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*"Freely you have received...
freely give"*

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FROM THE CHAIR

Randy Gunnink

June is always a busy time of the year with school and other various activities winding down for the summer months. Our Cornerstone fiscal year-end date forces us to report to membership in the month of June so we are grateful that the Cornerstone members also set aside an evening for the AGM.

At the AGM there was a question about PHIA and we wanted to address it as a lot of people at the meeting had not heard of PHIA before. PHIA is the Personal Health Information Act. It is legislation governing how someone's personal health information is gathered and maintained. As an agency we are required to keep confidential all the information about our clients. Many of you have probably heard us speak about confidentiality in the past. It is important that the information we gather in the support of our clients is kept private and confidential. It is the responsibility of the entire organization to respect and maintain confidentiality. As an organization we are bound under PHIA in terms of how we maintain our files, share information, and store information. Our staff are expected to follow the agency's policies around client information.

Our staff also abide by our Confidentiality Policy which all staff sign at their hiring. This confidentiality agreement is often reviewed either formally or informally with staff, usually at staff meetings, on a monthly basis. It is not always easy for our staff to not speak about the work that they do especially in our close Christian community. We are often asked questions by church members, family and friends about our clients or the work we do from day to day. However, we are not allowed to share this information with you and there can be serious consequences including fines for both the person and the agency if confidentiality is breached. We ask that the community also be respectful of the confidentiality which we must abide by and support us in the responsibility of maintaining the confidentiality of all of the people we support.

There was also a question at the annual meeting regarding ongoing efforts to increase the membership. Though we indicated that there was no formal effort being made to increase membership, we do have lots of donators who choose not to be members for various reasons. Currently our membership list is at 114 while we have about 60 regular donators. We would encourage you as members to also speak to others to encourage them to financially support the work of Cornerstone.

We could also see a small change in who sits around the board room table. Earl Van Assen joins us, taking the place of Luke Vandenberg. Earl introduces himself as:

" a member of Carman West church, married and have six children. I work with animals mostly, but have some familiarity with people. I hope I can be a helpful member to the Cornerstone Board during my term."

We can also welcome back to the table Karen Nobel who has agreed to stay on for another term. Welcome Earl and welcome back Karen. The board would like to thank outgoing board member Luke Vandenberg for his term on the board. Thank you for all your efforts as vice chairman, also for capably filling in when the chairman was not able to.

We wish everyone a blessed and safe summer as many of us will take holidays. Cornerstone's doors remain open during the summer months. Please continue to pray for the clients we can support, for the staff, for the management and for the organization as a whole.

DONATE ONLINE

PayPal account
not required!



FUNDRAISING NOTES

Earl Van Assen

To date there is no official Fundraising Committee as of yet. There may be in the future. We have relied on a few strong individuals for volunteer support and for the golf and hockey tournaments thus far.

We can note with thankfulness that Ralph and his Popcan Factory continues to faithfully raise funds by recycling various metals. Over the years Ralph has raised well into the six figure mark. Thank you Ralph!

2017 GOLF TOURNAMENT

The golf tournament is set for September 9, 2017 at the Carman Golf Course. There will be a silent auction at 11 AM which will end by 11:45. All the tournament entry fees should be prepaid.

The new tournament fee will be \$125, still much lower than most tournaments (\$200-400). There will be a dinner included with the tournament as per usual.

Information for entering a team, fees and who to contact, will be put in church mail boxes shortly.

Thank you for all your support of this annual tournament, for a very worthwhile cause.

PARTNERS & PALS – SUMMER CAMP – AUGUST 7-11

We have 8 excited children and their friends waiting for August 7 to arrive but we still need some more FEMALE adult counselors to help supervise them. If you can attend for 24 hours or more, we would love to hear from you! We can't run this event without adult support.

Please contact partnersandpals@gmail.com for more information or speak to one of the following: *Annie Dewitt (Redeemer), Stephanie Dewitt (Redeemer), Heather Shpak (Grace), Marcy Vandenbos (Carman-West), Tyson Kamminga (Cornerstone liaison).*

FUNDING

We could note with thankfulness that we have sufficient funds to run our various programs. Much of this funding comes from the government. As you know there has been a change of the guard from NDP to a Conservative government. The Conservatives have a clear intention to reduce/eliminate the provincial deficit. Many departments have seen the effects of this and Cornerstone is no exception. There have been indications that there will be funding cuts to our organization as well, to what extent we do not know yet. We should have further information by the end of the year.



510 OAKVIEW WISH LIST

INDOOR

- twin bed frame & mattress
- twin size bed sheets
- step stool (2-3 steps)
- sturdy drying rack
- large bulletin board
- TV

OUTDOOR

- outdoor broom
- shovel
- gardening tools
- ladder (small)
- garden hose
- watering can