

# **Notes from CWLP Members Gathering Session - January, 31, 2023**

## **Wakefield Library**

**Attending:** Heather Barbour, Ken Bouchard, Karen Bays, Rosanda Bellar-Spruyt, Vicki Carlan, Amy Carver, Glennis Cohen, Phil Cohen, Lindsay Farley, Liz Hale, Peter Hale, Chris Harris, John Parker, Louise Profeit-Le Blanc (via Zoom), Arlene Prost, Lenny Prost, Ilse Turnsen, Ruth Salmon, Owen Tuf, Ellie Wilkinson, and Carly Woods

### **Our Discussion Guidelines**

Productive and open minded  
No idea frowned upon  
Able to ask questions  
Insights instead of rants  
Everyone to be heard - rounds  
Open hearted  
Communication that is kind and respectful  
No blame/shame/guiling/criticism  
No verbal jumping/ Respond not react  
Don't believe everything you think

### **Opening words and welcome and smudge from Louise**

**Introduction Exercise** - group introductions

**CWLP 101** - Karen presented an overview of the Centre and high level basics.

Carly, representing the Board, noted the current situation the Centre finds itself. She said that things have been challenging and a plan to get through to the end of the March was being implemented. She invited questions and comments. Both She and Vicki stated that the Board needed help.

Discussion opened up and the following was noted.

Members want to be notified about:

- Board meetings and attend
- AGM Minutes posted timely
- The membership would like more updates from the Board

Other discussion points and information

- By-Laws: Need updates, review and clarification and need to be in line with the Cooperative Act LRQ
- Board is finding its way - operational board vs governance board
- Lack of Board Member requirements and job descriptions
- No duties or responsibilities for Members
- Suggestion that the Board was too large (13 member max.)
- Suggestion to work in circle committees
- More Membership involvement
- Up to all to make change happen

Board of Directors is formulating a strategic plan and would like Member involvement  
Communication is important; Members feel Board has not been open and transparent (ie offers  
from Municipality and MRC)  
Need Board training and Member training  
Board needs help with programs and rentals  
Need to focus on the "Must Dos"

**Part 2 of the agenda - Monday, February 6, 7:00pm at the Wakefield Library**

Planned Agenda - Focus on Members

Areas of Concern (Lead by Ilse)

Brainstorming Ways and Roles for Members and Membership Involvement

Next Steps

Closing - Ilse