

SISTERING

Sistering Advisory Council Meeting

January 8th, 2019
Sistering, 962 Bloor St West
6:00-7:30pm

Call to Order
Review Agenda and Minutes

Tips for working with Street-Involved People

Tips sheet to be held back for February meeting when higher attendance and Priyanka Sheth present.

Participant Death

- Crystal Papineau death. Clothing bin incident, January 8, 2019
- Pat used opportunity to address issue of poverty and homelessness with press
- Bring more advocacy and attention to all levels of government
- Member feels it is a community effort not an individual or organizational centered issue-“join voices.”
- Large memorial to be held at Sistering January 21, 2019

Community Involvement

Coldest Night of the Year

- Shelley reporting on Coldest Night of the Year walk.
- Sponsorship packages handed out to members
- Shelley creating team within hair salon
- Wendy to send out detailed information to members
- Looking for team members
- Pat updated group of how the process works

Training Dates

- Training session on ways to greet/work with people who may be from Sistering
- Monday, January 21, 2019 at 7:00pm at Angel Hair Salon
- Focus on direct businesses in vicinity of Sistering
- Priyanka Sheth to attend and lead training

Building Community

- Community member raised concern and feedback on behalf of other members of the community concerning encampment on sidewalks. Encroaching on public safety.
- Feels encampments are a fire and safety hazard and affecting business owners, homeowners and renters.
- Flyer drop from members brought in several new donors creating awareness. Possibly to become an annual drop.
- Opening of extra shelters has lightened capacity in the drop in overnight. Previously 70, now 48-56 participants
- Address new dates and days for advisory committee meetings to encompass more attendance. Possibly move to daytime to support councillor attendance.
- Email to be sent out for feedback on proposed days and times.

Additions

- Pat report to board to propose renting former H&R Block site as a storefront for Spun program.
- City approved a one year grant for a Community Engagement position
- Recruiting for position will begin immediately.
- Successful candidate will be the point person for the advisory committee