

**LIFELINE FOUNDATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**June 30th, 2024**  
**Pole Barn, Midnight Sky**

1. **Welcome and Announcements** - Matthew Hawkens, Chair.
  - Matthew welcomed everyone to the AGM, and introduced us as the Gift Of Wealth foundation acting as Lifeline. He highlighted our success with the AGM and spoke about the purpose of Lifeline: being with John is important to us, and we are here to make that happen. He also thanked the donors.
  
2. **Call to Order and confirmation of quorum**

Our quorum for the AGM is 25% of our membership, which translates into 33 people. We have that here. Karen confirmed this and Matthew called the AGM to order.
  
3. **Meeting Protocol**
  - All aspects of the AGM are legally required, such as movers and seconders. People can oppose any of our motions before they are carried.
  
4. **Business Meeting**
  - Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes – As there were no concerns brought forward, it was moved by Tina and seconded by Ulrich to accept the 2023 minutes as submitted. None were opposed and the motion was carried.
  
5. Chair's Report – Matthew Hawkens
  - Matthew showcased the current board as a stable, committed group of talented people, and welcomed Christy as a new board member. Matthew is the president, Praveeta vice president, Karen treasurer, Carl head of the financial support team, Marina communications specialist, Dora secretary, and Dorothea, Christy and Markus active board members without fixed roles.
  - Approval of limiting the number of directors to 9 for the next year: Move to set the number of directors as a maximum of nine for the next year. Moved by Isabelle. Seconded by Adair. None opposed. Motion carried.
  - Approval of president's report: Move to approve President's Report. Moved by Rosemarie. Seconded by Patricia. None opposed. The Motion was carried.
  - Approval of Financial Report and Appointment of Auditors - A move to approve Treasurer's Report and to appoint the Audit team of Christine Dimler and Tim Rose for the 2024 fiscal year. Moved by Gabriella and seconded by Ans. None were opposed and the motion was carried.
  
6. Financial Report- Karen Webb, Treasurer.
  - Karen acknowledged and thanked our 53 regular donors, as well as various fundraising efforts throughout the past year.

- We had a small loss of \$3300 at the end of the year, but we are still in a good position to provide for the future. In 2023 we provided:
    - Meetings - \$13,200 (works out to 528 meetings (counting Sundays as 2 meetings))
    - Seminars - \$13,420 (37% seminar meetings)
    - Other - \$1370 (financial support)
    - We helped 60 people come to Weekend meetings and Seminars at Midnight Sky.
    - We helped 55 people in attending the one-day Intensives. Total cost of \$4970.
    - We supported 2 community members who required short-term help. Examples include helping individuals dealing with extreme financial difficulties, medical emergencies, and immediate housing issues.
  - Approval of Financial Report.
  - A move to approve the financial report. Janice moved, Enriqua seconded. None opposed. Motion carried.
7. Resource Team Report – Praveeta
- Praveeta highlighted the practical support the resource team provides to the community members in a variety of areas, at different lengths, in many ways, such as through direct, personal support or through help with finding resources within and outside of the community.
  - Main areas in which we helped last year: Life-transitions, immigration, housing issues, health issues, elderly care, money management, finding employment and finding the right employment.
  - Approval of Resource Team Report
  - Move to approve Resource Team report. Moved by Lauren, seconded by Hedwig. None were opposed and the motion was carried.
8. Financial Support Team Report- Carl
- Carl is the first point of contact when people ask for support; he receives the applications and works with Karen, Praveeta and Matthew to process them.
  - It is a busy job but it has been very rewarding work.
  - Approval of Financial Support Team Report - Move to approve Financial Support Team Report. Moved by Eileen. Seconded by Willow. None were opposed and the motion was carried.
9. Outreach Support Team Report – Marina
- Markus has joined the outreach team.
  - The team is responsible for the digital marketing for Lifeline.
  - Lots of resources can be found on our website which is live again.
  - We are looking for help with blogging: if anyone likes to write about topics to do with finances, please reach out to Marina.
  - Approval of Outreach Support Team Report - Move to approve Outreach Team Report. Moved by Mauve. Seconded by Eva. None were opposed and the motion was carried.

Open Mic

**Acknowledgement:** Praveeta acknowledges Gabriele's fundraising efforts.

**Question** Isabelle: why do we have so much in our savings account?

- A few years ago, we were spending all that came in. At the beginning of Covid, we began accumulating due to government support for individuals. At the end of Covid, we had saved almost \$50,000. That's when the board decided to get the GIC account. We did that in 2021, and made \$3000 of interest.
- Every year we've had a small loss. None of us know the future. For now we're just earning money.
- It's only in a 100-day gic, which means we can take some out every 100 days.
- We're not getting any younger.
- We have had and continue to have discussions whether it's best to use it all up. The donations are getting less. People who need donations are getting more. The money sitting there is in our vision and we consider it regularly.
- Note by Karen: more and more people live on a fixed income.

**Question** Zaba: Could you say something about last resort support and the principle by which gifting is made?

**Answer** Praveeta: We are here to support people in moving forward and not to maintain a lifestyle which does not maintain them. When somebody gets to a point of needing a loan, when we decide whether to give the loan, it includes a meeting with them to look at: how did you get there? Is there something that can change? (e.g., unwise financial choices, lifestyle choices). We try to do both: find out what is the underlying issue, then help the situation. We have a quite detailed questionnaire, and we follow up with that. We have a very strict policy about traveling.

**Question:** How can I become a monthly donor?

- Contact [info@lifelineedmonton.com](mailto:info@lifelineedmonton.com)
- The board noted that it is a good idea to have forms and an email address for e-transfer handy at the AGMs, market tables and other events.

**Question** Willow: What is the purpose of the funds? More specifically, will you be helping out somebody to go to all of the meetings even if that's not wise financially?

**Response:** We only give a maximum of 50% of meetings.

**Question** Willow: What if there is someone who doesn't ask for support, but would be eligible?

**Response:** A few scenarios: You can just ask us and see. Sometimes we approach people who we feel need support but don't ask. But we really encourage everyone who feels they need support to ask.

**Suggestions:**

1. It would be good to set something up as an automatic reminder to people that Lifeline exists.
2. Open a Telegram group for fundraising, have it open one month before the summer seminar and one month after. Keep it juicy. People from abroad can have access.
3. Personalize a story of sb who needs support (like a go-fund-me)
  - **Answer:** we don't do that because we are so small, it is easy to recognize who it is
  - It is possible to send money to Karen and she sends it on to a specific person
4. Request for accountability, knowing where the money really goes

5. Preference to donate directly to sb.

**4. Adjournment** – Matthew thanks the donors and all the attendants. The meeting was adjourned at 4:46 pm.