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Since the last general meeting that was held on June 7, 2011, the Foundation's many activities have continued and may be grouped together into three basic categories:

- Organizational development
- Special activities
- Regular activities

Organizational Development

The Executive Committee, in accordance with a decision made by the General Meeting, has examined how we were spending our money on secretarial services with a view towards trying to reduce them. This has led us to implementing a number of changes in how we do things.

Accordingly, certain tasks associated with the awarding of scholarships shall now be done by members of the Executive Committee. Some new administrative procedures have also been put into place.

The Executive Committee has also adopted a number of measures to ensure the regular appearance of our News Bulletin: one issue will appear in the fall and another in the spring. Without a doubt, having someone in charge of information will help us achieve this goal, as we did this past year. Our Web site will also be kept up to date more promptly.

The Lea Roback Foundation now has a *Facebook* page.

In accordance with a decision made by the Board of Directors, the 2010 2011 activity report was sent to the Foundation's *Partners* and our Financial Statements are available on our Web site.

We have increased the number of members on our Board of Directors, with the addition of Ms. Jeannette Biondi and Ms. Lucille Panet-Raymond. Yet one more indication of the Foundation's vitality and renown, given that

new people are interested in joining with us and making their own contribution to helping the Foundation achieve its goals.

Special Activities

Activities subsequent to the passing of Madeleine Parent

Clearly, the activities surrounding the passing of Madeleine Parent constituted an intense period of activity for the Foundation in view of the close links that Madeleine had always maintained with us.

In addition to drafting and designing the tribute that appeared in a special section of the *Le Devoir* newspaper, several interviews were given in the media. We also collaborated closely in preparing a commemorative ceremony that took place on April 1, 2012: the Board's secretary did some design work, while the President spoke on behalf of the Foundation and several members of the Board of Directors attended this tribute.

In addition, more time than usual was required to draft the texts and do the layout of the most recent issue of our News Bulletin, in which we sought to craft it, in a certain sense, as a special issue in memory of Madeleine.

Aftermath of H el ene Pedneault's succession

Although H el ene's succession is now settled and we have disposed of her works of art for some \$7,840, a number of follow-ups are still necessary with regard to certain copyright matters: responses to certain requests, contacts with the appropriate agencies responsible for collecting and paying certain copyright royalties, even though the latter are not that substantial.

Les  ditions de l'Homme have shown some interest in publishing H el ene's last manuscript, a revised and corrected version of a biography of Cl emence Desrochers, which first appeared in 1989. We participated in a meeting with the publishers, in this connection.

The publishing house is in contact with Clémence Desrochers. Let's hope that this project sees the light of day.

Special fund-raising activities

The Foundation organized two special fund-raising activities this year: on September 6, 2011, a cocktail benefit was held at Monique Simard's home which enabled us to raise some \$4,959.91.

On May 5, 2012, a benefit show *Voices for Freedom and Justice*, with the singers Tomas Fox and Kathy Kennedy, enabled us to reach out more tangibly to Lea's English-speaking friends, and raised some \$3,022.57 for the Foundation.

Regular Activities

Our annual fund-raising campaign

As usual, we held our annual fund-raising campaign, which enabled us to raise some \$9,000 this year. This amount is in addition to the donations received during the year and the money coming from our fund raising activities.

We also continued our efforts to have our *Partners* renew their support for the Foundation, as well as trying to recruit new ones. In this regard, we succeeded in raising some \$18,700.

A special solicitation initiative with certain religious communities was also undertaken to increase the number of *Partners* of the Foundation.

L'attribution des bourses

In June 2011, the Foundation gave out some \$13,500 to eight recipients, while three candidates had withdrawn prior to this date.

The operation involving the awarding of the scholarships was very effectively coordinated, with support provided by the secretary and the collaboration of the overwhelming majority of the Board members, who prepared concise summaries of the applicants, examined applications,

undertook the pre-selection of the latter, and worked on the selection committee.

Meetings and various other responsibilities

In order to conduct all these regular and special activities, we held three Executive Committee meetings and three meetings of the Board of Directors.

The fund-raising committee met together once and the committee members held several ad hoc meetings to prepare for various activities.

The Foundation has made a point of rigorously managing its assets. We should moreover draw your attention in this connection to the fact that we have made a few changes to how we invest our funds, to ensure that we enjoy better financial security.

Meanwhile, the Foundation will be holding its annual general meeting in February, which will enable us to adopt our Financial Statements more rapidly, once they are prepared and ensure a more fluid match between our Financial Statements and our Activity Report.

Outlook for 2012-2013

Next year is already shaping up as an important one, since it will mark the Foundation's 20th anniversary.

At its fall meeting, the Board of Directors will draw up a work plan, in this regard.

The Board of Directors
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