



Community Network Monthly Meeting
Tuesday April 10, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Fraser Room, Maple Ridge Library

MINUTES

Attendees:

Alison Copeland – MLA Bob D’Eith’s Office
Candace Gordon – GE Feast
Christine McIntosh - FRANAS
Colene Thompson – CN Chair
Curtis Pendleton – ACT Centre / ARTS Council
Dorata Michalska – Heath Unit FH

Elaine Yamamoto, CLC / HIVE
Jeannie Harnett – SD 42
Sunny Schiller, CN Coordinator
Thyra Gillese – MLA Lisa Beare’s Office
Wendy Fitzjohn – Westcoast Family Centres
William Waterhouse – FRANAS

1. WELCOME

Chair Colene Thompson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. and introductions were made.

2. TOONIE TUESDAY COMMUNITY CHEST FUNDRAISER: \$7.75

3. AGENDA APPROVAL – April 10, 2018 – *approved*

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES - March 13, 2018– *adopted*

5. PRESENTATIONS

Elaine Yamamoto – Community Literacy Committee

Ms. Yamamoto made a presentation about the Community Literacy Committee. Ms. Yamamoto provided information on adult literacy rates, how to recognize when someone is struggling with literacy and explained the services offered by the CLC. Ms. Yamamoto shared free, new books for low income families provided through First Book Canada and explained how organizations can participate in the program.

6. * NETWORKING BREAK *****

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The Community Network provided a letter of support to the Community Literacy Committee on March 26, 2018.

8. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATES

8.1 CN Working Table Updates

GE Feast – Candace Gordon reported GE Feast has received funding from United Way. Ms. Gordon is currently working on report writing and is running a community cooking program. Gourmet Grannies are looking for new volunteers - all ages can participate! Volunteers take on 2 hour shifts on Saturdays at the Farmers Market booth to hand out recipes and featured produce samples.

8.2 CN Coordinators Update

Goal: Network Development

- Met with Elaine Yamamoto re: the Community Literacy Committee
- Redid the CN Orientation Powerpoint presentation and provided an orientation prior to the April meeting
- Attended the March 2018 Seniors Network meeting
- Attended the Katzie First Nation Council Inauguration with CN Chair

Goal: Network Structure Support

- Monthly Community Network article on affordable housing published in The NEWS
- Finalized 2017/2018 CN Coordinators Report submitted to the Family Education and Support Centre
- Community Chest meeting with Monica Hampu, Andy Cleven and Vicki Kipps
- Attended the Humans of Maple Ridge Art Exhibit hosted by the OORTG

The Coordinator shared that the Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows Municipal Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusion is now seeking nominations for the 15th Annual Accessibility Awards. Award categories include: Universal/Architectural Access; Leisure and Recreation; Customer Service; Volunteer; Employment; Educator; and Financial. Nominations close May 7th, 2018. The Awards event will take place on May 28th, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Pitt Meadows Senior Centre. Online nomination form available at: <http://www.mapleridge.ca/130/Municipal-Advisory-Committee-on-Accessib>

NEXT CN MEETING: May 8, 2018 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM – Fraser Room – Maple Ridge Library

Presentation by: Joe Roberts, Skid Row CEO and Push for Change Campaign
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