# Square One Community Inc.



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# SQUARE ONE COMMUNITY INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DELLA FERGUSON-CHAIR

CRYSTAL FROESE-VICE CHAIR

CHRISTINE BOYCZUK-SECRECTARY

Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much

CRYSTAL LOCKYER-COMMUNICATIONS

ASHLEY FLORENT-TREASURER

-Helen Keller

SUE KARNER-MEMBER AT LARGE

JILL LESUK-MEMBER AT LARGE

ANNE -MARIE URSAN-MEMBER AT LARGE



## WHO WE ARE

Square One Community Inc. was established in 2020 with the Mandate to provide clean, secure housing options for people who face multiple barriers.

#### **Our Mission**

is to support and advocate for those who are facing homelessness and barriers due to substance abuse, mental health, incarceration, acquired brain injury and other social barriers. We are wanting for people to have a sense of community and belonging. We believe in a harm reduction approach, low barrier model that supports individuals wherever they are on their journey.

#### **Our Vision**

is that everyone in our community has the opportunity to have their housing and basic needs met.

#### **Our Goals are**

to support and advocate for those facing homelessness and barriers; to foster a sense of community and belonging; and to provide secure, safe, and clean housing options.

#### ANNUAL General Meeting Square One Community Inc. Wednesday, April 12, 2023 1:30pm Via Zoom

Treaty 4 Land Recognition

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

1.1.Current Directors:

• President: Della Ferguson

· Vice-President: Crystal Froese

• Treasurer: Ashley Florent

Secretary: Christine Boyczuk

· Members at Large: Ann Marie Ursan, Sue Karner, Jill Lesuk

2. Call for Chair

Motion:

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION that the Agenda for the Square One Community April 12, 2023 AGM be approved as presented:

4. Approval of 2022 Minutes of AGM (included in Annual Report)

MOTION that the Minutes of 2022 AGM of Square One Community Inc be approved as presented.

- 5. President's Report (D.Ferguson)
- 6. Bylaw Changes (C.Boyczuk)

MOTION that the amendments to the Square One Bylaws be approved as amended:

·Article 6, Section 1 (c) delete Inclusion Sk ·Article 9, Section 1 delete Executive Director and add General Manager throughout ·Article 12, change fiscal year from April 1 to March 31 to January 1 to December 31 Major:

·Article 5, Section 2 change to number of Board members no less than three and no more than nine (9)

#### 7. Election of the Board of Directors 2023-24

#### 7.1 Nominating committee report (Crystal Froese)

The following nominations are presented for approval:

- President: one -year term -
- · Vice-President: two- year term-
- Treasurer: two-year term-
- · Secretary: one year term-
- Directors at Large (4)
- 1. one-year term-
- 2. one year term-
- 3. one- year term-
- 4. two-year term-
- 5. two- year term-

Nominations from the floor-

MOTION that this slate of Directors for Square One Community for the 2023-2024 term be approved as presented.

#### 8. Financial Report (Ashley Florent)

Report on the financials for the 2022 fiscal year (Ashley Florent) (Included in Annual Report)

MOTION that the Financial Report be accepted as presented:

#### 9. Appointment of Auditor (Ashley Florent)

Benson Trithardt Noren Professional Accountant be the auditor, if required.

MOTION that Benson Trithardt Noren Professional Accountant be the Auditor for Square One Community if required.: (Ashley Florent)

#### 10. Committee Reports

- Fundraising Committee (Della Ferguson)
- Communication Committee (Crystal Lockyer)
- Advocacy/Grants Committee (Christine Boyczuk)
- Partnerships (Crystal Froese)

#### 11. Committees

Fundraising, Warming Centre/Shelter Policy and HR, Governance/Grants, Communication and Partnerships.

12. Adjournment: Recording Secretary: Christine Boyczuk President: Della Ferguson



#### ANNUAL General Meeting Square One Community Inc. Wednesday, March 30, 2022 4:00 pm Via Zoom

#### Attendance:

Name	email			
Christine Boyczuk	chrisdon@sasktel.net	Ashley Florent	communitysquareone@gmail.	
			com	
Mary Lee Booth	maryleebooth@hotmail.com	Lynn Kirk	kirk.lynns@gmail.com	
Gordon Edgar	gedgar@moosejawtoday.com	Sharon Bourdeau	bourshar@yahoo.com	
Melissa Patterson				
Della Ferguson	dferguson@sasktel.net			
Jill Lesuk	jill.lesuk@mjymca.ca			
Anne-Marie Ursan	jju49@sasktel.net			
Crystal Froese	cfroese@moosejaw.ca			
Tim McLeod	mjnorthmla@sasktel.net			
Sue Karner	reginakarner@hotmail.com			
Kyle Lichtenwald	kyle.lichtenwald@htcsd.ca			
Clive Tolley	ctolley@moosejaw.ca			
Twila Leflar	Twila@hotmail.ca			

