

CHRISTIAN SENIOR CITIZENS HOMES SOCIETY OF NORTHERN ALBERTA

Minutes of Board Meeting, October 6, 2021

Roll Call: Present: Andrew Yskes, Anko Buwalda, Bert Kamphuis, Peter Jonkman, Tony Vandermeer, Hilda VanVeen-Gritter, Margaret Verboon, Coby Benoit, Allan Brennan, Darren Sinke, Henry Baker, Laura Pothoven. Regrets: none.

1. *Opening:* Peter welcomed everyone. Andrew opened the meeting with reading from Romans 13 and 14 and prayer.
2. Roll Call
3. *Additions to the Agenda:* a. Committee mandates and terms of reference.
b. Vaccine mandate.
c. Cornerstone URC Church letter.
4. *Minutes of September 8, 2021 Board Meeting* were reviewed as circulated. **Motion carried:** to accept the minutes of the September 8, 2021 meeting.
5. *Business Arising from Previous meetings/Unfinished Business:*
 - a. Letter of response was sent to Sonja Zuchotzki and Susan Bontkes by the Board Executive.
6. *Chief Executive Officer's Report:* Darren presented his report. Report available in Board documents on the Portal.

Darren informed the Board of the resident survey, the results and gave a general overview of the responses.

The Board was updated on the Chaplaincy progress, the candidates, and the plans for funding this initiative.

Darren updated the Board on the west end site development permit approval, as well as a general rough timeline for project.

7. *Treasurer's Report:* The terms of reference and the mandate for the Finance committee were presented to the Board. **Motion carried:** to accept the terms of reference and mandate as presented.

The Board discussed what the committee would need monthly from the Director of Finance. Henry provided the Board with a general update and overview of the finances. The finance committee's last meeting was discussions on the upcoming budget, evergreening, and the impacts of the Covid situation.

8. *Strategic Growth and Development Committee:* The terms of reference and the mandate for the Strategic Growth and Development committee were presented to the Board. **Motion carried:** to accept the terms of reference and mandate as presented.
Coby Benoit is the Board chair for this committee. The bulk of the meeting was reviewing the mandate and terms of reference.

9. *New Business:* The Board discussed at length the covid vaccine mandate and the impacts on all those who live and work at Emmanuel Home. This requirement is from AHS to all contracted sites, which includes Emmanuel Home. It was noted that there appears to be some unknowns surrounding what

is approved as exceptions. Darren will continue to attend information sessions and industry wide meetings regarding this mandate. The Board discussed potential liabilities and the implications of this. The Board decided to consult legal help in the communication going forward. The response to the Cornerstone URC letter will be forth coming.

Motion carried: To support the CEO in following the AHS guidelines for implementation of the covid vaccination mandate required for all staff, volunteers, and contractors.

Motion carried: To refer the response to the Cornerstone URC letter to the Executive Committee.

10. Correspondence:

- a. Letter from Cornerstone United Reformed Church of Edmonton: to be addressed by the Executive committee.

11. Round Table:

Andrew requested prayers for those facing job losses.

Pan expressed thanks and compassion for the diverse perspectives. She also mentioned that the government was well meaning in these directives and as citizens we are showing love to our neighbour by participating in this.

Darren encouraged integrity, support, and love in our conversations and tone surrounding these issues, and cautioned assumptions that are not fair.

Anko celebrated with his wife Trincy, their 50th wedding anniversary this past summer, this was when restrictions were not required. They had a wonderful time with family and friends. Darren mentioned that Meagan and he are celebrating their 9th anniversary today.

Hilda's mother-in-law continues to decline, however they had very nice weather while visiting Holland.

Coby is working the municipal election, which will be a long 13.5-hour day.

Alan is feeling fine so far, although his next treatment starts again on Monday. It seems to be a routine cycle of not feeling well, to a little better, and then not feeling well. He acknowledges that his ambitions are needing to be modified due to this.

Peter looks forward to some future travelling to see his sister who is not doing well, but to also watch his son's marathon, and then to Florida.

12. Closing: Coby Benoit closed in prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

13. In Camera

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY, November 3, 2021, AT 7:30 PM