

Minutes of the April 15, 2010 General Membership Meeting

Number of members present: 19

There was no quorum so this meeting becomes an information meeting only

1. Call to order at 1:40pm by the President Douglas Smith.
2. No new business was added to the Agenda.
3. Agenda accepted with minor change of correction of date from April 17 to April 15. Moved by Douglas Smith/seconded by Erica Wright/passed.
4. O Canada was sung.
5. One minutes silence was observed for deceased members.
6. Business arising from the Directors Meeting April 13/10:
 - a. New Horizons Grant: Ron Atkinson spoke to the \$25,000 grant recently received which Maurice Farn and Wilma Lorimer had applied for last year. This grant was dedicated to the roof heating and ventilation system and Ron wanted to publicly thank David Bowie's son Wayne Bowie, a gas fitter, who has generously been acting as a consultant on this. An additional \$10,000, approximately, will be needed to finance this project and Ron is currently in the process of getting bids for the work to be done.
 - b. Lounge update: Douglas mentioned there were other grants applied for as well for the lounge and that the lounge is expected to be built in the summer.
 - c. Audio-visual update: Douglas mentioned that a New Horizons federal grant had been applied for re: a Vaudeville training program that would include updated audio-visual equipment that we need for the Centre.
 - d. April Volunteer Appreciation Week and Lunch: Andrea Smith announced that Volunteer Week (Nationally/ Provincially) is officially next week and that there would be free snacks and coffee/tea all week for the volunteers culminating with a volunteer appreciation luncheon Saturday at 11:30- 2pm with music, etc., and special guest Mayor Darren Inkster, and hopes all volunteers will partake and celebrate.
 - e. Memory Book: Ron Atkinson announced that no one is looking after the Notice Board other than Florence Tate who will send out get well cards. We need another volunteer. He also spoke to the interesting aspects and importance of the Memory/History Book which no one has attended to for some time and asked for volunteers for that. Lewine Hughes kindly volunteered and we could still use others. Please contact Ron A. The books have pictures, newspaper clippings, etc and Ron takes pictures of special events at the Centre which he felt should go into the Memory book.
 - f. Over 80s Tea: The President said this will be postponed until Sept.
 - g. Landscaping: Richard McGowan asked for volunteers for Sat., May 1 to help him weed the sides and back of the building to keep our gardening costs down. Richard will bring some tools and it would be helpful if volunteers can bring their own. Richard will put a sign up sheet in the lobby.
 - h. June 4 Silent Auction: Mo Farn was absent so Douglas spoke to the issue. He said there would be entertainment, a meal and prizes and asked for donations of new items. There will be more information in the Echo.
 - i. Summer Hours: Douglas Smith announced summer hours and dates; the kitchen will close June 19 and reopen Sept.20. The Centre's summer hours will be 10-2pm. Douglas also mentioned there would be a summer BBQ this summer, date TBA.
 - j. The front two rows of the parking lot will be used by the Arts Center Aug.15/16.

- k. The President announced and welcomed Joan Fleetham as a new Director to the Board. Joan has served in this capacity before.

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7. Treasurer's Report

Financial Report and Budget 2010: Presented and moved for acceptance by Treasurer Maureen Heaven. Joan Fleetham seconded. Passed.

8. 50/50 draw- won by Douglas Smith and donated to the Lounge fund.

9. Questions/comments from the general members present:

a. Phil Green announced the Garage sale this Saturday.

b. Val Thorsteinson asked whether the Center was allowed to accept estate donations. Both Douglas and Andrea responded to the question. The answer was a definite and thankful yes and that Maurice Farn was in the process of setting up an official Legacy Fund.

10. Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.

Minutes recorded by Andrea Smith in the absence of the Secretary.