#### Treaty 4 Land Recognition

Credentials Report-Sharon

- 1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks @ 4:08pm
- 2. Credentials report
- 3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION that the Agenda for the Square One Community AGM be approved as presented: (Crystal F. Seconded Sue K.) Carried

4. Approval of Minutes of April 14, 2021 AGM (included in Annual Report)

MOTION that the Minutes of April 14, 2021 AGM be accepted as presented.: Sharon B. /Lynn K. Carried

#### 5. Current Directors:

• President: Vacant

Vice-President: Della Ferguson
 Treasurer: Sharon Bourdeau
 Secretary: Christine Boyczuk

- Members at Large: Lynn Kirk, Sue Karner, Kyle Lichtenwald
  - 6. Election of the Board of Directors 2022-23
- President: two-year term
- Vice-President: one year term
- Treasurer: two-year term
- Secretary: one year term

Directors at Large (4)

- 1. two-year term
- 2. two-year term
- 3. one year term
- 4. one year term

#### Nominating committee report

The following nominations were presented for approval:

- President: two-year term -Della Ferguson (no nominations from the floor)
- Vice-President: one year term-Crystal Froese (no nominations from the floor)
- Treasurer: two-year term-Sharon Bourdeau (no nominations from the floor)
- Secretary: one year term-Christine Boyczuk (no nominations from the floor)
- Directors at Large (4)
  - 1. two-year term (Sue Karner)
  - 2. two-year term (Lynn Kirk)
  - 3. one year term (Jill Lesuk)
  - 4. one year term (Anne-Marie Ursan)

Nominations from the floor- No nominations from the floor

MOTION that this be the slate of Directors for Square One Community for the 2022-2023 term: Sharon B. Seconded Christine B. Carried

#### 7. Financial Report

Report on the financials for the 2021 fiscal year (Sharon Bourdeau) (Included in Annual Report)

MOTION that the Financial Report be accepted as presented: (Sharon Bourdeau) seconded Sue Karner Carried

#### 8. Appointment of Auditor (Sharon Bourdeau)

SN Roy and Associates be the auditor, if required

MOTION that SN Roy and Associates be the Auditor for Square One Community if required.: (Sharon Bourdeau) Seconded Christine Boyzcuk. Carried

#### Bylaw Amendments (Sharon Bourdeau) (attached)

#### MOTION that the amendments to the Square One Bylaws be accepted as

amended: (Sharon Bourdeau) seconded by Christine Boyczuk. carried

#### 10. Presidents Report (Della Ferguson)-as per AGM Report

#### 11. Committee Reports

Fundraising Committee (Della Ferguson)

Had numerous successful fundraisers in 2021

Thanked the Keens for their fundraising efforts towards Square One Community Inc.

Communication Committee (Lynn Kirk)

Sharing fundraising events regarding Square One

Promote the work of Square One

Advocacy/Grants Committee (Christine Boyczuk)

Received a CIF grant to hire a coordinator

Continue to apply for funding/grants to establish a women's shelter

#### 12. Adjournment:

Recording Secretary: Ashley Florent

President: Della Ferguson

Date: March 30, 2022 Adjournment: 4:29pm

# Square One Community Inc Balance Sheet As at 2022-12-31

#### ASSET

Current Assets		
Savings Bank Account	250.00	
Chequing Bank Account	30,507.97	
Total Cash		30,757.97
Total Current Assets		30,757.97
TOTAL ASSET		30,757.97
LIABILITY		
TOTAL LIABILITY		0.00
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year		9,327.35
Current Earnings		21,430.62
Total Retained Earnings		30,757.97
TOTAL EQUITY		30,757.97
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	30,757.97	

# Square One Community Inc Income Statement 2022-01-01 to 2022-12-31

#### REVENUE

Sales Revenue	
Fundraiser - Merchandise 2021	325.00
Fundraiser - Gift Cards 2021	205.00
Fundraiser - Rib Nite 2021	1,392.00
Fundraiser - Stonger Together	-148.93
Fundraiser - BBQ	-49.79
Fundraiser - Farmers Market	1,443.25
Fundraiser - Staycation	2,503.10
Fundraiser - Empty Bowl	5,985.20
Donations	9,176.63
Lunch and Learn	260.00
Memberships	130.00
Net Sales	21,221.46
Other Revenue	
Grant - CIF	20,000.00
Grant - SSCF	10,000.00
	30,000.00
Total Other Revenue	30,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	51,221.46
EXPENSE	
Payroll Expenses	
Coordinator Wage	27,761.10
Total Payroll Expense	27,761.10
General & Administrative Expe	
Business Fees & Licenses	405.00
Courier & Postage	185.85
Insurance	922.20
Interest & Bank Charges	83.00
Website Expense	234.61
Telephone	199.08
Total General & Admin. Expen	2,029.74
TOTAL EXPENSE	29,790.84
NET INCOME	21,430.62

# **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

2022 has been a monumental year for Square One Community and the theme that arose through its' unfolding has most definitely been: "The Value of Connection, Collaboration and Communication in Community".

