization rather than soliciting financial donations.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meeting adjourned at 5:13</li> </ul>	