



# Waves of Hope

## Fall Planning Meeting

September 28, 2011

10 Brae view Drive, Brandon, MB

Attending: Willa Fowles, Helena Neustater, Joyce Johnson, Helen Lewandoski, Marg Rycroft, Susan Kline, Sandy Robinson, Merle Darling, Lynda Barnett, Betty Berg, Edna Verhelst, Evelyn Clegg, Diane Harrington, Annette Beatty, Sheila Taylor, Gaileen Kingdon, Darlene Yurchuk, Betty Stewart, Kathy Cameron.

- Call to Order
- Betty S. welcomed members and started the evening with a "finding people" game.
- Motion by Mary to add membership dues to the agenda.
- Motion by Susan to adopt the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Merle. Carried.
- Treasurer's Report (attached). Motion by Michelle to adopt the report. Seconded by Evelyn. Carried.

5.1 Motion by Michelle to have Myers Norris Penny to audit financial statement and income tax. Seconded by Marg. Carried.

5.2 GST: Michelle has inquired to see if we are eligible for GST rebate and will apply.

6.0 Supper

7.0 Group Sharing: Strengths/Weaknesses (separate notes)

-discussion on whether we need a constitutional change to allow support people in the boat at a festival

7.2 Fundraising: Notice of Motion by Mary to increase annual membership fees to \$75.00 next year. Seconded by Darlene.

Possible Fundraising Projects discussed:

1. Dragon Wing Begonias
2. Garage Sale
3. Fees
4. Meat Draw
5. Tim Horton's Smiley Cookies
6. Chuck a Puck

8.0 Action Plan Review

Motion by Annette to pay registration for FMG Festival in Winnipeg. Seconded by Susan. Carried.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Healthy Choices-Motion by Marg to donate \$500.00 toward Healthy Choices. Seconded by

Lynda. Carried.

9.2 Sandy is heading the nominating committee.

Betty has asked us to email her with feelings or evaluations of this fall meeting.

Time Sheets to be handed in to Michelle. Membership fees can be mailed to the Waves of Hope box #.

Chairs for May 2 Fashion Show are Dar Y. and Helena N.

Edna gave a vote of thanks to Betty for her work as manager this year.

Helena adjourned at 8:45 PM.

## Notes from Fall Planning Meeting October 26, 2011

Concerns: In order to accommodate some of us that are aging we may need to allow for some to paddle for only half of the time – switch at half time.

Recruitment needs to be continuous. We need to discover ways in which to advertise our team possibly through more presentations and personal contact. However we must be able to say “no” to extra activities and not over-tax ourselves. “News in a Minute” advertising was mentioned, Coming Events in the Brandon Sun, Community News and trying to get local newspapers to put in blurbs (especially ones with personal stories from our members).

Distance of driving is a concern as some of our members do have to drive quite a distance. Communication re: practices as some don't always have access to a computer at the last minute. Possibly this could be solved with a telephone list/call. Filling positions on the Executive – Sandy is going to be the nominating chair and we encourage everyone to step up and fill the necessary positions for 2012.

Strengths: We were very fortunate to have four new members join our team. It was felt that we had had a more relaxing and slower pace this year and we need to continue to recognize each other's individual differences. The relaxing, slower pace allowed us to meet Dr. D. McKenzie's vision. The team effort of Annette, Kathy and Evelyn was greatly appreciated.

The social activities have been enjoyed by everyone with events such as the Family/Friends pot-luck; Chemo Savvy Sunday fun paddle and having Come 'n' Try continue throughout the summer. Of course the food was great at all the events and helped foster the feeling of togetherness!

The last sharing session dealt with was Fund-raising. Lynda shared info re: selling of baskets of dragon wing begonias in the spring. Much discussion took place as well as brainstorming of other ideas: Garage Sale, Fashion Show (already set for May 2, 2012 under the leadership of Helena and Darlene), Chuck-a-puck (set for March 10, 2012 under the leadership of Jody who will be calling on helpers), Meat Draws, barbecues in the spring at places like Co-op or Sobeys, approaching Tim Horton's “Smiley cookies fund-raising”, and a gala type dinner event. This portion of the meeting was rushed but interesting ideas were shared. The topic of raising fees was discussed but would not be introduced and voted upon until the AGM. Michelle reminded everyone that membership dues were due at the end of Sept. The meeting ended a few minutes after 8:30. [Well done group!]

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