The year began with a discernment process in determining the gaps in service in our community regarding our unhoused and housing insecure kin. Through anecdotal evidence the need for a Warming/Cooling Space and Emergency Women's Shelter rose to the top of the needs list. That evidence was confirmed at the all-agency meeting called in January by Crystal Froese. Knowing that anecdotal evidence was not enough, we reached out to the front lines of our community asking for a count of females seeking housing from April 1 to April 21st, 2022. While this confirmed need, it was not definitive as there was not full participation. We are currently working with Provincial and National organizations to perform an official Point in Time count using national standards and protocols.

Square One Community also sent out Expressions of Interest to Community Agencies who have the infrastructure, skillset and experience in housing initiatives with the intent to set up a potential partnership for a women's shelter. Moose Jaw Non-Profit Housing Corporation answered the call and a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between our two organizations.

## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Through the successful CIF Grant, we were able to contract Ashley Florent as our first Square One Coordinator, and Ashley developed relationships with other community agencies and businesses; researched and developed a website; created a strategic plan proposal and created and co-facilitated an inaugural Life Skills program with Moose Jaw Association for Community Living; as well as supporting all committee workings. This fall, we were able to contract Brenda Zinn to facilitate an Environmental Scan and create a Systems Mapping regarding housing and services for the unhoused.

Throughout the fall we sought out space options in our community for a warming space and emergency women's shelter. As of December 31st, we continue to seek out "bricks and mortar" spaces and we do so in collaboration with Moose Jaw Non-Profit Housing Corporation and the City of Moose Jaw.

This year has been a testament to the immense efforts of the Square One Community committees through Grant Applications; Advocacy Meetings; Partnership discoveries; Fundraising efforts; Cold Weather and Food Strategy implementations; and Communications through all mediums. This team was recently called "tenacious" by our mayor, and that describes the people and efforts perfectly. 2022 has been a monumental year in building the infrastructure of this organization and it is with great gratitude that I look back on the immense efforts of this team and the amazing collaborative efforts in our community. And it is with great hope that we look to the future, trusting that we will have a Square One centre where folxs find a welcoming and safe space from the elements and support services that meet them right where they are at.

Submitted with deep gratitude,
Della Feguson
Square One Community Chair

## **FUNDRAISING REPORT**

The Fundraising Committee was developed from the Square One Community Inc. Board, for the purpose of raising funds to develop, maintain and grow the Programming for Square One Community Inc.

The Fundraising Committee aims to host a minimum of six fundraising efforts a year (2 larger and 4 smaller in nature). This committee will oversee and manage the Fundraising projects and details, doing so by building community partners in the spirit of integrity and collaboration.

Committee Members: Noreen Edmondson, Della Ferguson, Sue Karner, Twila Leflar, Jill Lesuk with support from all members of Square One Community.

In keeping with the Terms of Reference for our committee, the following were the efforts and results of fundraising for January through December 2022.

Lunch and Learns \$260.00

March 8th International Women's Day Virtual Event

Info Interviews with Community:

Ashley Florent: Square One Community Life Skills Program.

Jenn Angus-Moose Jaw Transition House

Thunder Creek Housing -Chad and Shauna

Moose Jaw Food Bank-Cheantelle



# **FUNDRAISING REPORT CON'T**

Valentine" Spread the Love" Card Fundraiser-\$205.00

Square One Community Donation Box Contributions Total: \$119.75

Casino Moose Jaw donation -: \$613.74

April 30-Dream Drop Shop Fundraiser: \$300.00

May the 4th be with you Mad Greek Meal Fundraiser: \$1392.00

Wakamow Farmers' Market: BBQ Scrapers/Homes for Homes/ Décor Signs and

May 14-Garage Sale-\$1443.25

Special thanks to ALL PURPOSE STORAGE for the use of the storage unit and donation of items.

Journey2Hope Youth Chapter Art Festival in Crescent Park -173.00 proceeds

The Hot Diggity Dog -75 hotdogs sold with proceeds of 1.00 / hotdog-\$75.00

Ashworth Bedding Fundraiser in memory of Cathy Sharpe. - \$130.00

STAYCATION Raffle Sept. 15-November 30 2022- \$2503.10 + SLGA Grant: \$598.00

"Empty Bowls" Project Timothy Eatons Nov. 19.- Total: \$5985.20

Stronger Together Initiative with Bill and Laurette Keen-all funds gifted to John Howard Society My Place Program. -32000.00 raised to-date

Thank you to everyone who worked so passionately to raise funds and awareness through the fundraising efforts for the mission of Square One Community. Through our own Board and Volunteer involvement, and through partnerships in the community, we were able to raise some great start-up funds.

