

# **Association pour le développement jeunesse de Loyola**

Annual General Assembly 2019

November 3, 2020

6:00-8:00pm

Agenda

6:00 - 6:10 Explanation of the features we will use in zoom

6:10 - 6:15 Nomination of a secretary

- Shanna Walters proposes Lorraine Smith, Christine Richardson seconds

Nomination of a Chair for the AGM

- Shanna Walters proposes Marlo Turner Ritchie, Lorraine Smith seconds

Adoption of the Agenda

- Shanna Walters proposes, Christine Richardson seconds

6:15 - 6:25 Welcoming remarks

- Brigid Glustein, Co-director, welcomes everyone and shares her reflections on 2019, the board's work, the struggles and the challenges that were encountered/overcame. Brigid also extended gratitude to staff/board members and the city for their continued hard work and support, that helped the center through their difficult times.
- Christine Richardson, Co-director, extends gratitude to our partners & funders who have supported us along the way. These include elected officials, the borough, Sylvie Laferriere from the CLSC, staff, board members and directors.
- Apologies for the delayed AGM due to the COVID-19 public health crisis.
- Shanna Walters extends gratitude to the entire team and welcomed the new faces.

6:25 - 6:30 Adoption of the minutes of the 2018 AGM, held May 1, 2019 ● The minutes from the last AGM meeting held on May 1, 2019 are reviewed, as well as the by-law changes that were made at the previous AGM. Motion to adopt the minutes of the 2019 AGM presented by Shanna Walters, Seconded by Christine Richardson.

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## 6:30 - 6:45 2019 Activity Report

- Brigid explained the programs that Jeunesse Loyola offered. She talked about the big move from 4850 Coronation to Pavillon Gilbert-Layton & École Judith-Jasmin. Although these were great locations and in proximity, the space was much smaller, resulting in a reduced number of children. Of course, this was not ideal for the children and their families but at the time there were no other solutions.
- The children participated in many activities in 2019, some of these include:
  - Aide aux devoirs-After school program that helps children with their assignments and or any other academic difficulties that they may encounter.
  - Soccer & Basketball-Focus outreach program
  - Dance - members of the group were invited to participate at different events.
  - Summer camps- 45 newly emigrated teens attended summer camp. The main objective was for these children to learn, maintain and improve on their French language skills, to improve their self-confidence, as well as to feel a sense of belonging.
  - Teen open gym-Trenholme Gymnasium- This is one of the biggest programs, in 2019 there was 480 hrs of open gym-10 hours per week.
  - Ca Bouge Dans Mon Parc- This was park animation at Loyola Park, the goal was to help families who were not able to afford summer camp for their children. 64 children participated in this event. These families were grateful that their children had a safe space to learn and grow.
  - Holiday Party - we hosted 65 kids and 37 adults at our party.

6:45 - 6:50 Greeting from Sue Montgomery, Mayor of CDN-NDG ● Mayor Montgomery congratulated the Directors & staff for their hard work & dedication. She expressed the pleasure of working with Christine & Brigid and how excited she was for a permanent space for Jeunesse Loyola, so that they may continue supporting children and their families in the community. She informed the members that her priority is to ensure that the journey gets easier for the center, since we are all aware of the struggles and difficulties that children and their families faced and are still facing the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

6:45 - 6:55 Presentation of the 2019 financial statements

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- 2019 Financial Statement presented the 2019 financial statements. She shared that there was an increase from the City of Montreal, resulting in an overall increase in our revenue. Despite this increase, the CSDM income dropped.
- Smaller locations reduced the capacity of programs resulting in less spending in the fall.
- The association ended the year with a surplus.

### 6:55 - 7:05 Presentation of the new mission statement and logo

- The realization that the mandate, mission, vision and organizational values no longer accurately reflect the work of the Association had amplified during the COVID-19 period.
- The board and staff reflected on Loyola's background and agreed that the change was necessary since the above mentioned was written in 1998. ● The keywords that best represent Jeunesse Loyola were found to be "safe, growth, respect, positive, family & belonging."
- The proposed name change was presented (Jeunesse Loyola) as well as a proposed new motto: "Together we can".
- A proposed new mission (Using a strength-based approach, Jeunesse Loyola inspires belonging and growth in the youth of NDG, their families and their communities through social, recreational and educational programming, delivered in a safe and inclusive environment.) and vision (Together, for a community based on respect, growth and opportunity for all) were also presented.

### 7:05 - 7:25 Election of the board

New candidates: Leigh Adams, Mary Jane Caro, Nadia Lefter, Tori Matoga, Katie Nichol, Bawe Nsame

- The candidates for the board election were presented, these candidates all possess exceptional qualities and assets that can contribute to helping children and their families of Jeunesse Loyola. These candidates are:
  - Bawe Nsame
  - Katie Nichol
  - Mary Jane Caro
  - Nadia Lefter
  - Leigh Adams

- Tori Matoga.

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- The candidates introduced themselves and the ballot was sent out by Christine so that the votes could be carried out.

7:25 - 7:40 Motions

1. Special Motion for Changes to bylaws and letters patent
    - a. Change legal name to Jeunesse Loyola
    - b. Rewording of purpose
      1. Shanna presented the reworded objectives of the organization in section 1.3
      2. Marlo expressed that the objectives were beautiful, empowering and had a holistic approach. She placed much emphasis on the fact that Jeunesse Loyola needs a permanent space so that they can continue to enhance the lives and children and their families in and around the community.
    - c. Addition of absentee ballots protocol
      - Proposed by Shanna Walters, seconded by Casey Ross, passed unanimously.
  2. Motion to appoint Tony Gagliano as accountant for 2020
    - Proposed by Shanna Walters, seconded by Lorraine Smith, passed unanimously.
- Announcement of the election of all candidates to the board of directors.

7:40 - 7:50 Community announcements, house-keeping, adjournment. ● Christian Arsenault, Councillor for the Loyola district, was given the opportunity to address the membership. He highlighted the difficulties faced in 2020, in particular during the ongoing pandemic. He informed the membership that he is working hard to help find Jeunesse Loyola and other community organizations a permanent home. He congratulated and thanked the team for their hard work and dedication.

- The meeting was adjourned, Casey proposed the motion and Leigh seconded it.

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## Register

### Existing board members:

Shanna Walters

Casey Ross

Lorraine Smith

### Staff members

Brigid Glustein

Christine Richardson

### Members

Katie Nicol

Mary Jane Caro

Tori Matoga

Leigh Adams

Nadia Lefter

Bawe Nsame

Yitbarek Meshesha

Yemane Gebreselasie

Celestin Mouafo

Pierra Motto

### Partners and observers

Sylvie Laferriere

Marlo Turner Richie,

Adam Clarke

Geneviève Tremblay-Ville de Montréal

Renate-WestHaven

Christian Arsenault

Nadine Collins - Centre St. Raymond Committee Jeunesse NDG