

Nov. 7, 2012

Present: Spencer Coyne, Ed Staples, Penny Goodfellow, Chris Goodfellow, Ole Juul, Nienke Klaver

1. Call to order - Spencer called the meeting to order at 2:04
2. Agenda - Nienke presented a suggested agenda
3. Minutes of the Strategic Planning Session with Robyn Thomas, Oct. 20 - approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Ole. Passed
4. Position Statement - Ed suggested to develop a position statement in collaboration with other communities and present this to political candidates running in our riding in the next provincial election. The purpose would be to receive a written commitment to support our position regarding improvements to health care in rural communities. This will happen closer to the election. Chris suggested to be very specific and pragmatic. It was decided to liaison with Sally Williams from Castlegar first, then come up with a list of candidates to talk to. Spencer will make up a list of candidates. Spencer proposed to sit down with the political candidates when they are in Princeton and get their commitment on tape. There was some discussion if it actually would be possible to get real commitments from politicians. We decided there is a good chance if the politicians realize it will cost them votes if they do not commit themselves. Chris suggested to contact various media at that time as well.
5. Area G Director - Ed suggested to get Angelique Wood involved. It would show that the hospital also services Area G. Ed will contact her.
6. Hospital OR and Maternity ward closures - there was a discussion about the reasons why we do not have a maternity ward anymore and the possibility of attracting a midwife.
7. BC Health Coalition - Ed gave a report on his contact with BC Health Coalition and what they do. On a motion by Nienke SOHC will take out a membership, seconded by Penny. Passed.
8. Finances - the balance as of Oct 31 is \$ 527.12 with \$ 29.80 outstanding. Nienke will forward Dawn Gardner's phone number to Penny for some clarification on the petty cash. Penny has ordered more cheques. The last one will be used for our BC Health Coalition membership. Nienke requested funds for a new ink cartridge. Approved on a motion by Chris, seconded by Ole. Ed and Nienke will get a XL cartridge from Costco.
It was decided that we would not post our finances on the website, since the books are always open.

9. Steering Committee and Stakeholder members - Ed and Chris will represent SOHC on the steering committee. Penny mentioned Walter Despot from Keremeos for the steering committee and Ed will give him a phone call. Susan Brown had suggested Tanya Ter Keurs. Spencer feels that at this time it is not necessary to have politicians involved in the steering committee. He suggested Alan from the Crisis Assistance. Chris and Ed will talk to Alan, but other SOHC members felt he should be involved in the stakeholder group instead. Chamber of Commerce should be included as well. Ed and Chris will meet with Lynn Pelly from Community Services and with Anne Middleton, manager of the Hospital Auxillary (295-6886). Someone else suggested Beatrice Bebe (?) who is a nurse.

10. Date of next meeting - the next meeting will be on December 4.

11. Adjournment - meeting adjourned on a motion by Chris, seconded by Ole.

Respectfully submitted,

Nienke Klaver (secretary)