

GirlsMatter

Education should be a right; not a privilege.

Minutes from Board Meeting via Goto Meeting Oct 10, 2017

In attendance: Melissa Deally, Malcolm Trevena, Karen Kummen, Geraldine Horbas

Discussed girls funded so far:

- Jane \$750 CAD – first girl to graduate from University from the village of Buyaya – Mountain Law donated \$500, 2 HS teachers of Melissa's and a fellow student donated \$50 each, for a total of \$650 and Melissa donated \$250, of which \$100 went to Jane and \$150 to admin fees.
- Agnes & Gloria, \$410 CAD, to complete their final year of HS, funded by Haven Health
- Grace - \$56 CAD to be allowed to sit her final exams to finish HS funded from remaining funds in our account and some contribution by Malcolm
- Mary –latest applicant, needs \$12 in order to sit her final exams. Doesn't make sense to send \$12 at a cost of \$10 to Western Union....so would rather fund a few girls in this situation and send over \$100 to support them, but our funds are depleted.

We need to cover our admin fees from our Board of Directors as originally discussed, as we want 100% of funds raised for the girls, to go to the girls.

Directors funds contributed so far have been used to pay for the website hosting and funds transfers + exchange rate costs incurred so far. Malcolm has prepared a spreadsheet outlining the funds to share with everyone.

We had discussed each Director contributing \$5/month or \$60 / year to help cover our admin costs.

Update on the # of girls in need in Buyaya

We have been advised by Mary Wenyisa that there are 10 – 15 girls who want to return to HS next year and will need funding and then another 10 – 15 girls who want to attend University. We cannot get an idea of University costs, until February when we know what programs they are accepted into, so for now the focus needs to be on HS girls, as we have a better idea of the costs for them to go to HS next year.

Where do we go from here?

Malcolm is going to connect with Patience, a woman he and Megin have met, who is with the Ugandan government to ask how we can we help others outside of Buyaya and then update us.

Who do you know that you can talk to about Girls Matter, that might be interested in sponsoring a girl, or connecting you to an organization that is looking to give to charity over the holidays instead of giving client gifts and might consider giving to us to support girls in need.