



Approved Special Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday October 24,2024 @7 pm Location: Lorna George’s House

COMMON VISION: Together, creating a community where everyone has the opportunity and supports to flourish where they live, learn, work and play.

COMMON VALUES: Common values will guide our behavior, inspire our actions, and encourage conversation within every component of this community initiative.

Empowerment Sustainability Accessibility Best Practice Respect
Shared Responsibility “Nothing about us, without us” “It takes a village”

Present: Karen Tjaden, Lisa Lehmann, Diane Cohoe, Julie Hesketh, Wendy Durand, Sheryl Reimer, Melissa Emerson-Froebe, Terra Huston, Lorna George, Rick Beers

Regrets: Allison Abbott-Wiebe, Chantal Chevalier, Susan Wepler

Agenda:

Call to order 7:05 PM

1. Search Committee Recommendation

Motion to accept the Search Committee recommendation as presented.

MOVED/SECONDED Sheryl Reimer/Rick Beers

CARRIED

2. Purchase of a second computer

Motion to purchase one laptop from Webmarkers up to \$2500

MOVED/SECONDED Melissa Emerson-Froebe/Rick Beers

CARRIED

Sheryl Reimer Abstains

3. Correspondence

Karen Tjaden has received Diane Cohoe resignation

4. Update on strategic Planning

Board members have received an email from Lisa- Doodle Poll for Strategic Planning with Homefield People and Strategy and asked to choose between 2 weekends at the end of January. Requested to reply by October 28,2024.

5. Other Business

Adjourn meeting at 8:06 PM

Submitted by:

Diane Cohoe

(Recording Secretary)

Karen Tjaden

(Meeting Chair)



Working Groups

Supporting Emotional Health

Supporting Emotional Health Report

We met September 20, 2024

Programs/ Events

We want to highlight ASIST - If anyone is interested please contact a Board member.

Hosting October Community Supper Oct 9th, 2024 - opportunity to bond with our and other working groups as we serve our community!!

Supporting Emotional Health (SEH) – Support Group – the last Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm at the Memorial Hall Basement (there is an elevator).

Speakers Louise Sanders/ George MacDonald up coming speakers for October and November

Small Town Run and Walk Crew - All Paces (scooters welcome) all People – They had a very productive season with anywhere from 7 - 18 people meeting to walk. We are taking a little break and then will work with Chris to plan monthly meet ups over the Winter months.

SEH Nature in the Park with Chris Larsen and Jolene Knight (yoga)– Tuesday Evenings September 24 - October 15 6:30-8pm - so far a success.

FYI

SHSS Crisis Line – call anytime you do not have to be in crisis – just need to check in with someone or to get support/ guidance for supports – 1-866-427-8628



Next meeting October 25, 2024 at 9am at the Memorial Hall Basement - Please join us if you have any ideas/ concerns about supporting the mental health of our fellow community members.

Submitted by Lisa Lehmann

Affordable Recreation and Leisure

The Working Group met on September 25, 2024. (Susan & Sheila Dick, regrets from Rose Durupt) to discuss Calendar & Budget for 2025.

Budget to be completed by the end of October.

FARMER'S MARKET on September 13/24. Susan & Rose sat at the Non Profit table at the last market of the season to promote CWC programs.

We had draws for 2 GPAC gift certificates, 2 one time Family Bowling passes & 2 small plants from Carman Floristas.

(1 donated by Carly B and 1 donated by Susan W)

PICKLEBALL at King's Park Tennis Courts was cancelled on September 21 because of wet and windy conditions.

- have had some discussion with outdoor pickleball players who would like lines painted on the second tennis court and are willing to contribute funds

(estimated cost \$900) - would have to be discussed with Carman Dufferin Recreation & the Tennis Club)

BOWLING in October & November - Carman 5 Pin Bowl

DATES: FRIDAYS @ 5:30 - 6:30PM October 25, (costumes optional) , November 8 & 22.18 - 24 ppl

DECEMBER 2024 - ? Christmas at the Museum - Lori Keith contacted but has not confirmed this event for December. CWC shared costs & volunteers

for this event in 2022 & 2023. (They are planning a Hallowe'en event.)

CURLING IN ELM CREEK in January & February 2025.

Some early planning has been done to organize curling in Elm Creek . Participants will be from Elm Creek and Carman on Saturdays.

- need to arrange transportation from Carman to Elm Creek. (? TRS van)

-Partner with museum again this year Dec 7th.

Report submitted by Susan Wepler, Lead, AR& L Working Group

Education and Employment

Our committee is putting the final details together for our Roads to Success in Carman event to be held October 24th at the Active Living Centre. Wendy promoted the event at the Community Supper last week with a verbal advertisement and Allison and Deb spoke to and gave flyers to folks utilizing the Food Pantry last week. We feel we have advertised everywhere possible, but should anyone see a spot we've missed, please let one of us know. The event is one week from tonight so please spread the word.

Submitted by Allison Abbott-Wiebe

Affordable Housing

Housing Working Group Report October 17, 2024



Housing met with Christina Maes Nino, Exec Director of MB Non Profit Housing Association on Sept 18. Christina provided data on housing needs in Carman and our area and engaged members in conversation about coop housing and other models for providing truly affordable housing. Christina followed up with many more specific resources on data, names of development consultants and funders. Susan Weppler, Karen Tjaden, Lisa Lehmann and Trish Middleton (to be confirmed) are looking forward to attending the MNPHA annual conference “Building Partnerships” in Brandon October 21-22. This conference will highlight housing solutions in smaller and rural communities in Manitoba.
Submitted by Karen Tjaden

Transportation – no report

Food Security– Did not meet this month. 65 people attended the Community Supper.

Food Pantry

Carman and Area Food Pantry Report
October 2024

In the last report I stated that our numbers had been holding steady at 160-170 for a few months. Alas, they have surged again and this month we had 180 households registered. Not everyone who is registered comes and we have decided if they have not come to Food Pantry day for three times in succession, we will take them off the list. We can always welcome them back but we want our numbers to be as accurate as possible. We anticipate that the numbers this month will be reduced once we take off those who have not shown for a while but we regret that the need for a food bank continues to remain very strong. We’re glad to fill this need but recognize that really we are only a bandaid response.

We continue to experience the generosity of our community; its citizens, businesses, churches and organizations. Several churches and the library have set up donation bins. Co-op and Red Apple have held food drives for us. All these donations help us put food on the shelves.

We are planning an extended board meeting for Nov. 16. We want to give the majority of that meeting time to establishing policy and procedures. We have wanted to attend to this task for a long time but more pressing things always get in the way. All of us as board members lack experience in this area and so we are open to any suggestions. Does CWC have a policy and procedures manual perhaps that we could reference?

We continue to dream of a place where many of the services of CWC can be housed under one roof and where our food pantry can operate on ground level.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Rempel Petkau

Board member of Carman Food Pantry



Carman Wellness Connections