



MEETING MINUTES
November 28, 2011 @ 10:00 a.m.
Super 8 Motel Conference Room

Present:

Erma Armit, Robert Schultz, Jeannette DeGagne, Larry McCoy, Gordon McBride, Joanne Spence, Britaninee Kellar, Baby Hanzuk

Regrets:

Anne McCoy, June Caul, Gerri Yerxa, Bob Armit

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Erma Armit, Chair, at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions:

Introductions were conducted and Joanne Spence volunteered to record the Minutes.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the October 24, 2011 meeting were reviewed, with one addition requested to add Gerri Yerxa to the attendance for the meeting.

Moved by Larry McCoy; Seconded by Jeanette DeGagne.

Carried.

Business Arising:

Erma noted that we do not have any funds to operate and are currently relying on the good faith of other organizations for their assistance. The Super 8 has been excellent in helping and we will look at giving the staff something at Christmas time.

New Business:

Erma advised that we sent a letter to the LHINS and their reply was a letter citing 5 different website links. Erma noted that she is working through the information but the volume of information is overwhelming and it will take some time.

Erma advised that we have held two (2) Steering Committee meetings and it has been determined that we need to gather data regarding the need for an assisted living facility. It has been determined that this can be achieved through the means of surveys. She further advised that Erma and Bob attended a meeting with Roy Avis and Ken Perry and requested assistance with a survey. We will be sending out two different surveys to gather two unique sets of information. One will target the health needs of individuals while the other will target financial information gathering. Erma reiterated that Peter Boban had indicated that the survey needs to be conducted throughout the entire Rainy River District.

Program Updates:

Meals on Wheels: Gaby reported that in the last six (6) months she can identify six (6) couple who have left Fort Frances who were in the Meals on Wheels Program.

New Horizons Grant: Gord McBride suggested that we request financial assistance from the Service Clubs, such as Kiwanis, Lions, etc, as start-up dollars. Gord offered to bring some

information back to the group regarding the criteria. It was noted that we have already requested funding through the New Horizons Grant program in which we should be hearing from in the near future. Erma will follow-up on the status of our application.

SALT: Robert reported that they are trying to get enough participants to hold a computer course for seniors through VALA. The training would be held once a week in the afternoon.

NWHU Replacement: Erma reported that the Health Unit Representative position has been posted, however, they will not have a replacement until into the new year.

CEISS: Erma advised that Lori Maki is working on setting up a teleconference with CEISS (perhaps Barry Potter or Laura Koechinski). She will advise when this has been schedule.

Other Assisted Living Groups: Joanne reported that Atikokan has an Assisted Living Group established and they have been meeting for some time. Joanne also advised that Joe Judson in Emo has indicated that he is willing to build an assisted living facility but is not interested in either running or maintaining the property.

Strategic Planning: As previously reported, two meetings have been held with the Steering Committee. Discussion was held regarding the designation of an "Age Friendly Town" and what the requirements would entail. Perhaps we could entice Town Council to move towards this worthwhile goal.

Judith Wahl Presentation: A presentation was held at the Fort Frances Library where she outlined many avenues for seniors to access legal services, living wills, etc. It was a very interesting presentation and was well attended.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held January 3, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.