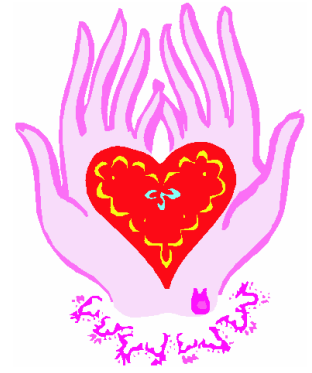


Minutes of Annual General Meeting Caring Hearts

Held on April 09, 2008

At 7:00p.m. in the Office Unit 8 8285 132nd Avenue Surrey



Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Approval of Agenda (additions or changes)

Motion: to accept the agenda

Moved by Anne Scott, seconded by Rosemary Mullins.

Carried

Financial review

Anne asks about how much money we have at this date. It is confirmed we have 20,000 in the bank. We have gaming funds that have to be used by December. We have an unusually high amount of funds for this time of year.

Each year we apply to the gaming commission in October for funds that are awarded to us in December or January of the new year. If we didn't receive gaming funds we would actively have to work on fundraising thru events or applications to corporations or foundations.

We have to use all gaming funds in full each year. All funds we raise thru other means, we must spend 80% of it to satisfy the government regulations.

Motion: to accept the financial statements as issued at the AGM

Moved by Kathy Lecko, seconded by Jennifer Dorey

Carried

Executive Director's Report

Elsie Blenkinship said we outdid ourselves this year with the numbers, it was incredible. We have had an overwhelming response to our funding needs. We provided items to 188 programs and we distributed items from April 2007 to March 31, 2008.

YPI program are keeping her very busy at this time of year. We have been interviewed by a lot of school groups throughout the lower mainland.

Elsie reported that three members passed away this year; Joseanne Bordeaux, Winona Chiperek, and Robyn Haywood.

Elsie has had some health problems this year and been unable to be as involved as in the past but has been busy working at home for Caring Hearts. She will not be standing for election this year.

On behalf of the members, Del Letendre presented Elsie with a beautiful plant in recognition of the years she has been involved in Caring Hearts both as a member and for the past several years as the Executive Director.

Executive Assistant' Report

Carol McKenzie thanked everyone for their efforts and said we'd done a great job again. She was overwhelmed by the amount of items that we have been receiving and distributing. We are definitely growing and are trying to keep up with the demand. We are working towards making some changes that are needed for us to continue to grow.

Jennifer said it is nice to hear that children are getting interested in knitting and crocheted.

Director's Report

Anne Scott highlighted the work of two groups of knitters in South Surrey. A group of 10 knitters in The Peninsula, a retirement home, gather every morning to knit and chat over coffee, they produce about 40 toques and 3 blankets a month. Another group of three ladies in the Kinsman Retirement complex in Ocean Park use surplus yarn donated by Peace Arch hospital to knit sweaters and mitts for Caring Hearts.

Donna Terry will meet with the representative from Surrey Memorial to access their needs and discuss how we can continue to help them.

Marta would like to know if there are any knitting groups in Nanaimo like ours. We are not aware of any at this time; perhaps she would like to start a satellite location.

Myrna Atkinson notes that the items shown distributed to Ann Davis transition house should be revised to be distributed to Chilliwack family place and Community Schools program **instead**. We will change our documentation.

Appointment of an accountant

Motion: to appoint George Wilson-Tagoe as the accountant for Caring Hearts
Moved by Cassandra Kensall, seconded by Julie Cockcroft
Carried

Motion: to waive an audit
Moved by Kathy Leko, seconded by Marta Nicols
Carried

Minutes

Motion: to accept the minutes of the April 2007 Annual General Meeting as circulated
Moved by Anne Scott, seconded by Rosemary Mullins.
Carried

Election of Officers

Pursuant to our bylaws all directors and officers retired from the Board.

Nominations for new board officers

President

Carol McKenzie, nominated by Rosemary Mullins seconded by Ruby Kleine

Marguerite Davis, nominated by Pat Hill, seconded by Cheryl Hunter

Votes - Carol McKenzie 25, Marguerite Davis 12

Carol McKenzie elected President

Motion: to destroy all ballots moved by Marilynne Cron, seconded by Ruby Kleine. Carried

Vice President

Marguerite Davis, nominated by Jennifer Doyle, seconded by Donna Terry

Ruby Kleine, nominated by Kathy Taylor, seconded by Carol Hopkin

Rosemary Mullins, nominated by Margaret Hardy, seconded by Edna Luschnski

Votes – Marguerite Davis 18, Rosemary Mullins 13, Ruby Kleine 7

Marguerite Davis elected Vice President

Motion: to destroy ballots moved by Marta Nicols, seconded by Rosa Hanus, carried

Secretary

Cheryl Hunter, nominated by Marguerite Davis, seconded by Pat Hill

Cheryl Hunter elected Secretary by acclamation

Treasurer

Del Letendre, nominated by Marilynne Cron, seconded by Cassandra Kensall

Del Letendre elected Treasurer by acclamation

Directors

Marilyn Cron, nominated by Vivian Newstead, seconded by Tillie Arabsky

Rosemary Mullins, nominated by Edna Luschnski, seconded by Ruby Kleine

Ruby Kleine, nominated Cassandra Kensall, seconded by Jennifer Dorey

Votes - Marilynne Cron 14, Rosemary Mullins 13, Ruby Kleine, 11

Marilynne Cron elected Director

New Business

The board recommended the number of board members be increased from 5 to 7 members.

Motion: To increase the number of board members to 7

Moved by Anne Scott, seconded by Marguerite Davis

Carried

Pursuant to our bylaws the Board will appoint two new members.

Caring Hearts has to move from its current space as the landlord, Precision Heat Treat, needs the space back. Our lease expires at the end of June.

A search is underway for new space and anyone who has any ideas should contact a board member. Currently, we have 600 sq feet for a monthly rent of \$365. The incoming board will work on the budget to see what funds we can dedicate to rent costs.

Adjournment

Anne Scott moved to adjourn the meeting @ 8:15 pm