



**Diversity Committee Minutes– Jan 11, 2012  
Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre**

1. **Call to Order** – 12:04 p.m.
2. **Welcome** and introductions
3. **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting**
4. **Approval of Agenda**

**Mission Statement** – “Working together to create communities that celebrate diversity by actively practicing and promoting dignity, respect and inclusiveness.”

**5. Project Updates:**

- **Respect Presentations and Public Launch** Feb 16, Respect Campaign, morning on The border (Randy will book) , Ad , story, Respect presentation at Boston Pizza, Talked to Dale Forte, Train staff as well. Send emails out to community contacts. Respect program and Day of launch, Tanner has Created several posters, for various situations..
  - a. 93.1 The Border - Trudy, Jerry, advance stuff
  - b. The Times – Heather, Mike at Progress, Ken at Record, West End Weekly,
  - c. Peggy will look at media expenses. Ann said there is money in the grant for media.
  - d. Boston Pizza – presentation, date to be determined
  - e. Nicke – Riverside has requested presentations for all its staff at all locations beginning with Rainycrest. She will co-ordinate with Trudy regarding dates and times
  - f. Adapt announcement to send out by email – Peggy and Sue from Victim Services
  - g. Tanner – posters for announcement.

- h. Train the trainer – Marnie, Tanner, Karen, Ann, Anyone interested in learning the presentation contact Trudy Trudy McCormick ([mccormit@lao.on.ca](mailto:mccormit@lao.on.ca))
- **CCMARD** – we are waiting to here back from CCMARD. WE would like to join inclusively as a district of municipalities and first nations. We want to find out if they have changed to include first nations could become members. Anne will contact Rebecca Johnson from Thunder Bay who is their representative.
- **RRDMA** We will be presenting back to back with Safe Communities, Peggy and Linda will attend
- **New Website** : This is currently in in development by the Fort Frances Times on their development server. It is being changed to reflect the Respect Campaign and brand us with it. It is located at [celdiv.leapontheweb.com](http://celdiv.leapontheweb.com), Jerry to help fill in content. If you have a program or news that you would like included (pictures would be great) email either Jerry ([jia\\_wu@hotmail.ca](mailto:jia_wu@hotmail.ca)) or Linda ([linda@fortfrances.com](mailto:linda@fortfrances.com)) Thanks
- **Day of Pink** Day of Pink is the International Day against Bullying, Discrimination, Homophobia and Transphobia in schools and communities. We invite everyone to celebrate diversity by wearing a pink shirt and by organizing activities in their workplaces, organizations, communities and schools. The official day is April 11, 2012. Information can be found at <http://www.dayofpink.org/>
  - i. We plan to honor it. Let us know if your organization plans to do anything. Please report back at the February meeting
- **Member Updates**
  - i. Anne – OPP is adopting an athlete, David Ducas, who will be bowling in special Olympics. .May 31 through Jun 3. They hope to raise \$500
  - ii. Child and family – there has been a rash of suicides in Southern Ontario .and the Premier has come out with strong statement against bullying. Especially gender based. Needing to feel safe and accept. Karen has suggested sending a letter of support for his statement and proposed legislation with a copy to Sarah Campbell.
  - iii. **Childrens mental Health Ontario** found at [www.kidsmentalhealth.ca/](http://www.kidsmentalhealth.ca/) is a great resource anyone with theses concerns
  - iv.

## 6. Adjournment

- 7. **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, Feb 8, Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre

In Attendance, Sharon Tibbs, Nancy Daley Fulton, Tanner Bell, Jia Uw, Amy LaFroy, Pegggy Loyie, Sue Carlson, Diane Ross, Tammy Noble, Nicke Baird, Marnie Cumming, Karen Gregor, Randy Thoms. Numerous regrets received.