

## **AGM 204 MINUTES**

United Way Pembina Valley 2023-2024 Annual General Meeting Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Present: Kim Nelson, Anna Wieler, Audrey Armstrong, Ashleigh Viveiros, Nichole Hiebert. Guests/prospective board members: Julie Douma, Cathy Sandercock

Regrets: Levi Taylor

- 1. Call Meeting to Order: Nichole called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
- Approval of 2022-2023 AGM minutes (below): Ashleigh moved/Anna seconded/Carried.
- 3. Report from Board President: Levi's report was read by Nichole.
- 4. Change to bylaws re: term limits
  - a. The board has decided to adjust the term limit language in our bylaws.

Point 5 (a) of the bylaws will now read:

Board members shall be elected each year at the annual meeting of the members to serve for terms of two to three years each and until their successors have been elected. It is recommended that a term be no more than a consecutive six years. However, extensions can be approved by the board as needed.

Kim moved/Nicole seconded/Carried.

- 5. Financial Statements: Anna presented the financial statements and moved they be accepted as read. Audrey seconded. Carried.
- 6. Appointment of Auditors for 2024/2025: Anna suggested we continue with GTP. Nichole moved/Anna seconded/Carried.
- 7. Nominations to the board



- a. Audrey nominated Cathy Sandercock, of Morden, as a new board member. Cathy accepted the nomination. All were in favour. Carried
- b. Kim nominated Julie Douma, of Carman, as a new board member. Julie accepted the nomination. All were in favour. Carried.
- 8. Adjournment: Nichole adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.



## **AGM 2023 MINUTES**

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
- 4. Financial Statements: Anna presented the financial statements 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 United Way Pembina Valley had its most success year since the amalgamation of Morden and Winkler! At the start of the year, the Board set a lofty goal of raising \$150,000.00. Through generous donations from the community, we were able to achieve that goal!

Thirty-one (31) local non-profits benefited from the \$142,500.00 distributed by the United Way Pembina Valley this year. We also distributed an additional \$7,500.00 in scholarships and bursaries to the graduates of Garden Valley Collegiate, Northlands Parkway Collegiate, and Morden Collegiate.

We are beyond grateful for the generous donations from individuals and businesses alike. Those donations help the United Way provide stability to existing programs, create new and innovate programs within the community, and contribute to the overall health of our community. Thank you to all the businesses that partner with us through the payroll deduction programs.

As board we reflect on our organizations 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.

Our vision is to create 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's Board is looking to expand and enhance the work we do. We will continue 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.

Rising food costs, changes in housing availability, and other economic impacts are forcing more and more families into poverty. As a result, local non-profits are experiencing a surge in use. For individuals within our community, these challenges are significant, and at times they can feel daunting and discouraging. The United Way is proud to be a part of the solution. We thank all our supporters who continue to be there, investing their time and money to make our communities better.



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 continues to increase year over year. It further demonstrates the financial strain on so many families in the area.

To my fellow board members: Thank you for your commitment and dedication to United Way Pembina Valley. I am extremely fortunate to be surrounded by such a hardworking and dedicated group. Your commitment to building our community is inspiring and truly appreciated. Together, we will continue to build a truly inclusive organization.

Sincerely,

Levi Taylor, President