

CPF – Portage la Prairie Chapter  
Meeting Minutes  
7:00pm January 13, 2014

**Attendance:** Kristin Zwarich, Rhonda McCutcheon, Carolyn Staples, Helen Dreger, Trish Bott, Marie Patenaude, Diane Wing, Mike Mauws, Helen Hoggarth , Paulette Dupuis

Meeting Start: 7:00pm

**Welcome of Special Guests:** - Paulette Vielfaure Dupuis, Vice President of CPF Manitoba

- Mike Mauws- Assistant Superintendent PPSD#24
- Helen Hoggarth-School Board Trustee

**Welcome-** Review of Minutes of Last Meeting/Adoption of Minutes

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. . Financial Report** – Year start Balance \$3508.20 ////no changes –cheque from CPF Manitoba-\$438.00
- 2. Incentive Fund**-\$250, was used toward the Santa Claus Parade Float
- 3. Santa Claus Parade**- we had a waiting list of students who wanted to participate in the parade/ Great success/cold evening/started at Co-op
  - Draw for 3 inflatables-3 kids got them-Candy canes handed out
  - 25/30 students came out to decorate the float
  - High School Students came to help through Rob Gamache(6 PCI students volunteered)
  - great support mechanism-led the students in activities in French with skill and ease
  - we have a great working relationship with PCI

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Powerpoint Presentation** created and presented by Rhonda about Portage CPF, and our contributions to the Promotion of French Language acquisition.

**Guest Speaker-Paulette Vielfaure Dupois Vice President of CPF Manitoba**

- Great partnering with High School/these skills are used within the community/ peer tutoring
  - Portage is a big blip on their radar/ Portage is exemplary/in regards to being out in the community
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  - You are the best chapter—Congratulations...you need to give yourselves a pat on the back
  - There is a 25% increase in membership in Manitoba
- CPF- presents Certificates of Merit
- we support parents who want to present to school boards
  - CPF's mandate is not to question school boards

- will speak to Minister of Education on behalf of parents
  - have 8000 promotional items- feel free to ask us for them for activities/giveaways
  - new Basic French curriculum coming out/-it needs to be mandated for all to take French
  - we are Bilingual/we need to learn both languages
- New French Communication and Culture-New Curriculum coming out/ being piloted right now
- Helen School Trustee**- impressed with accomplishments
- make sure to advertise and put blurbs in the Newsletter
  - commented we had 12 reasons to stay in French-cards handed out to parents at the Santa Parade
  - Basic French needs to be included, and we are doing that
  - French Immersion-Is a Program/-Basic French-Is a Subject
- We must make sure we are handing out information to all parents
- Feb.11-Hot Dog Day fundraiser**—we need volunteers for the am
- Feb.22-Trip to Festival du Voyageur/** Festival runs from February 14-23
- approximately 42 seats available/first come basis
- Bus paid for by CPF Portage-Jon Zacharias
- will use \$500 from chapter money to help pay for the bus voted and seconded =---passed
  - Festival 10% off for groups
  - Cost then-13.50adults—7.20 for kids/- this is tentative based on interest/all agree
  - Rhonda will create a letter
  - we will raise our Grad Bursary
  - will go earlier in the day because evening is more adult oriented
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Café-Grade 5-8/** invite CPF Manitoba to Café in March-
- Irish Theme-St. Patrick's Day/ Green Theme-Irish Food
- Camp Soleil-July 14-18 approved**
- We may get a second week, need parent volunteers to help run
- French Immersion Parent Information night January 29 6:30 pm
- Laura Hordeski /Marie presenting
- get students to take Grade 9/High School/University
- February 5 K-Registration-** CPF set up a booth/ Starts at 8:30
- Gift baskets/draw box/ free membership/ Ask questions etc. show slide show
- we have 40 current members