Whispers of Hope
AGM @ RDKB Conference Room
Wednesday June 26/2024

Attendance: Cheryl Smith, Dennis Smith, Niki Best, Susan Fisher, Melissa Shulga, Debbie Pownall, Tammy Battersby, Christie Wheaton

Regrets: Louise Heck

Call to order @ 6:05pm

1. Melissa welcomed everyone and read our mission statement
2. Housekeeping
3. Approval of agenda - N/A - verbal introduction of guests
4. Reading of last year's AGM minutes on May 31st 2023 - N/A at this time
5. Financial Report - Christie Wheaton provided the financial reports for the year 2023
6. Coordinators Report - A year in Review of 2023 presentation was provided, and is available on our website.
7. Guest Speakers:
   - Debbie Pownall, Community Integration Specialist from the Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction - introduced her role and examples of services she provides. She reiterates the importance of working with community partner such as ours, to better reach clients in a safe and welcoming environment
   - Tammy Battersby, Social Enterprises Coordinator with Boundary Community Ventures - shared the changes to her role and program, as we have been partners throughout several shifts in the program. They still operate out of the Gospel Chapel commercial kitchen. Reiterate that they need places for the recovered food to go as much as we need the recovered food to subsidize our rising food costs. It's an excellent relationship that provides more nutrition to the community while also reducing our carbon footprint.
8. Next year's AGM will be in June 2024 - Adjournment at 7pm