

Morris & Area Foundation Incorporated  
Organization Meeting  
July 30, 2008  
Santa Lucia

In Attendance: Bruce Gregory, Egon Grossman, , Ernie Buhler, Midge Anderson  
Absent: Jeff Samson

There was discussion on being part of the Red River Valley Health Foundation - which is already an established charitable foundation in Morris. Items discussed were:

- Their area still includes Emerson,
- Their mandate has recently been changed to community wellness
- Concern was that the name would not reflect the proposed mandate of the 'Morris & Area Foundation
- Concern was also that the hospital fund would be lost in the process.
- May be more difficult to raise funds

**Everyone in attendance was in agreement that it would be better to proceed with establishing our own foundation.**

**Everyone in attendance also agreed that the boundaries of the Town of Morris and the Rural Municipality of Morris would be the parameters of the Morris & Area foundation.**

Midge advised that bylaws and a statement of activities must be in place before we can apply for registration of a charitable public foundation.

Bruce Gregory circulated sample bylaws. He advised that the main item right now is to determine how the board will be set up & who will ultimately be responsible for the foundation.

The committee proposed that the board have seven members with each municipality appointing two members. The balance of the members to be appointed by the board.

Midge to send letter to each municipality with our proposals and a request for ratification by resolution.

Ernie volunteered to prepare statement of activities for the committees to review.

Bruce volunteered to prepare bylaws for the committee to review.

Ernie reported that the Thomas Sill Foundation was not giving matching grants anymore.

Next meeting to be called by Bruce.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.