

Minutes of the Meeting
Carman and Community Chamber
of Commerce
April 12th, 2022- 12:00pm

Present In Person:

Jodi Winkler, Tyler King, Marni Harrison, Richard Dyck, Mayghan McEacheran, Brian Maxwell, Ashley Froese, Ken Rutter, Ken Reimer, and Scott Johnston.

Via Zoom:

Marlin Metcalf, Dean North, Shannon Vaughan, Kelly Dyck, Mark Summers, Carly Boklaschuk, Cor Lodder, Faye Harms, and Debbie Vanderswagg.

1. Call to order:

Marni Harrison called the meeting to order at 12:09pm

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made to all in attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Mayghan McEachern moved to accept the April agenda as circulated – Kelly Dyck Seconded – Carried

4. Community Reports:

**Community Groups-
The Back Door Youth Center**

- As attached

Director of Economic Development – Tyler King

- Tyler will be at the Home and Leisure show in Brandon on April 8th. He will be with the Central Manitoba Tourism booth.

- 15 Storefront Improvement grants were received and thanks to the assistance of Community Futures Heartland, they have all been approved.

Town of Carman – Richard Dyck

- The 2022 financial plan was approved at a recent meeting. The mill rate increased to 21.5 which is an increase of 1 and the tax base increased by \$200,000 for a total of \$3.4 million.

-The protective services committee held their recent quarterly meeting this morning and here are just a few highlights:

- there were 23 incidents in total, up by 6 for the same time frame as last year.
- the fire department and Safe Communities attended the Carman Job Fair on Apr 7 which was deemed very successful.
- Years of Service awards were handed out to 18 firefighters with 5, 10, 15, 20, 30, and 40 years of service.
- the CDFD regional training site will continue with work on fencing, concrete pads and training gear this spring. They were awarded a significant grant last year for this initiative.
- CDFD purchased a used aerial apparatus fire truck and will be getting it ready for service this spring.
- generators were purchased after the 2019 disaster event and the town hall, fire hall, and the community hall are / will be hooked up and ready for the upcoming blizzard.

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Presented by Tyler King

- Swimming and Camping Registration opens today, April 12th, 2022.
- Fitness with Tiffany will take place at the community hall on Wednesday's. Registration is available online.
- Hockey Camp Registration opens online on May 2nd at 7:00am.
- Babysitters Course will be held on April 30th.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Mayghan McEachern moved to accept the minutes of the March 8th, 2022 meeting as circulated.
Kelly Dyck seconded - Carried

6. Financial Report:

The balance in the ACU chequing account as of April 12, 2022 is \$27365.08. The Chamber buck account balance is \$13014.35 and the Business Support Fund account balance is \$13141.23.
Kelly Dyck moved to accept the March financial statement as circulated. Dale Reimer Seconded – Carried

7. Chamber Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

The membership committee met in March and have contacted all of those members who still have outstanding 2022 membership fees.

In April and May, the committee will focus on increasing memberships.

Golf Committee:

The golf committee has met a few times and they are excited to host the Chamber Golf Tournament on June 23rd and the Access Credit Union Pro Am on August 26th, 2022. The committee has started calling sponsors for support of this year's tournaments.

8. President's Report- Marni Harrison

- April Report Attached

9. Executive Director's Report – Jodi Winkler:

- April Report Attached

10. Chamber Business Old and New

- **Poutine Week** will be held May 9th-15th, 2022. Watch our social media platforms for more information.

11. Round Table Discussion

- The Carman Legion will host a fun bowl on April 23rd and a Patsy Cline tribute in early May.
- Carman Curling Club card draw is at \$9000 with 10 cards remaining. The social originally scheduled for April 14th has been rescheduled to Friday, April 22nd, 2022.
- Peace Lily Therapeutics has moved to a new storefront! Mayghan and her business have relocated to the front area of her existing location. Starting May 4th, Mayghan will host an Artisian Market in this space. These will be held every Wednesday and will feature various small shops on a rotating basis. These markets will be held from 5-7 pm and will be host to 4-5 various small businesses each week.
- GPAC is hosting the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra on April 28th at the Carman Community Theater at the Collegiate. Tickets are available for purchase through their website.
- Carman Physiotherapy will be a part of a bench press competition. Watch for more info on their social media in the coming weeks.
- Carman Elementary ACSL will be hosting the Missoula Children's Theater on April 22nd and 23rd. Tickets for these performances will be on sale on Tuesday, April 19th. Don't miss this amazing production put on by our Carman Elementary School Students.

- Homestead Co-op will be hosting a Clean Up Day in Carman in May. Watch for more information on this event.

12. Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 – Memorial Hall and Zoom

13. Motion made by Mayghan McEachern to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm

Community Reports- The Back Door Youth Center

Programming: Currently running 6 weekly programs and 2 bi-weekly. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday after school, and Friday Drop-ins. Wednesday lunch program, and guys basketball at Friend's Community Church. Guys and Girl's nights. We are normally in contact with 75-100 different students every week through our programming. We will also be hosting an Easter Dinner on April 11 for our students. We LOVE to make sure kids are fed!

Golf: Our annual fundraising tournament will be happening Thursday morning, June 16 at Carman Golf Club. We will be contacting past hole sponsors and golfers but if anyone would like more information about getting involved, let us know! Full hole sponsorship is \$350, half-hole is \$200.

Capital: We were successful in reaching our \$1 million, 2021 goal thanks to our amazing community! Stamped drawings are a couple of weeks out. We hope to have the former Piston Ring Building moved on or around May 1. Our budget will be finalized with the arrival of stamped drawings and we are expecting to need an additional \$300,000. Our plan will be to move forward with the project while continuing to fundraise the remaining funds needed. If you or your business find yourselves in a position to help, I would love to have a conversation!

President's Report- April Meeting

April showers bring May flowers...and I am ready for it!

April also brings a lot of opportunities for planning. I am very excited about the Career Fair on April 7. The collegiate is fully on board and working with Elm Creek, Miami and DCS to make this event a huge success. It was very last minute, but we didn't want to miss the opportunity all together. We plan on making this an annual event, likely in late November. This timing will allow for students to make summer job decisions, but the larger aspect of the Career Fair, is for students to see long term career opportunities in the area, and make Carman a place they would like to return to after post-secondary.

A big thanks to the 16 businesses attending alongside the 7 post-secondary schools. I know there are many other members who wanted to attend, but staffing and other commitments made that difficult. If you have questions about the event when you are considering your participation next winter, please reach out!

Early planning for a celebration on May 28 to celebrate our past and present female entrepreneurs has begun. Please mark your calendars and look out for communication in your inbox!

We look forward to seeing you at Meet and Greets and the Chamber Golf Tournament on June 23. And don't forget to prep for Poutine Week! As the AGM is coming up, I would like to thank those who have let their name stand for another year, and to Nancy Chatwin for her dedication over the past years and making herself available for our monthly directors meeting.

Please consider increasing your time with the Chamber, as events are becoming more common, our time becomes more constrained and additional hands would be appreciated! You do not need to be a director or executive to help with planning and execution. If an event is something you enjoy and want to see continue, please consider joining a committee.

Cheers and see you all soon,

Marni.

Executive Director Report- April Meeting

If April showers bring May flowers, what do April SNOWSTORMS bring?! Seriously! Enough already!

I hope that March was a good month and that those of you with school aged kids were able to enjoy Spring Break either near or far and that you are ready for the last few months of the school year!

Always lots happening in the Chamber world and I trust that you have been receiving all of my updates and announcements.

Today, April 7th, I will be at the Carman Collegiate for our, soon to be annual, Career Fair. This event was planned and executed on a very short timeline and I would like to thank Gaylene Dueck at the Collegiate for her assistance in helping us pull it off, hopefully without a hitch!

We have 17 businesses ready to set up information booths as well as 7 post secondary schools and various community groups such as the Carman Fire Department and the RCMP. Students from Carman Collegiate, Dufferin Christian School, Miami School and Elm Creek School will be filtering through the gymnasium throughout the afternoon. We hope that these 300 students learn something about career opportunities within our local community. It is our hope to host this event annually in November, as that will then give students a bit more time to make summer job decisions.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held prior to the April monthly meeting. Thank you to Nancy Chatwin who has been a director on the board for the past 3 years. We appreciate all of the time that she has given to the Chamber and I hope that we will still see her at various events. We are still looking for a director to fill this vacancy, so if you, or someone within your business or organization would be interested in being a director on our board, please let myself or any executive member know.

Poutine Week is back! May 9th-15th you will be able to tantalize your tastebuds with all of our local eateries mouth-watering creations.

Watch for more information on this in the coming weeks! Be sure to follow the Chamber on Facebook and Instagram for up-to-date info and a sneak peek at all of the creations!

Planning is also underway for a Celebration of Women in Business that we hope to host in late May. We will be sure to let you know as soon as the plans are finalized.

Thanks again for your engagement in Chamber activities and I look forward to seeing spring and your smiling faces very soon!

Be well,

Jodi Winkler, Executive Director, Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce

