



**Approved Board Minutes**  
**Thursday January 18, 2024 @7 pm**  
Location: Lower Level - Memorial Hall

**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.

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

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Present: Susan Wepler, Allison Abbott-Wiebe, Rose Durupt, Lisa Lehmann, Diane Cohoe, Wendy Durand, Lorna George, Chantal Chevalier, Terra Huston

Regrets: Carly Boklaschuk

1. Welcome:  
Chantal’s Land Acknowledgment edited for the group.  
We reside on the homeland of Treaty One Territory; the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene Peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We acknowledge this land has been negatively affected by colonization. This land offers immense beauty and provides us with clean drinking water, plentiful crop land, rolling hills, valleys, trees, bush, and wildlife. We respect this land and hope to preserve it for generations to come. We want to dedicate ourselves in learning about the mistakes and harms we have done, learn from them, and move forward in the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.
  - Moment of Focus - Terra will share highlights from Volunteer MB Governance Workshop in October at the February Board Meeting. Susan shared the importance of showing appreciation to others by saying thank you in person or a card. A reminder that small gestures mean so much.
2. Approval of Agenda  
Motion to approve the Agenda as circulated:  
**MOVED/SECONDED Wendy Durand/Susan Wepler** **CARRIED**
3. Approval of CWC – Board Meeting Minutes of Dec 14, 2023.  
Motion to approve the minutes as circulated:  
**MOVED/SECONDED Lorna George/Rose Durupt** **CARRIED**
4. Working Group
  - 4.1 Reports Working group reports as circulated prior to the meeting
  - 4.2 Requests for Funding – no requests
5. Resources
  - 5.1 Make Poverty History - Rose reporting on Making Poverty History updates. 146,000 Manitobans live below the market basket measured poverty line. EIA basic needs budget has barely increased in two decades. EIA incomes are so low that people are living in an ongoing state of crisis making it impossible to pursue training and jobs leading to financial independence. Some



small improvements on an increase in the earning exemption however not enough incentive for people to re-enter the workforce. More public education is needed to inform people of benefits available including rent assist for individuals not living in public housing. A community wide coordinated approach is needed to end homelessness. Key factors are housing ,assistance for the most vulnerable, designing a crisis response and increasing employment and incomes. Medicine Hat is the first city in Canada to end homelessness by focusing on housing first.

<https://nextcity.org/urbanist-news/medicine-hat-alberta-canada-city-chronic-homelessness>

5.2 Tamarack

5.2.1 Coaching - Recruitment and Retention – December 6/ Jan 25 at 1 pm this is the last coaching session the link will be emailed to board members.

6 Finances

6.1 Financial Report

Motion to ratify expenses January 1 – December 31,2023

**MOVED/SECONDED Lorna George/Wendy Durand**

**CARRIED**

6.2 Budget

Motion to approve 2024 Budget with amendments

**MOVED/SECONDED Diane Cohoe/Rose Durupt**

**CARRIED**

7 Grants

7.1 Town of Carman and RM Dufferin Letter – awaiting response on request for \$2600 funding

7.2 HLT Grants

7.2.1 (Re)Connecting with Nature and Neighbours Grant \$2,000 – Submitted – will hear by the end of January

7.2.2 Empower Communities to End Poverty \$1000 – funding was approved and received

7.3 Community Supper Sponsorships – sent letter in early December and have heard back from several businesses (4 suppers sponsored) – executive plans to follow up with those we have not heard back from.

7.4 DAS – Lorna has connected with DAS about moving CWC – SEH funds to CWC will be held by DAS and CWC will submit receipts for reimbursement.

7.5 RBC – Approved and funds of \$1500 have been received

7.6 Boyne Book It Fun Run – CWC will form a committee to partner and participate in the event.

7.7 Access Credit Union

7.7.1 Pancake Breakfast at Fair Next Year – CWC will provide volunteers to work at the breakfast and promote CWC Saturday July 12,2023

7.8 Carman Area Foundation

7.8.1 2023 Grant Website Upgrade – website is ready to go live once we have the information on the domain ownership. Diane will reach out to Debbie Iverson and or Matt Kenyon. CWC will continue to gather feedback on website changes and forward to Webmarkers to implement. Final Report to be completed by Wendy – need invoice from Webmarkers.

7.8.2 2022 Grant (Printer/ Laminator) – final Report to be completed by Wendy

7.8.3 Wendy reaching out to Janine Lodder for discussions on how we can work together and invite her to speak at the next board meeting.

Discussed applying this year for promotional material – banner sign and/or vests. Rose will get some pricing and we will check on the eligibility of these items under the grant application.

8 CWC Admin

8.1 Executive Meeting – Jan.9 2024 next planned for Feb.6 2024

8.2 Annual Calendar has been revised and distributed. Note to groups that annual reports will be



due March 21<sup>st</sup>. The Food Pantry will be included in the annual report and part of the AGM.

8.3 Board Meeting Evaluations – questionnaires distributed and collected.

8.4 Increase awareness

8.4.1 Elevator Pitch/ PP Presentation – plan for presentations

8.5 By Laws

**Motion to approve the revised by laws**

**MOVED/SECONDED Lorna George/Terra Huston**

**CARRIED**

9 Correspondence

10 Next Meeting: February 22, 2023 at 7 meeting at 6 for review of Volunteer Strategic Plan.

Location: Memorial Hall Basement

Adjournment: 8:37

## Working Group Reports

**Food Security** – no report

**Supporting Emotional Health**

A small committee is meeting January 15 2024 in the evening to begin discussion on a monthly support group.

**Affordable Housing - nothing to report**

**Recreation and Leisure**

Organizing a meeting with Sheila Dick and Rose Durupt. Tentative for the week of January 22nd.

**Transportation** – nothing to report

**Employment and Education**

E and E is meeting with Natasha from WEM at the the end of the January it will be included in the February report.

**Food Pantry**

Food Panty meeting this week. The food panty is working towards giving our participants more of a shopping experience from here on, hopefully providing a little more independence and dignity as they will be able to choose their own groceries from our stock, and also creating less food waste. Our numbers were 120 at the last Food Pantry on Jan. 4, another increase.