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Brandon Kiwanis Club Bulletin

Meeting of Feb 23rd

Dwayne Dyck was our speaker. He is the chairman of the Community Advisory Board and also of Westman Youth for Christ. The advisory board seems to be a coordination of agencies involved in dealing with vulnerable people of all ages as well as youth. The Advisory Board is apparently involved in distributing some federal funding that has been allocated to the Brandon area. Major issues, among others, include housing for the homeless and affordable housing, a problem that is complicated by the COVID situation. With the housing projects they are focusing on reducing the number of people they must turn away because of insufficient housing being available.

Family breakdown often leads to youth homelessness so there are so many aspects of the problem that must be addressed.

Playground project update:

Reg put up the budget breakdown for the project and Hamid went through items to explain. The bottom line was about \$325,000 but that assumed full costing. With reductions from some suppliers and labour input from some of our members and from community people (like WestBran) that can come down. With the funding from the City and our own contribution as a club half the cash funding (roughly) is in place and there are a number of grant requests being made including to the Kiwanis Foundation.

Frank talked about the proposed timeline. Maybe, when COVID is reduced to a whimper the playground will be in place.

Meeting of March 9th

Our speaker was Roland Sabourin, Lt. Governor of the Western Canada District with Mike Owen in Zoom attendance. We continue to have fairly good attendance at the Zoom meetings with 16 to 20 members typically on line for our meetings.

Roland reflected on a year of COVID19 challenges. He spoke of clubs meeting, as we do, by Zoom and some of the approaches to virtual meetings. Some clubs, for example have held special sorts of meetings where they have a virtual wine or beer tasting lead by the speaker (I guess they must each have to finish their bottle). It was a wide ranging review covering different adaptations to fundraising etc. He did comment that we should get a bit of a rebate on fees since the District has spent less on travel and meeting costs this year.

What's happening at Kiwanis (meeting alternate Tuesdays at 12:00PM by Zoom)

- 1) Mar 23rd Business Mtg**
- 2) April 13 Speaker Christy Henry, Brandon U Archivist**
- 3) April 27th Business meeting**

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