

THE MORRIS AREA FOUNDATION INC.

The regular meeting of The Morris Area Foundation Inc was held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Burke's Restaurant in the Town of Morris, Manitoba at 8:00 am.

In Attendance: Del Stevenson, Shelley Stupnisky, Curtis Evenson, Egon Grossman, Bruce Gregory, Dennis Mathies, Brendan Heppner. Regrets: Mel Baxter, Merve Dueck

Presiding: President Del Stevenson

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was circulated and approved with the addition of discussion of "Benefits of Community Foundations", a document commissioned by Brendan Heppner.

Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the regular January 29, 2019 meeting were circulated. The vote to accept the January financial report was approved.

Res # 3-19 M/S: Egon Grossman/Dennis Matthies

BE IT RESOLVED that the January 29, 2019 meeting minutes be approved with the inclusion of the vote to approve the financial report. Carried.

Correspondence/Reports

1. Request from the Manitoba Moose for assistance with a community project was passed on to the Chamber of Commerce as this is beyond our scope.
2. Spam mail received from www.targetedjustice.com and Canada Helps.org were agreed to be shredded.
3. Invoice for membership renewal from Morris Chamber of Commerce.

Res# 4-19 Curtis Evenson/Brendan Heppner

BE IT RESOLVED that we continue our membership in the Morris Chamber of Commerce and pay the 2019 dues.

4. Community Foundations of Canada proposal to participate in Community Challenge Grants was discussed and was found to be too complicated for our foundation to administer. Curtis will mention it to the Valley Ag Society board.

Financial : Del circulated a report as of March 18, 2019. The report has been filed.

The 2018 financials will be taken to the accountant by April 1, hopefully with the report back by May 1, 2019.

Reports

YIP

The group has place ads in the SouthEast Journal requesting applications for grants. We will request that some MAF members attend when they review the applications.

Grant Finalizations: Soft Bones Canada, which received a YIP grant has submitted their bills in the amount of \$151.54 for their Regional Connection held in Rosenort Arena Park on August 17, 2018. They included a report about their meeting. It was felt that the YIP group could offer to extend their grant time for an extra year to allow them to hold another event. This information will be passed on to the YIP group. A cheque will be sent to Soft Bones Canada.

Bruce Gregory reported that the Manitoba Law Society will be holding a Wills Week in April but this was not a good time of year for our area due to flood watch and seeding. He will consider holding his community presentation in the fall.

The “Benefits of Community Foundations” article was reviewed and although there were some very worthwhile points made, it was agreed that the article itself was very long and repetitive. There was a request that everyone review the article and pick two or three sentences that could be used on the website. Please submit these before the next meeting so that we can review them and get our webpage updated. Thanks to Brendan for this effort.

It was suggested that our webpage needs to be updated, new members added, old ones deleted. We hope Midge can undertake this task???

Plans for the AGM have been tabled until our April meeting, to see the impact of the flood.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday April 9, 2019 at Burke’s Restaurant at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m. by Curtis.

President, Del Stevenson

Secretary
Shelley Stupnisky