

Fort Garry Community Network Meeting

Southlands Community Church 85 Keslar

January 19, 2012

Chair Dawn Forbes

Minutes Ellen Pile

1. Dawn welcomed everyone and introductions were made.
2. Round table discussion Community and agency news.
3. Review of minutes from October 27, 2011
4. Reminder that the Mid Winter Festival will be held on February 4th
A coordinator has been hired with funds from the LIFT Program.
5. **New Business**
Francis Labossiere President and COO of Victoria General Hospital
 - VGH Communication and Community Engagement Committee are looking more actively for input from the community re: services at VGH. Do these services meet the needs of the community? What composes a healthy community?
 - Members of the Network agreed to act as a focus group re: community engagement.
 - Questions will be distributed to members prior to the May meeting.
LIFT Program Kate MacKAY Project Manager
 - More applications are encouraged from the South Pembina community.
6. **Financial Report Dave Groff**
 - Current bank balance is \$4722.05
 - It was agreed a contribution would be made to Southlands Community Church in appreciation of their hospitality.

7. Committee Reports

Website Committee Karen Velthuys

- Will have a draft available for the March meeting

Community Resource Guide

- Held over to March meeting

8. It was decided that a letter would be sent from the FGCN to the Winnipeg Free Press in response to a number of recent negative letters to the editor regarding newcomers to Winnipeg.
The letter will support the Free Press and its highlighting of the value of the diversity within our community.

Next meeting to be held March 15, 2012