**AGENDA**

Annual General Meeting

United Way Pembina Valley

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Present: Kim Nelson, Anna Wieler, Audrey Armstrong, Ashleigh Viveiros, Levi Taylor

Regrets: Liz Reimer, Matthew Franklin, Nichole Hiebert

1. Meeting Called to Order: Levi called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
2. Approval of 2022 AGM minutes: Ashleigh moved they be accepted, Anna seconded. Carried*.*
3. Report from Board President: Levi presented the report on behalf of Chris (see below).
4. Financial Statements: Anna presented the financial statements (see attached) and moved they be accepted as read. Audrey seconded. Carried.
5. Appointment of Auditors for 2023/2024: Anna moved we appoint GTP as our auditors for this coming year. Kim seconded. Carried.
6. Adjournment: Levi adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The second year of United Way Pembina Valley has been one of success as we continued to build awareness of the organization, who we are and what we do.

The year was spent working on our vision of contributing to creating a thriving community where everyone can realize their potential. We combine that vision with our mission to improve lives & build community by engaging individuals and mobilizing collective action. Looking forward, the United Way Pembina Valley board is looking to expand and enhance the work we do with respect to advocate for inclusion, cultivate community partnerships and continue to invest 100% of our donations into local programs that work to reduce poverty and promote belonging.

While the pandemic may have passed, the after effects are still felt with rising food costs, housing availability and affordability, and more families living near the poverty margin. The health, social, and economic impacts of the pandemic have only further amplified the challenges experienced by local non-profit organizations. As a community, our challenges are significant and, at times, they can feel daunting and discouraging. Thank you to our United Way supporters who continue to be there as they care about investing their time and money to make our communities better.

As board we reflect on our organization's values as they guide us and encourage us to continue our work as the United Way Pembina Valley.

**Community ….**through relationships, community engagement, inclusion and empowerment.

**Integrity and accountability…**We deeply value the trust that the community has placed in us, and we work tirelessly to ensure that this trust will always be well founded.  Through visionary leadership, passion and commitment to excellence.

**Diversity and inclusiveness …**While reflecting the community we serve, we embrace different abilities, perspectives and experiences, and we are committed to the promotion of equity—welcoming, celebrating and valuing the contributions of all

**Excellence and innovation….**Devoted to excellence and innovation, we strive to go beyond expectations, always seeking new and better ways to achieve our shared goals.  Effective stewardship, fiscal prudence, self-assessment and transparency.

***Courage***… Through inquisitive exploration, innovation, and risk-taking.

We have an amazing group of member agencies that offer critical programming to residents of Morden, Winkler, and surrounding area promoting the values of equity and inclusion at every turn. They have responded to significant increases in the need for services while also doing more, pivoting quickly to address the most critical needs as we adjusted to a post pandemic world.

Community engagement activities for United Way Pembina Valley included the Koats for Kids program. We are thankful for our partnerships with Morden and Winkler fire departments; Central Station and 500 Stephen. The demand for winter clothing was much higher than previous years and again shows the financial strain on so many families in the area. We were also able to partner with the Winkler Senior Centre for a successful kickoff and a few other businesses for fundraising and awareness days during the fall campaign.

In addition to this, we were able to provide a free Skate with Santa activity in both communities for all to enjoy. Partnering with the PV Hawks and Winkler Flyers made this was a great opportunity to engage with local youth and families.

United Way Pembina Valley was able to distribute $102,500 to 19 member agencies through the funds raised during 2022. The funding from our donors provided stability when agencies were experiencing so much uncertainty and many pressures. While some donors were understandably unable to give this year, others gave more, and new donors came on board. We are also thankful for the businesses that partner with us through payroll deduction programs.

This year we were also able to invest $7,500 in local youth by providing three scholarships and six bursaries for the Winkler and Morden high school graduates.

To my fellow board members, thank you for your commitment and dedication to United Way Pembina Valley. I reflect at how lucky we are that in the most challenging times, our cities came together, building community and hope.

On that foundation, we will emerge stronger, more resilient, and kinder communities.

And together, we will build a truly inclusive organization.

Sincerely,

Levi Taylor

Vice -President