

2019-2020

This past year was a time of progress for the Board.

We welcomed two new members to our Board, Lori Roberts and Karin Phibbs. Lori brought with her many skills. She is the editor and reporter at large for our newsletter and a great addition to the Board. Karin joined the Board and took on the position of fundraising chairman. With the help of volunteers and the rest of the Board, Karin has worked hard at trying to achieve the financial goal that we set for ourselves.

The Board made the decision in August 2019 to rent a 2-bedroom suite in Points West and as of September 2019 the papers were signed, and Hospice had a home. This decision was not taken lightly and was based on the conversations we, as a Board, held with Alberta Health regarding our application for acceptance into capacity planning for our area with Home Care. Acceptance would give us access to home care nursing. The Board worked hard at obtaining all the necessary documentation and letters of recommendation Alberta Health required and submitted a timely application. I feel it is important to mention that kudos must be given to Carol Dyck and her staff at Points West who have been extremely helpful and supportive of our efforts to get the Hospice up and running. However, unfortunately at the time of this report due to many factors, Stettler Hospice has not yet been accepted into capacity planning.

The Board will continue its work of promoting the Hospice within the community with both fundraising and education though the progress has been hindered greatly by the pandemic. I hope that by this time next year we will have reached our goal and the Hospice will be open and able to welcome guests and their families with the aim of helping them achieve their best possible final days.

I would like to end with expressing my gratitude to all the members of the Stettler Hospice Board and all the volunteers who have turned up to help in our endeavors. Each and every one of them have put in countless volunteer hours and a momentous effort this past year and I have learned a lot from all of them and admire them.

Thank you

Maureen M Drummond