

Fort Garry Community Network Meeting

October 27, 2011

Chair Dawn Forbes

Minutes Ellen Pile

1. Dawn welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
2. **Neighbourhoods Alive! Local Improvement Fund for Tomorrow (LIFT)**
 - Presentation by Kate MacKay and Carly Duboff, project officers
 - LIFT is a new funding program under Neighbourhoods Alive! that provides project based funding for community activities
 - The goal of the fund is to support opportunities to build on the strengths of communities and enhance opportunities for community participation, recreation, employment, and well being.
 - LIFT will provide \$90,000.00 in annual project based funding to support community driven revitalization projects over the next four years
 - Discussion re: possible projects in South Pembina community
3. **Mid-Winter Festival**
 - Presentation by Elaine Egan, Teresa Rogers and Allison Kilgour
 - Would like to see festival become a community run event vs. a school run event
 - Suggestion that there could be a paid coordinator
 - Dave Groff offered to contact Michelle Schmidt (Ryerson Boys and Girls Club) to see if they would be prepared to take on a leadership role.
4. **Ryerson School Community Student Investigators (CSI)** Kerri Irvin-Ross
 - Kerri reported that CSI was a huge success
 - Ryerson School is the first CSI site located outside of the inner city
 - CSI is aimed at helping children sustain and improve literacy and numeracy skills and reduce summer learning loss.
 - CSI enables children to participate in a variety of academic, recreational, arts, cultural, and educational activities
 - Consideration is being given to having the CSI program continue throughout the school year
5. **WRHA** Amanda Younka
 - Wendy Sutton will present a workshop, Caregiving: Assisting Our Aging Parents, at Riverwood Square on November 5, 2011

- The Community Resource Guide will be updated and Amanda will forward the new version to Network members. (discussion re: need for additional copies of the guide. Amanda and Robyn will look into getting a quote for printing costs. Dave G. will discuss with Jane Friesen PTSD.)
- Amanda thanked Elissa Bittner for producing a brochure listing free summer activities. It was distributed in the community by Amanda, Dave G. and Derrick S.
- The wiggle, Giggle, Munch program has attracted 25 new families the majority of whom are newcomers.

6. Financial Report Dave Groff

- Balance of account \$4722.05
- Brief discussion of possibilities for expenditure
- To be discussed further at January 2012 meeting

7. Committee Reports

Fort Richmond Community Initiative Ellen Pile for Kerri Irvin-Ross
No further action has been taken by this committee as the LIFT program is now accepting applications for projects within the areas that this committee was to focus on.

Website Committee Robyn Chase

Robyn agreed to follow up on the status of the website and was given permission to get the website up and running.

8. Round Table Community News/Agency News

Southlands Community Church Justin Bradbury

Justin distributed information regarding the Salvation Army's Kettle Campaign Southlands will have four sites during this year's campaign. Agencies/groups that supply 12 – 2 hour shifts at one of the locations will receive a \$500.00 honorarium.

Fort Garry/ St. Norbert Healthy Child Coalition Robyn Chase

Robyn distributed information cards regarding the family centres and theme programs.

City Of Winnipeg Derrick Stamm

Derrick distributed copies of the City of Winnipeg guide of free activities available within the city. This has now been produced separately from the Leisure Guide.

Next meeting Thursday, January 19, 2012 9:00 Please join us...a light breakfast will be served.