Respectfully submitted by Square One Fundraising Chair, Della Ferguson

## **COMMUNICATIONS REPORT**

2022 was a busy year for the communications committee. We focused on building our online presence through social media platforms, developing our new website, raising awareness of housing and food insecurity in our community, and promoting various Square One fundraising events and community initiatives such as the Cold Weather Strategy. Through these initiatives, we have increased community awareness of Square One Community Inc. and its commitment to closing the gaps in services for vulnerable populations in the City of Moose Jaw. The response and support from community members, businesses, and organisations have been phenomenal.

In the summer of 2022, Square One Community started developing its new website, officially launching on June 29th, 2022. It is a one-stop hub for all information regarding Square One Community, including fundraising initiatives, current and past events, resources for community members, Cold Weather Strategy updates, contact information for various community organisations, and, most recently, a FAQs page for the Square One Shelter. Since its launch, the website has steadily increased its traffic and has proven to be a valuable resource in connecting with the community.

Our social media presence steadily increased in 2022, gaining followers daily, which has allowed us to connect the community to valuable information such as the outreach programs available through other community organisations, ongoing updates to the Cold Weather Strategy, Square One Community fundraisers such as Empty Bowls, our garage sale and volunteer opportunities available through various organisations.

Our online presence has also given us a platform to raise awareness in the community of the myths surrounding homelessness and the struggles facing food or housing-insecure individuals. It has also brought community members and organisations together to be part of the solution.

Submitted by: Crystal Lockyer

## **GRANT REPORT**

The Grants Committee first began with the development of a proposal for the need for hiring an employee to support the initiatives of Square One Community. The proposal included demonstrated need, purpose, outcomes, steps, timeline, budget.

Following the development of the proposal, eight grant applications were completed. The successful application was for \$25,000 from the Community Initiatives Fund in December 2021. The employee began to carry out the work in January 2022. Some of the tasks completed were the development of a clothing closet, volunteer bank, life skills program helping to coordinate food security support to committees.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, there were three individuals who fulfilled this role: Ashley Florent, Sherry Young and Brenda Zinn. We thank them for the work that was able to be done.

An additional grant was received for the coordinator position from the South Saskatchewan Community Foundation (Moffatt Fund) for \$10,000.Brenda Zinn and Desiree Thul were hired to complete the Service Map and the Point in Time Count which were necessary in continuing our application process to demonstrate the need for funding.

There were 15 grant applications completed in 2022 with the help of Doreen Majeran. A major grant application was developed in 2022 and sent to Mosaic in 2023 for which we do not have a result.

Six sponsorship grants were completed for the Empty Bowls Project which were aimed at food security. Two were successful and received from SGI and Sask Power for which we were extremely grateful.

Submitted by: Christine Boyczuk

## PARTNERSHIP REPORT

The Partnership Committee is a new committee of Square One formalizing with terms of reference in August of 2022 with a focus on developing and nurturing new partners with government, organizations, businesses, and our community. A key focus this year was to establish a strong relationship with potential funding partners, such as our Members of the Legislature, Members of Parliament, and the Ministry of Social Services. This committee also assisted in attracting sponsors and building relationships with our business community for our fundraising events.

Committee members: Crystal Froese, Anne-Marie Ursan, Christine Boyzcuk, Della Ferguson

- Held city- wide agency and support services meeting in January to discuss who does what for who.
- Held a city-wide agency meeting with key speakers from Medicine Hat Zero Homeless Initiative and Timmins Ontario ER Doctors changing how overdose and addiction are treated medically to remove social stigma.
- Hosted in-person meetings of all agencies and created the Moose Jaw Cold Weather Strategy, updates are distributed weekly.
- Attended and now leads the Food security communication strategy updates were distributed weekly.
- Met with front-line volunteers to support them during the winter.
- In cooperation with Square One and other committees, contributed to creating the Memorandum of Understanding with Moose Jaw Non-Profit Housing Corporation, it is a partnership where they act as Property Managers and Square One acts as Programming for this initiative.
- Participated in the Saskatchewan Housing and Homelessness Conference in 2023 Planning Committee
- Worked on and helped present the Square One Community Proposal and revised proposals for the Ministry.
- Met with the local MP seeking funding streams from the federal government.
- Supported Communications Committee for Walk with Warmth and created a FAQ for the website.

Submitted by: Crystal Froese

# Thank you!















A Huge thank you to John Latridis and The Mad Greek team for helping us raise \$1410.00 through the Rib Meal Fundraiser!! Pictured here are John and teammate, Chantelle:)











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