Minitonas Parent Advisory Council Minutes

February 15, 2024 7:00pm

In attendance- Laurie Evans, Nancy Cocks, Lori Zagrobelny, Rebecca Donnerstag, Mark Simpson joined meeting at 8:30pm

1. Call meeting to order at 7:10pm.
2. Agenda not sent out ahead of time created informally at the meeting
3. Review and adopt minutes did not receive minutes yet from Dec 12, 2023 meeting
4. Treasurer Report not reviewed
5. Old Business
   1. Meat draw Minitonas Hotel – no plans for further meat draws at this point. Minitonas Hotel will inform PAC if this opportunity available again in the future as reported by Rebecca.
   2. Fundraising ideas discussed at December meeting
      1. LP overage fees- Laurie discussed with Val Reich. Need to have included in letter what we are fundraising for. Decided to be directed towards outdoor recreation/education enhancements since do not have a specific project picked yet
      2. Terry’s Greenhouse- Charlene followed up and the green house was not interested in getting involved with a fundraiser at this time
      3. Barefoot farms- Charlene discussed with Dale Mohr. He is interested in the idea but hasn’t done a fundraiser before. Wasn’t sure if would sell product or do a gift card format. Group felt would be easiest to sell gift cards and would ask for

a minimum of 10% profit. **Plan**- Charlene to see if gift cards and profit margin works for Dale then determine timeline to have the promotion.

* 1. Staff Appreciation- In December Nancy purchased some treats for the school staff. (included list for future reference- pretzels, chips, chocolates, oranges, chips and dips
  2. School (teacher) Wishlist
     1. Project for fundraising - Discussion that PAC needs to decide which project to focus fundraising on b/c this information required for all grant applications. Discussed some of the main ideas that have come up and would like Minitonas School staff feedback which project they feel would be the most utilized by the students, school community and Minitonas community.

Items decided to put on the survey include:

Outdoor track

Curtain for the stage (new)

Play structure or swings for the older children

Shed for outdoor toys/equipment

**Plan:** Charlene to develop an electronic survey to send to Mark who will distribute it throughout the staff.

* + 1. Outdoor play equipment – at December meeting Mark had indicated school could use more snow shovels, saucers for the hill and sleighs with ropes for kids to play with outside. Rebecca purchased 4 shovels so far.

Plan- if anyone sees saucers or sleighs on sale can purchase 3-5 and submit bills to Nancy. Amount determined in December was to spend $500 total so \_\_\_ remaining after the purchase of the shovels.

* 1. Change of PAC regular meeting date- will fluctuate between Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:00pm for now.

1. New Business
   1. Bingo fundraiser- idea brought forward that there is currently no bingo events in the swan valley area on Mondays. No one in attendance at the meeting knew what would be involved in getting a license to run a bingo

**Plan**- Rebecca to follow up with contact at ECFC involved with running bingo

* 1. Coffee House fundraiser- fundraising comes from silver collection from attendees and some discussion of having snacks/dessert for sale. Could also do a 50/50

Would provide coffee/tea/juice – could ask Coop or no Frills to donate

Need some planned musicians and/or singers for entertainment – ideas discussed Mark M, Martin Snell, Jenna and Katie Smith, Vlad ?Keefer piano player, Minitonas Jazz Band, Glenda Turton and SV community band, Rebecca Delaurier and Terry Eggie, Taylor and Sydney Flemming, Hannah Patience,

Hold event at the school; feel April date would be ideal

**Plan:** Rebecca to ask Mark if interested and what date in April would work. If he is able would try to get a student group involved in the entertainment as well.

* 1. Advertising- feedback that events could be better advertised to get more community involvement. Ideas for advertising more broadly on social media than school facebook page. – Swan Valley Buy and Sell, Swan Valley Community Board and Valley Biz website
  2. Grants-
     1. Coop community spaces- currently open for submissions but would need the exact project and plan so likely not ready for this year
     2. Community Foundation- Laurie to look at when spring submissions are due
     3. SVRSS Construction program- If choose to go ahead with shed will inquire if could partner with high school to construct.
     4. Tire Stewardship MB- grants if using rubber aggregate for example for a track. **Plan:** Laurie to look at deadlines for grants
     5. Coop local gas and BBQ fundraiser- Laurie did not see advertising on the coop website. PAC signed up for the opportunity to sell Coop gift cards

**Plan-** Laurie will contact Patti Henkelman at the Coop for more information

Next meeting: date not set

Information added after meeting:

Swan Valley community foundation spring granting closes for applications March 8th.

Letter sent to LP for overage fee donations February 20/24

Cyndi forwarded information on the Canada Post Community Foundation grant. Applications for this grant close March 1.