



THE WHOLE DYSLEXIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The Card Project
Submission

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Report from the Chair – from our AGM on February 26, 2018

Dear Members

It hardly seems possible that a whole year (and a bit) has gone past since the new Board came into being. I have to begin with sincere thanks to the outgoing Board, headed by Sue Jutson, and my thanks and admiration to the incoming Board, Laura O'Neill, Denny Wong, Carole Ford, Carole Taljeh, Paddy Carson, Nadine Matishak and Anne Haegert; assisted by Cala Dyck, Judy Larocque, Cassidy Engleby and Lacey O'Neill.

Laura, our Administrator, got to work to organize us, something she is really good at! Teaching us all how to use Zoom for our Board meetings, and Google Docs for our records, was quite the challenge; she made timelines, and multiple templates, a new Newsletter format, as well as keeping us up to date with all our filings... it was a huge task. This also involved Denny, a long time volunteer, who this year, kept us afloat in the financial world, and the mysteries of social media!

Then we focused on fundraising... it's always about the money! We placed cans at checkouts for BC Liquor Store funding, wrote to the Loyal Protestants, and the North Shore Community Foundation, all of whom came through for us. We launched a Card Project, and have our students beavering away at designs.



MISSION STATEMENT: to be an organization that offers a coordinated and central approach to addressing the needs of the dyslexic individual, their families, and their community, while ensuring a safe place for accelerated learning, healing, education, social interaction and support of individual growth and development.

Anne volunteered her time to organize the bursary interviews which is time consuming and very much appreciated by all.

Carole and Paddy are dedicated to the Davis Learning Strategies being used in at least three schools, preferably three school districts. We had to create a process to bring about that goal, including encouraging Stacey Smith to become a DLS Presenter. Sue Hall has found that successful dyslexia correction students, create interest in their schools, and often lead to her presenting a Professional Development Day session at their school, which she has found to create interest in the DLS. The DLS Workshop will take place on August 22/23, 2018 in Burnaby.

Carole Taljeh and Sue would like the Davis Autism Approach to be more noticeable. Carole was at the Au-Some Conference at the Pacific Autism Family Centre in Vancouver in April, and they now have a report from us to submit to their Board, with the intention of referrals coming Carole's way.

Speaking of Outreach- Sue has enjoyed delivering her information sessions as always. She was thrilled to get a call from a young man with whom she worked when he was 9. He is now at business school and wants to create a new website for us! SO, we are very excited to say that very shortly we will have a fantastic new website to take us forward.

We hope to keep building our Community with a subsidised Family Summer Camp weekend, June 1-3 at Camp Elphinstone. This will provide both fun and the opportunity to meet like-minded families. Nadine, who loves researching, has discovered the pleasures of homeschooling which is something we discussed at our Strategic Planning meeting in September. We have no shortage of ideas, just need a framework to bring them into being. We are all looking forward to yet another successful year, bringing us closer to our goals. So thank you again to everyone who has helped us, and to those who will help us in 2018. *Sue Hall - Grateful Chair*

Thank you from the Board of The Whole Dyslexic Society

DATES

*The Card Project
submission deadline*

March 9, 2018

Thank You Participants !

Camp Elphinstone

June 1-3, 2018

*Davis Learning Strategies
Workshop*

Aug 22/23, 2018



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