Whispers of Hope
AGM June 25, 2025
At RDKB Board Room Grand Forks BC

Meeting called to order by Board Chair Cheryl Smith at 5:45

Attendees:
Cheryl Smith, Louise Heck, Melissa Shulga, Larissa Liedl, Susan Fisher, Christie Wheaton and Martin O'Brian

Regrets: Dennis Smith

Chair; Cheryl Smith welcomed attendees and thanked staff, board members and volunteers for their work throughout the year.

Minutes from 2024 AGM were not available.

Coordinator, Melissa Shulga presented an overview of the previous year (2024)

- There was a slight decrease in meals served from previous year however meals to seniors increased to 40% of total meals. 4% of meals went to children.
- Thrift store income was $114,000, down 16% from previous year. Free items offered at the store were $7,651, down slightly.
- Whispers entered a tree in the Festival of Trees which received positive feedback.
- Whispers networks and cooperates with other community groups and charities including Boundary Family Centre, Anchors, Boundary Mental Health Services, Food Recovery program, and Soap for Hope.
- Some anticipated events for 2025 included Christmas in July and Coldest Night of the Year.

Christie Wheaton (bookkeeper) gave our financial report; an overview of our 2024 calendar year. The report highlighted our rising cost and declining store revenue.
Revenue for 2024: $194,737
Expenses for 2424: $201,823
Resulting in a net loss of $$7,285
Christie advised that unless we raise more funds, this is not sustainable.
Full details in the report to be attached.

Election of Board members:
Cheryl Smith, Louise Heck, Susan Fisher and Dennis Smith to remain on board by acclamation.
Larissa Liedl nominated, approved by acclamation
Alana Mcnabb has agreed to allow her name to stand however unable to attend our AGM and will be appointed at our next regular meeting as per our bylaws.

Discussion around fundraising, membership, public profile, bank signing and sustainability followed.

Adjourned at 7:15