

MEETING MINUTES



Date: Sept 4, 2023

Time: 7:00 pm (Town Council Chambers)

Call to Order: Cindee Schlossberger called meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

- Claresholm and District FCSS Board of Directors
- General Meeting
- In attendance: Councilor Kandice Meister, Director Barbara Bell, Vanessa McKenzie, Delma Austin, Cindee Schlossberger
- Regrets: Councilor Kieth Carlson, Lisa Anderson, Councilor Earl Hemmaway

Adoption of Agenda: Kandice moved adoption of agenda with AIF

Approval of Previous Minutes: Delma moved the minutes. AIF

Correspondence: See FCSAA Newsletter (monthly). Jason Nixon is the new minister overseeing FCSS, replacing Jeremy Nixon after the election. Really good article highlighting the challenges of FCSS in Rural Communities.

New government agreement resulted in about an extra \$5000/year, backdated to April.

Gratitude email from FCSS Director Zak Morrison about a great experience he had with Starla and Kim when travelling through Claresholm with his family.

211 Referrals feedback – Rural areas seem to refer every issue to FCSS. FCSS doesn't use it much as they already know who to contact locally and nothing seems to be updated or listed for rural resources.

Barb and Starla went to Tim Horton's for Camp Day to volunteer.

Staff Reports: See staff reports included in the Board Package for Director, Outreach, Resource, Youth of Tomorrow, and Senior Services. Youth of Tomorrow took a break over the summer. Starla is doing great, going the extra mile for all the clients. Kim Berreth started in the Senior Services position and is working on the website as well. 400+ taxes filed this year. United for Literacy pop up reading tents were a success this summer. Housing issues

continue to come up. Had to cancel Summer Bash due to weather. One report of elder abuse. Tumbling Tots is going well with Kirsten Van Diesen running it. 44 Backpacks so far through the Kinettes program. Barb organized a meeting with new MLA Chelsae Petrovic with all the FCSS directors in the riding. Over 220 clients each month. 2 suspected child abuse cases were referred to Children's Services.

New Business:

Alberta Supports issues – the local office always sends everyone to FCSS for everything, Income Support is to be taken care of by Alberta Works. Had a meeting with Alberta Supports managers Denise Peori and Tracy Knoch to discuss how to address this moving forward.

RMA Report on Rural FCSS – 3 major issues: Insufficient funding, inaccessibility of AB provincial services (due to centralization) and changing/increasing social needs (COVID/inflation).

Starla is starting up Strengthen and Stretch/Chair Yoga at the Social Centre and will use that time to promote other FCSS programs as well.

Walking Group at the Community Centre for the winter months is starting up in October. Will cost \$500 through end of December 2023. Kim will be there for open and close. FCSS will try running it for one year and see how it goes.

Other Business:

Palliative Care training course – AB Hospice Palliative Care Association provides 10 modules of training for volunteers at no cost, FCSS will provide the space.

Youth of Tomorrow has seen a drop in participation, made the decision to pause over the summer. Barb will meet with Will to discuss the fall programming. Starla met with Denise and Jace from the Town of Claresholm regarding using the arena mezzanine once a week. "Junior Teen" (formerly Kids Korner) will be held at the arena as well.

Granum programs – had a great turn out for the summer programs (reading, art, outdoors, golf, and more).

Adjournment: Cindee moved to adjourn at 8:29 PM.

Next Meeting: Monday October 2nd, 2023, @ 7:00 PM.

Date

Signature

Chair Approval

Oct 2, 2023

Linda Schlotzky

Director Approval

Oct. 2 / 23

Barbara Bell

