**Date:** Tuesday, March 11, 2014

**Time:** 4:15 pm

**Location:** A.C.E. Office 765 Main Street, 2nd Floor Board Room

**Minutes**

**Present:** Rose Bird, Mary Van Eerd, Ko’ona Cochrane, Val Noseworthy, Colette Havens, Deborah Clark

**Regrets:**  Renee McGurry, April Waters,

1. **Call to Order:** The Meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm by Rose Bird.
2. **Adoption of Agenda:**

**Motion:**  To accept the Agenda as amended to include an update about the TRCM

**Moved By:** Ko’ona Cochrane

**Seconded by:** Mary Van Eerd

1. **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** To accept the Minutes as amended for typographical errors

**Moved By:** Ko’ona Cochrane

**Seconded by:** Mary Van Eerd

1. **Sharing Circle:** Thanks to everyone who was able to make it today.
2. **Executive Director’s Report**
3. The final figures for the Conference and Banquet.
4. I am currently working on the new budgets for both the organization and Conference and Banquet.
5. I am finishing the newsletter and am looking for input.
6. The website has been updated, post Event. I am working on making more regular updates to the social media accounts.
7. The February ED Report has been posted on the website.

**Motion:**  To accept the Executive Director’s Report as presented.

**Moved By:** Deborah Clark

**Seconded by:** Ko’ona Cochrane

1. **Financial Report**
   1. The Year to Date figures were presented. Mary is working with Deborah to develop a better reporting system to ensure the Board is more aware of what happens in the daily operation and of the organization and how to develop a stronger financial base to operate from.
   2. The 2014-2015 Operating Budget was presented and discussed.

**Motion:**  To accept the Financial report and Operating Budget.

**Moved By:** Mary Van Eerd

**Seconded by:** Collette Havens

1. **Conference Committee Report**
   1. Nominations/Awards Banquet
      1. Awards: The awards will probably be increasing in price by at least $20 each for next year
      2. Artwork: The artwork seemed to be less focused than in previous years. We need to look at the price we have set and perhaps be more specific in our requirements
   2. Workshops: The workshops were given very positive reviews by attendees. I need to get an online survey off to conference attendees
   3. Sponsorships: We didn’t have as much in sponsorships. We have to be assertive in looking for compatible organizations and businesses
   4. Next Year’s Dates: The 12th Conference and Banquet will be held February 11-12, 2015
   5. Conference Committee Changes: It would be prudent to have the Conference Committee reports and updates to be included with the regular meeting as we usually re-hash the meeting at the Board level and many of the Board members sit on the Committee as well. We would like Renee McGurry to remain as Conference Committee Chair. Rose will ask.
2. **Business Arising**
   1. The United way of Winnipeg Grant, 2014, has been applied for, at the request of the UWW.
3. **New Business**
   1. Office Rental: We have been approached to move to the Thunderbird House by Marie Bouchard of the Winnipeg Foundation. She hasn’t forwarded the specifics. The discussion will be tabled until there is more specific information available.
   2. Monthly Meeting Date Change: The dates (the Second Tuesday of the month during the school year) will remain the same as it is the one day we will be able to reach quorum with the entire Executive in attendance.
   3. Neighbourhoods Alive! Grant: We have applied for the Neighbourhoods Alive! Grant for Cultural Workshops. The details are available from the Office.
   4. Small Grants: There are two small grants that can be applied for to bolster the funds for the Cultural Workshops. The maximum for each is $5000. The grantors are Assiniboine Credit Union and the Central Neighbourhoods Development Corporation.

**Motion:**  To apply for the Assiniboine Credit Union Community Grant

**Moved By:** Ko’ona Cochrane

**Seconded by:** Mary Van Eerd

**Motion:**  To apply for the Central Neighbourhoods Development Small Grant

**Moved By:** Mary Van Eerd

**Seconded by:** Ko’ona Cochrane

* 1. **TRCM Update:** There are new kits for Grades 7-12. They are free. There is a 2-Day Workshops on the content.
  2. **AAA Update:** There will be changes to the AAA funding. There will be closer ties to academic achievement and to Grade 12 graduation rates.

1. **The Meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm.**