

**Stouffville Igoma Partnership  
AGM Minutes  
September 29, 2022**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Call to Order</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter called the SIP AGM to order at 7:40PM.</li> </ul>
<b>Confirmation of Meeting Notification Sent</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter confirmed that the invitation to the meeting was emailed on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Announced on website as well.</li> </ul>
<b>Introduction Board Members and Guests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Justin Kerswill first visited Igoma in 2005 and later became a board member, serving as chair for the last 6 years. He has been to Igoma 8 times and has led 4 teams.</li> <li>Marcus Gordon has served on the board as ICARE director for 10 years, also serving as vice-chair. He has been to Igoma 2 times.</li> <li>Peter Neufeld's father was a founder of SIP, has served on the board for two years and visited Igoma with his family 3 years ago.</li> <li>Georgia is new to our board and has been serving with Gabby as co-directors of ICARE. She has also visited Igoma.</li> <li>Gabby is new to our board, serving with ICARE.</li> <li>Nizar was born in Tanzania, spent his childhood there and speaks Swahili fluently. He has been on the board for a year serving as treasurer.</li> <li>Doris Nobel, Judy Pally (helping with SIP dinner), Judy Wideman (former board member who served for 7-8 years), Laurie Gilbert (relative of Georgia, Gabby and Peter – helped with redesign of SIP website), Marilyn ? (very generous contributor to SIP. First heard of SIP thanks to Globe and Mail article), Teri Neufeld (Peter's wife, Georgia's mother)</li> </ul>
<b>Review Minutes of AGM of 2021, which took place September 22, 2021</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Motion to accept the minutes, moved by Nizar, 2<sup>nd</sup> By Georgia. Carried</li> </ul>
<b>Financial Report (Georgia)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During 2021, trained by Nizar and mentored as Treasurer.</li> <li>Spent approx \$85K in Igoma. Very few expenses as we are all volunteers here in Canada. Funds raised by sponsors/supports go directly to Igoma.</li> <li>Annual dinner raises approximately \$35K. Provides vast majority of our funds each year.</li> <li>Donations dropped \$10K from 2020 to 2021. Expenses dropped by \$2K.</li> <li>Expect these numbers will stabilize in the coming year.</li> </ul>
<b>Directors Report (Peter)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Peter read the Chair's report which is contained within the AGM package. Please refer to this document for specific details.</li> <li>Thanked everyone for their continued efforts in supporting</li> </ul>

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<b>ICare Update (Gabby)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program supported 113 children each month.</li> <li>• Funds allocated depending on individual needs of families.</li> <li>• Strong emphasis on education and working hard at school.</li> <li>• Some have graduated and moved onto higher education.</li> <li>• Gabby continues to work closely with SIP Tanzanian Director.</li> <li>• Off to great start in 2022. Very thankful for our donors and sponsors for the continued strength of the program.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q – will there be a trip at Christmas? Justin unsure at this time. Perhaps 3–4 week trip if it were to happen.</li> <li>• Nizar – follow-up on report from the Organizational Health Report. Push for self-sufficiency. Peter – report spoke about the challenge. When World Vision goes into a community, plan is to be in/out in 15 years. SIP is now at year 18/19. Report confirmed significant impact of our work. Example in child sponsorship program. Staff visit children/families to determine specific needs. Perhaps take a more holistic approach in terms of education, spirituality, how to grow as a family. Salaries also need to be raised at Urafiki. Workers at clinic paid less at similar hospital/clinic nearby. Consultants confirmed we're paying 60% of rate. Definite focus for 22/23. Very encouraging how welcoming the team in Tanzania was to the auditors – concern that they would take offense to this approach. Consultants/auditors did a wonderful job of working with locals which was extremely positive. Came to agreement on what the needs are.</li> <li>• Big movement for charities to partner with each other. A lot more collaboration to help drive to the same outcome.</li> </ul>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not many micro fundraisers this past year due to covid.</li> <li>• On track for strong fundraising dinner this year Oct 21. 2022. Expect to raise \$9-10K for corporate sponsors this year.</li> <li>• Smaller venue this year for dinner but expect a sell-out.</li> <li>• Auction is now online and potential for higher return is significant.</li> <li>• Plans to hold Christmas concert and other micro fundraising events in the year ahead.</li> <li>• Social media will be used to help increase exposure of SIP.</li> <li>• Changes at school boards has caused challenges with work in local schools in Stouffville.</li> <li>• Justin excited to work with Nizar on fundraising efforts this year.</li> </ul>
<b>Election of Directors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Justin will remain on the board</li> <li>• Marcus will remain on the board</li> <li>• Peter will remain on the board</li> <li>• Nizar has decided to step down from the board. Thank you for your tremendous contribution to the program! Nizar will</li> </ul>

	<p>continue to help out (perhaps in fundraising role)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Georgia will remain on the board</li> <li>• Gabby will remain on the board</li> </ul> <p>There is a need for communications assistance and website support for those who want to help.</p> <p>Motion by Justin, seconded by Georgia. Motion has passed.</p>
<b>Next meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• XXX</li> </ul>
<b>Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion to Adjourn at 8:20 pm, moved by Marcus, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Justin. Carried</li> </ul>