

## **Fund Raising Committee Report to GN AGM, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

The 2015 year for Fund Raising saw:

1. The Co-op Program canceled and in its place they have instituted a Grant program. We have applied for a \$250.00 grant towards the Bird Tales program and should hear back sometime in April or May. Thank you to all those who saved their Co-op receipts over the past two years and especially to Anne Bernhardt for her dedication in collecting and totaling them up.
2. As reported at last years AGM we applied to both the City of Medicine Hat's Community Development Grant and the Medicine Hat Realtors' Charitable Foundation for grants to support the Bird Tales Program. We were successful and grateful in receiving \$1200.00 from the Realtor's Foundation.
3. And, as reported in the November Chronicle, we have established an Endowment Account with the Community Foundation of Southeast Alberta. So, if you are so inclined, please contact them and help with sustaining funding for the GN and the IP.
4. The Casino dates were February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time. We were fortunate to have the number of volunteers we did as it was a very busy week and weekend. A special thanks to Gary Martin as our Casino General Manager. We have already applied for the next Casino License but this will be some 15-18 months down the road. We should be getting our funds sometime in April, 2016.

Given the present financial climate finding grant money will be a challenge for this coming year. If anyone knows of Granting Institutions we can apply to please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,

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