



Regular Meeting – Louis Riel Room-Brandon University

Tuesday February 6, 2024

Members Present: 19

Guests Present: 1

Call to Order: 12:07. Pres. Tony Reid – National Anthem; Objects

Executive Present: President Tony; Treasurer Reg Atkinson, Secretary Shirley Scott

Speaker: Cynamon Michasiw, Director for Brandon & District United Way. Brandon and District United Way is in its 87th year. It started as the Brandon War Bond Appeal. There are 21 organizations that they associated with. They are working to be a unifying resource, preventative rather than reactive. \$750,000 was funded to help Brandon and community during Covid, and financial help with some fires that displaced families. Coats for Kids, Tools for School are a couple of the programs they sponsor. In 2008, Brandon and District United way raised \$5,000 for school supplies for children, and in 2023 - \$14,000 for far less supplies. They financially support empowering young adults program with food and health needs. Another program they are starting is Breathing Room – working to help to relieve the stress for direct service workers, including yoga, meditation, other stress relieving practices.

United Way in Portage closed so Brandon took over.

They have received requests for funding of \$850,000, and there has been \$600,000 of funds raised.

Manitoba is the only Province in Canada with some provincial government funding for wages and expenses of United Way, and they also receive some funding from City of Brandon and Gov of Canada.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Hospitalizations: Gerald Barnes – no report

Treasurer's report: Reg Atkinson – no report

Secretary's Report: Shirley Scott – working on revising committee structure

Coupon book committee: D'Arcy Barker – no report

Bike Auction Committee: Keith Scott – Set for April 27th in the curling club of the Keystone Centre. Gardewine will help haul bikes and racks to the Keystone. Set-up will be the 26th. A sign-up sheet will be sent prior to

Car Derby Report: New ramps to launch the cars have been completed ones are made. Much lighter and easier to move. June 1st Car Kerby. Ray Poole suggested only have hot dogs, to reduce costs and amount of work.

Social Committee: Cecil Foster – St Patrick’s Day party March 14 - \$10/person. Sign-up Sheet. Pot luck dessert

Membership Drive: Duncan Waddell – April 16th. New brochures handed out. Submit names to committee and a mailout will be sent to. Possibly soup and sandwiches catered. Past presidents will speak, Power point for different projects.

House & Reception: Peter Lonstrup – Will arrange lunch for Membership Drive.

Youth & Community: John Huston – no report

President’s Report: Tony Reid – February 8th meeting with Mario Bruni of Feb 10th Western Canada District meeting. New pull up banner for discussed. Request for everyone to submit any pictures suitable for pull-up banner.

50/50 - \$17.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09 pm. Next Meeting: Tues, February 20, 2024 – Business Meeting

Submitted by Shirley Scott, Secretary