

## **Fort Garry Community Network Meeting**

### **March 17, 2011 Minutes**

Chair Justin Bradbury  
Minutes Ellen Pile

1. Justin welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
2. Minutes of January 20, 2011 were reviewed.

### **3. Committee Reports**

#### **Fort Richmond Community Initiative Kerri Irvin-Ross**

Kerri has met with local schools, key community members and Kevin Gamble, Director of Security, Manitoba Housing.

Dave Groff advised that many of the students who are non-attenders or have different learning styles live in low income housing and it would be beneficial for the Fort Richmond Community Initiative Committee to work with the PTSD.

Kerri and Monica Mirlycourtois (Tenant Services Coordinator) will organize a committee meeting to explore further who lives at various housing complexes, what are the issues/challenges facing residents, what resources are already in place?

#### **Website Committee Karen Velthuys**

The committee is working with Sundown Graphics and Village Web to develop the website. [fortgarrycommunitynetwork.ca](http://fortgarrycommunitynetwork.ca)

#### **Brochure Committee Dave Groff**

Dave distributed copies of the completed brochure.

This brochure is intended to be used as an introduction to the Fort Garry Community Network.

Thank you to the graphic technician at Pembina Trails School Division for the great job she did and to Dave Groff for all his efforts coordinating.

**Community Resource Guide Amanda Younka and Karen Scott-Alway**

The resource guide is nearing completion.

An initial number will be printed for distribution.

Amanda will forward the final draft to Ellen for distribution to Network members.

The resource guide will be a FGCN document and the Network will be responsible for monitoring the content.

**4. Round Table Community News / Agency News**

**Southlands Community Church Justin Bradbury**

In May Justin will be travelling on a mission to Tanzania to work on a school for children with disabilities.

The church is planning their summer day camps. These are open to all children in the community and there are some subsidies available.

**Victoria General Hospital Francis Labossiere**

On March 13 VGH celebrated 100 years of service to the community.

**South Winnipeg Family Information Centre Karen Velthuys**

There will be a fundraiser for the Clothes Closet on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Karen advised that she will be taking a leave of absence in September.

**Pembina Trails School Division Jane Friesen**

Jane has been involved with an initiative in Fort Richmond regarding opportunities for “reluctant learners” and parents.

**Boys and Girls Club Meaghan Erbus**

Meaghan reported that the Midwinter’s Night Dream Festival was a huge success with approximately 1500 people in attendance.

**Neighbourhood Immigrant Settlement Worker Yobi Tessema**

Fifteen people are taking the food handlers course.

Yobi is planning programs for the summer. (eg. Conversation circles)

**WRHA Community Coordinator Amanda Younka**

Amanda advised that the board of the WRHA is looking for Members for the Community Health Advisory Council

Amanda will send the information to Ellen to forward to FGCN members.

Amanda will forward copies of the EDI Report.

The Fort Garry/St. Norbert Healthy Child Coalition will be running the Wiggle Giggle Munch Program at two sites this summer. For more information please contact Robyn Chase.

Trinity Church are enlarging their existing community gardens and are encouraging newcomers and low income community members to participate.

**Manitoba Housing Tenant Services Coordinator Monica Mirlycourtois**

Monica reported that it is a real challenge for her to get community information to her tenants.

There were several suggestions made including mailouts, community billboards or distribution of a flyer advertising community events and programs.

**City of Winnipeg Derrick Stamm**

Derrick advised the group that the Youth at Risk Fishing Program is being held again this summer.

The Mobile Play Program van will be at 21 Newdale from 11:00 – 1:00 in July and August.

**Fort Garry Seniors Resource Council Melanie Hasenheit**

The FGSRC is looking for items for the Welcome Baskets for the Age and Opportunity safe suites.

Ellen will send out a list of the items that are needed.

Donations can be dropped off to Ellen at Kerri's office. (1060 Pembina)

The FGSRC has been running buses once a month taking seniors to St. Vital Mall and will be planning a day trip in July.

The drop in continues to be very successful and is held every second Tuesday at Kerri's office.

Melanie announced that she will be going on maternity leave in June.

**Next meeting September 15, 2011.**