

Board Meeting Minutes February 19, 2025

Present: Tyler Schroeder, Connie Pauls, Derek Hamilton, Leah Olsen, Brent Laverty, Courtney Peters, Clare Agnew

Regrets:, Zoria Constantino, Derek Wiebe, Mariyam Tsygankova, Stéphan Warnock

Welcome and Call to Order at 12:06pm

Agenda: MOTION: B. Laverty/L. Olsen. To adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**

Conflicts of Interest: nothing noted.

Minutes: MOTION: L. Olsen/D. Hamilton. To adopt January 16, 2025, board meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report: Motion: C. Pauls/D. Hamilton. CARRIED. To adopt the Treasurers report as provided. Books were provided to KFN. Clare to work with RBC on money to move to interest bearing accounts. Ensure we have 3 months worth of expenses in our chequing account.

Municipal Funding Requests: Expecting response from City of Morden by end of February.

Member Feedback: Great feedback from the banquet. Good to mention all the names at the banquet, gives businesses a little extra recognition. Some feedback on the accommodation tax.

Executive Director Report. Report provided. Clare highlighted information regarding the events, sharing a one-page event schedule for 2025.

Committee Reports:

- **Advocacy & Governance:**
 - Policy resolution deadline is Feb 28. Tyler and Steph to look at timelines.
 - Nominating Committee: M. Tsygankova, T. Schroeder, S. Warnock_meeting next week. Provide suggestions to them if you have any. Need one new Board Member to join our group.
 - Thank you for completing the Board Matrix information.
 - Possible Board position with MCDC – Tyler to reach out.
- **Member Services:** Meeting Feb 4. Annual Memberships went out in January. Reviewed dropped members list and sent an email to ask to meet with them to discuss the benefits of being a Chamber Member. Reviewed and distributed Thank you cards. Discussed Year in Review to be completed next Nov to share leading up to membership renewals. Member to Member Program will be rolled out by the end of February. Courtney will be the lead.
- **Networking, Events & Promotions:** No meeting. Awards Banquet was a success. The International Women's Day venue changed to Finer Spirit. Event list being shared.
- **Executive:** no meeting. This is the last year of the Strategic Plan, reminder to committees to review their sections and try to complete/plan for the deliverables.
- **Chairperson:** nothing to report.

New Business

- **Correspondence:** nothing to report



Old Business

- **Exploring New Event ideas** – Regional Health Care event in May and The Farm Plan in November.

Adjourn: D. Hamilton/B. Lavery. CARRIED.

Next Board Meeting: March 20, 2025

Upcoming Events: February 27 – Business After Hours – Many Hands Resource Centre
March 7 - International Women’s Day Luncheon
April 10 - Morden Chamber of Commerce AGM & State of the City Address
April 29 – Lunch & Learn (need to confirm speaker)
May 6 – Inspire Wellness @ Rendezvous
June 5 - Morden Chamber Nine & Dine golf tournament
November 20 - Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas