

Fort Garry Community Network Meeting

January 20, 2011 Minutes

Chair Justin Bradbury
Minutes Ellen Pile

1. Justin welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
2. Minutes of November 18, 2011 were reviewed.
3. **Midwinter Festival**
Teacher E. Standing and two students from Fort Richmond Collegiate spoke about the success of last year's festival and estimated that over 1,100 people attended. They are hoping to reach attendance of 2,000 this year.
FGCN members were encouraged to volunteer at the Festival.
4. **Committee Reports**
Website Committee
Update from the website committee was tabled to next meeting.
Derrick Stamm inquired as to whether a link to FGCN could be placed on the Pembina Trails School Division website.
Jacque Field offered to explore this suggestion with the PTSD communication committee.

Brochure Committee Dave Groff
Dave distributed draft copies of the brochure.
Suggestions were made for some changes.
Dave will bring the final version of the brochure to the March meeting.

Community Resource Guide Amanda Younka
There are two community volunteers working with Amanda on compiling the resource guide.
Amanda will forward the draft to Ellen to send out to the FGCN prior to the next meeting.
5. **Round Table Community News / Agency News**
Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre Colleen Stratman
The FGWRC offers numerous programs.
For information on these programs call the centre at 477-1123.
The centre is holding a Fab Fem Fundraiser on February 16th at the Gas Station Theatre.

City of Winnipeg Tim Fergus
There will be a meeting on February 10th at the Victoria Community Centre

with representatives from the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres and community stakeholders to discuss future plans re:programming and facility requirements of the Fort Garry Community Centre. (Hobson and Victoria sites)

The Sport Policy meeting was very successful and relevant information was obtained from those who attended.

There was a good representation from the FGCN at the meeting.

The intent is to get this information to City Council and to have them look at a community based way of moving forward with planning.

There is a need to look at an active living approach to sport.

Neighbourhood Immigrant Settlement Worker Yobi Tessema

There are numerous programs available to introduce newcomers to the Canadian lifestyle.

Finding housing for large families is particularly challenging.

Yobi is making arrangements to have the City of Winnipeg Police Service speak to newcomers re: safety, Canadian laws and to encourage a connection between newcomers and the police.

WRHA Community Coordinator Amanda Younka

Amanda is applying for a grant with Assiniboine Credit Union for funding to provide free first aid training within the community.

She would like the FGCN to be a host. (help with registration, provide a site) Healthy Child Coalition

The Mosaic Family Program - Nobody's Perfect has been adapted for newcomers.

The Families Together program at Bonnycastle School is targeting newcomer families with preschool children.

EDI (Early Development Instrument) scores should be available soon.

Amanda is hoping to hold a community consultation to look at the results, to share information and to develop strategies to improve the scores.

Fort Garry Seniors Resource Council Bob Thompson

Bob presented information regarding the Welcome Baskets that the FGSRC donates to Age and Opportunity for their safe suites.

He suggested that people might have gifts that they would like to regift and that could be used in the baskets.

Any donations could be dropped off at Kerri Irvin-Ross's office at 1060 Pembina Hwy.

Ellen will send out a list of suggested donations for these baskets.

MLA for Fort Garry Kerri Irvin-Ross

Manitoba Breast Screening Program will be holding a clinic at Kerri's office at the end of March. 131 women will be scheduled for mammograms.

Department of Housing news.....

It was recently announced that there will be additional funding for affordable housing for newcomers. This housing will be managed by IRCOM.

(Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba)
and will consist mainly of 4-5 bedroom units.

Place La Charette is a 37 unit affordable housing project that is being built in St. Norbert. It will be managed by Ten Ten Sinclair Housing and will enhance housing quality and accessibility for low income families and people with disabilities.

Kerri advised that Community Places grants will be announced in April.

Pembina Trails School Division David Groff

David expressed concern about youth (15 and up) in the community who are having difficulty fitting into the route of school, training, employment.

This led to a lengthy discussion about community resources and supports for these youth and their families.

Kerri offered to head up a group to address the social issues affecting Fort Richmond families and to develop strategies to work on improving their quality of life.

Committee members are Meaghan Erbus, Yobi Tessema, David Groff, Derrick Stamm, Monica Mirlycourtois, Karen Scott Murray and Amanda Younka.

City of Winnipeg Derrick Stamm

Derrick will be working with Yobi to increase the numbers attending the Mobile Play Program at the Newdale site.

Derrick welcomed suggestions for additions to the Leisure Guide.

Southlands Community Church Justin Bradbury

Justin thanked members of the FGNC who provided fundraising assistance for the Salvation Army at Christmas.

12 members of the congregation will be going to Tanzania to help with renovations to a school for disable children.

There will be a fundraiser at the church on Saturday March 19th. Tickets are \$5.00.

Marilyn Brick MLA for St. Norbert Bob Newman

Marilyn will hold her annual BBQ in July

Bob is attempting to have the Seine River School Division join the GGCN.

Ryerson Boys and Girls Club Meaghan Erbus

The club is open daily Monday to Friday for 6 – 18 year olds.

The Power Up Program offers the opportunity for university students to become mentors to youth from 6 – 11 years of age.

Anyone requiring further information should contact Meaghan.

Pembina Trails School Division Jacquie Field

Jacquie reported that the School Resource Officer Program is being formally reviewed by the PTSD. She feels that it has been a very successful program

and has had a huge impact in the schools.
Jacquie advised that a significant number of students will be looking for volunteer opportunities in the next few months. If any agencies/community groups could use the services of these students please contact the counselors at the local high school.

Next meeting March 17, 2011