

THE MORRIS AREA FOUNDATION INC.

The regular meeting of The Morris Area Foundation was held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. This was a virtual meeting.

In Attendance: Curtis Evenson, Midge Anderson, Mel Baxter, Dennis Matthies, Brendan Heppner, Bruce Gregory, Shelley Stupnisky, Jackie Murray, Del Stevenson, Lynda Lambert. Absent: none.

Presiding: Chair Curtis Evenson.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bruce Gregory, seconded by Brendan Heppner to adopt the Morris Area Foundation board meeting agenda with an amending motion by Midge Anderson, for Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Unanimously carried.

Motion #32/22

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Midge Anderson, seconded by Bruce Gregory that the Morris Area Foundation minutes from October 11, 2022 be approved. Unanimously carried.

Motion #33/22

Correspondence: No correspondence received.

Unfinished Business: Cris Dominguez has sent an email resigning from the Board due to planned long term absence.

Motion by Bruce Gregory moved that we accept his resignation and thank him for his involvement, seconded by Del Stevenson. Unanimously carried.

Motion #34/22

Reports:

- a. Chairperson: A new program, The Community Service Recovery Fund has been announced by the federal government. Will have to wait for details to see which groups will qualify. We have indicated our willingness to participate.
- b. Treasurer: **Motion #29** has been amended to read that the amount of \$15,000 be transferred from the MAF chequing account at the Access Credit Union to a new business platinum saving account. Motion moved by Midge Anderson, seconded by Shelley Stupnisky. Unanimously approved.

Staff Report: Lynda Lambert will be hosting Lunch and Learns on Tuesday, Nov 22 and Dec 6 at 12 noon.

Committee Reports:

- a. Granting Awards Ceremony – Letters and emails will be going out to all donors as well as newspaper ads and posters around town.
We have approached the Chamber of Commerce about collaborating on this evening in attempt to expand awareness. Del will attend the next Chamber meeting to help promote this.
The evening program will include past recipient speakers talking about the impact receiving a MAF grant had on their project. All current grant recipients have been contacted to confirm their attendance as this is part of the requirements of the grant.
- b. Conflict of interest declaration for review of grant applications: Brendan Heppner declared conflict as he is on the board of Red River Wellness. Mel Baxter declared conflict as he is on board of Valley Regional Library.

In Camera Review of Grant applications: Dennis Matthies reviewed the grant applications.

Meeting Resumed.

Moved by Dennis Matthies, seconded by Midge Anderson that grants totaling \$14,500 plus \$2,500 for YIP grants for a total of \$17,000 be approved as follows:

Morris Community Gardens- Purchase Raised Garden Boxes- \$1,000.00
Morris Manor- Update Lighting & Smoke Alarms- \$1,000.00
Morris & District Centennial Museum- Roof Repairs- \$1,000.00
Lowe Farm Community Centre District – Build Zamboni Shed- \$2,000.00
Morris Early Learning Centres – Purchase Floor Hockey Equipment- \$500.00
Red River Wellness Committee – Refurbish Outdoor Courts - \$3,500.00
Red River Valley Food bank – Air Cleaning System- \$500.00
Willow Park Committee – Build & Develop Park & Playground - \$5,000.00
Morris & Rosenort Schools – Youth in Philanthropy - \$2,500.00

Unanimously accepted.

Motion #35/22

Next meeting will Tuesday, Dec 13 @ 8:30 am (Virtual)
Granting Reception @ 7:00 pm.