

# **The Canadian South East Asia Refugee Historical Research Project: Hearts of Freedom**

## **Management Committee Meeting of September 14, 2018**

**Carleton University, Dunton Tower 5<sup>th</sup> floor boardroom**

### **Attending in person:**

Carleton University: Colleen Lundy, Allan Moscovitch, Heather Leroux (Archives), Ginette Thomas (Project Coordinator)

South East Asian Community Representatives: Dau-Thi Huynh (Vietnam), Charlie Lim (Cambodia), Minh Nguyen (Vietnam)

CIHS: Peter Duschinsky (note taker)

### **Attending by telephone/skype:**

Menno Simons College, Winnipeg: Stephanie Stobbe

Vietnamese Community: Dr. Kien Le, Mai Nguyen

Pier 21: Emily Burton

1. **Ginette Thomas, the new project coordinator was introduced and welcomed.**
2. **Progress of the project, as reported in the Report on Research Group meeting of September 14 (see Report) was reviewed for all members of the Management Committee.**
3. **Discussions:**
  - a) Finances, possibilities for additional private funding discussed. It is explained that Carleton University will do all of the financial administration of the project; a percentage of the budget will go to the university to cover administrative expenses.
  - b) Minh suggests that Air Canada may be willing to fund air travel. Allan will contact AC.
  - c) Emily explains that Pier 21 is unavailable to do training because of previous commitment. Colleen states that other possibilities are being explored.
  - d) Language of interviews issue re-discussed (see previous Management Committee report for previous discussion). It is agreed that, if at all possible, interviews will take place in English or French. However, there may be some interviews in the refugees' native language, so South East Asian language capacity will be preferred for the interviewers. Kien reminds the committee that it is important to keep an open mind on this issue. Issue of potentially important additional cost of non-official language interviews (transcription, translation) is discussed. Community representatives (Kien, Dau, Charlie, Mai, Minh) agree that the communities may be in a position to help

- with non-official language interviews. There is a reminder that it is expected that one quarter of the interviews should be in French. The communities will pay close attention to the French interview requirement.
- e) Charlie brings up the issue of the possibility of Management Committee members being interview subjects in course of the project. There is general agreement that there would be no objection of any kind to this.
  - f) Heather states that Archives could provide assistance with Ethics Review.
  - g) Stephanie states that there should be a list of items associated with the interviewees/refugees experience that could/should be kept as material/written artifacts (at the Archives).

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