

Meeting Minutes March 13, 2018
Matawatchan Community Memorial Centre
Location: Matawatchan Hall
Meeting Start time: 6:45 pm
Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 pm
Next Meeting Date and Time: May 8, 6:30

Board Members in Attendance: Lois Thomson, Mark Thomson, Tracy Hunchak, Mark Tomlin, Gitte Chess, Alyson Copeland
Regrets: Nancy Reid, John Reid, Wendy MacFarlane, Bill Graham, Ken Birkett, Peter Chess, Brian DesLodges

Motion to accept minutes from March 13 meeting
Passed: Unanimously

Motion to accept Treasurer's report
Passed: Unanimously

St. Patrick's Pub Night netted \$1785, which is a record for a single event. Our thoughts on reasons for success include:

- St. Patrick's day was on the Saturday.
- Early start with food, 5pm to midnight
- Live Music, Pickled Chickens draw in a loyal crowd from Denigh & Cloyne, Tall Boyz draw in their own crowd.
- Publicity done well in advance, with mailed out posters and posters shared on Facebook, matawatchan.ca, and GM Township events page make a difference
- Bottom line was helped by donation of sausages, milk and cream from the Griffith General Store.

Lois to talk to Ernie about making up calligraphy that we will frame in appreciation of all of our loyal and generous businesses.

Pancake Brunch was a success. A bag of pancake mix and half a box of sausages are in the deep freezer.

Weights area – closet will be removed to make room for the elliptical trainer. Workout mats to be stored above it.

There was a lot of excited discussion about the Festival of Small Halls logistics, but we will have to wait until we know when it will happen before we can make it happen. The plan is to include the Church and the two Griffith restaurants in the planning once we know.

The Plant Market is close to being fully booked, with some new vendors and the NU 2 U. Poster has been done. Lois, Joanne, and Wendy are in the kitchen for the lunch. Kathy Flagler is doing coffee and tea. Lois, Joanne, Gitte, and possibly Helene (Lois will ask her or find someone else to help) will do sandwiches. Mark will do a mushroom, potato, leek soup. Tracy will do a sausage and bean soup.

Peter Fischer gave us a quote of \$18,600 (\$21,018 including tax) to replace the entire roof with 26 gauge coloured steel. This includes labour, but he is willing to work with volunteers if we need it. Lois has asked him for a quote for material only and will see if we can get a large donation or other funding to help with this. Mark Thomson has offered to lend the Hall money to cover the balance at cost if need be. We will have to wait for figures before we can make decisions on it, but it has to be done this year. The leaks are getting worse.

It was agreed that we would gradually replace most of the heavy stackable chairs with smaller padded folding chairs over the next few years to help with storage issues. We can sell the other chairs as we go along.

Old wooden tables are an asset to the hall, but many of them need new hardware. The plan is to use the hardware from the heavy, shorter, brown tables to repair the older tables.

Fly strips on the windows are working well. Bill Graham bought two packs and used one of them so far.

We have a new policy to apply bleach to the kitchen faucets before every event, at least from time to time. We get a perfect water rating when we bleach the faucets, but without it there we have problems, so it's a good thing to do. Mark Tomlin said he think Bill has been shocking the well, once or twice a year too.

Reminder that Sunday, April 22 is a private booking. Tracy will make sure supplies and bathrooms are ready. Lois will make sure the kitchen is ready.

Motion to adjourn 7:45, Next meeting Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 6:30