

**SHERWOOD PARK / STRATHCONA COUNTY
SENIORS UNITED NOW
MEETING MINUTES**

Date:

January 21, 2014

Present: 63 signed-in – 73 head count

General / Chapter

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
1. Welcome to Members & Guests - Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order @ 1:34 P.M. Our Provincial Board members were introduced: Denis, Linda, Doug, John, Ed and Mary. 	Chair- Martha
2. Today's Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Agenda was approved as circulated. 	Moved by Lillian Seconded by Gwen CARRIED
3. Minutes of the previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of November 19th, 2013 were approved as circulated. 	Moved by Martha
4. Reports		
4.1 Publicity Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today's SUN meeting notice was e-mailed to nine Churches within our Community. A Q&A revealed two persons having seen our posters. We're hoping to increase awareness of our organization. More research will be done to acquire additional web sites to send our meeting notices (posters) to. 	Carmen
4.2 Chapter Appreciation Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob was presented with an appreciation award on behalf of our Chapter for his extraordinary efforts toward his presentation of the available Strathcona County Transit services & programs at our November 19th meeting. 	Martha
5. Provincial Board Reports		
5.1 SUN Membership Committee Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A report was provided, outlining the importance of retaining & attracting new members to our organization. The first West End SUN meeting of January 21st appeared to be a huge success. 	Director, Denis

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A change to the caption under our SUN logo will now read “The Voice of Seniors in Alberta” The word “of” will emphasize a clearer involvement to the Seniors in Alberta. 	
5.2 Volunteer Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A volunteer was requested to search the Edmonton Journal obituaries, to ensure that our membership list is kept up-to-date. • Our organization also requires assistance with our Web site & our phoning committee. 	Mary
6. YOUR VOICE COUNTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone who is willing to assist an Ardrossan lady with forming a committee to address the Mobility Bus schedule in that area is asked to contact us for her information. 	Martha
6.1 Other concerns from the floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question: why SUN was not mentioned/represented at last weekend’s Public Interest Alberta demonstration @ Minister Horne’s constituency office regarding PharmaCare & their proposed changes to our current drug plans. It was confirmed that indeed - John MacDonald our Executive Director of the SUN Provincial Board was there – on behalf of our organization. • Others voiced their concerns about our exposure in the media regarding our advocacy positions. We were assured that our Boards’ Communications Committee is “on it”. 	Martha
6. Coffee Break		
7. Introduction of our Guest Speaker	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vahen King, from the Alzheimer Society of Alberta & NWT provided us with an informative one-hour presentation. Handouts were available. 	Martha
8. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 18th. Caroline Ventura, Elder Abuse specialist from Strathcona County, Family & Community Services: “Financial Awareness”, Bethel Lutheran Church @ 1:30 P.M. 	
9. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was adjourned @ 3:32 P.M. 	Martha
Respectfully Submitted Sheila, Secretary		