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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

**1. Call to Order & Greetings - Wayne Hobbs, President**

The meeting was called to order. Wayne Hobbs introduced the Board members present and reported regrets from Heidi Balsillie, Board Member; Peter Braid, MP; Hon. John Milloy, MPP; Stephen Woodworth, MP; Michael Harris, MPP, Mayor Brenda Halloran; Cheryl Hacking, Board of Directors incumbent; Brian Kamm, United Way; Laura Manning, Executive Director Lyle S Hallman Foundation; Peter Naus and Susan Rempel;

Wayne welcomed special guest Lawrence Bingeman and thanked him for his ongoing support of the agency as well as his assistance over the past couple of years as Bingemans hosted our Speaker Series events during 2010 and 2011.

**2. Approval of Minutes of 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

Following the review of the previous year's minutes, Murray Wellman, Past President moved  
*That the minutes of the 60th Annual meeting held June 14th, 2011 be approved.*  
Seconded by: Rosa Lupo Carried

**3. Treasurer's Report - Paula DeLorenzi, Treasurer**

Paula DeLorenzi reviewed the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2011 and stated that a summary can also be found in the 2011 annual report.

Paula thanked our donors and Board members for their continued financial support. She also, thanked Leslie, the management team and all staff for their hard work in 2011 as we delivered the same levels of service in various programs with fewer staff. In closing she expressed special thanks to Allison Bird Brenner and Jim Droske and the members of the finance committee for keeping our fiscal house in order.

Following the treasurer's report, Mike Braga moved

*That the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2011 be approved.*  
Seconded by: Murray Wellman Carried

**4. Appointment of the Auditors for 2012 - Paula DeLorenzi, Treasurer**

Rosa Lupo moved

*That Clarke, Starke, and Diegel be appointed Auditors for the Year 2012.*  
Seconded by: Karen O'Connor Carried

**5. Confirmation of the Acts of the Board for the preceding year.**

Liz Watson-Palermo moved

*That with regard to the Acts of the Board of Directors for the preceding year, be it resolved that all Acts, contracts, By-Laws, proceedings, appointments, and elections made, done, and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Corporation since the date of the last Annual Meeting of the Members, are hereby approved and confirmed.*

Seconded by: John Dippel Carried

**6. Nomination & Election of Directors**

Murray Wellman moved that

*Kyle Cleaver, Cheryl Hacking, Jennifer Hutton, and Laura Umbrio be elected for a three-year term and that Mike Braga, Rosa Lupo be re-elected for a second three-year term all commencing May 29, 2012.*

Seconded by: Paul Rossi Carried

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**7. Recognition of Board members**

Wayne Hobbs offered special recognition of Wayne Kemick, Dr. Arshad Khan, Sandra Quehl, Liz Watson-Palermo and Murray Wellman for their years of service on the Board of Directors. Wayne thanked all outgoing Board members for being strong champions for KW Counselling Services and wished them well as they embark on new endeavours.

**8. President's Report – Wayne Hobbs**

Wayne thanked the members for their dedication and determination in helping the Agency remain strong. It was particularly noted that the increase in fundraising efforts this year set the stage for continued financial stability. With the efforts of Donors, Board members, Staff, and Community Partners, KW Counselling Services will continue to make a difference in 2012. He stated that it is a privilege to work with enthusiastic and caring community members who continue to come along side the agency making change possible in the lives of those we serve.

**9. Executive Director's Report – Leslie Josling**

Leslie encouraged everyone to review the 2011 Annual Report and highlighted programs for children and youth such as the GSA network, supported by the Astley Family Foundation. She also mentioned two programs grounded in trauma and attachment therapy: the Strong Moms, Safe Kids program, funded by the Ministry of Community and Social Services; and the Tender Loving Care Program, offered in partnership with and support from Family and Children's Services.

Leslie expressed sincere gratitude to each and every Board member, Staff and Supporter in 2011 who has helped KW Counselling Services steer into the skid, skillfully improvising, building on one another's ideas, sparking a chain of creativity that allowed KW Counselling Services to continue to innovate despite what at times seemed like daunting obstacles. She noted that the families and their children in our community continue to find programs and services that are responsive, accessible and grounded in research and best practices.

In closing those in attendance viewed a video of the work of the agency. This video was the gift of Chris Meidell, a videographer with Memory Tree, who captured the story of KW Counselling Services and brought to life some of the ways we support families in making change possible. Our thanks go out to Chris.

**10. Adjournment of meeting- Wayne Hobbs, President**

Cong-Rong Xie moved

*that the 61st Annual General Meeting be adjourned.*

Seconded by: Nevine El Gendy                      Carried

**11. Presentation**

The Walk-In Counselling Clinic was depicted in dramatic vignettes by *Staff and Interns including: Cara, Daniela, Connie, Solita, Janet, Heather, Crystal, Mike, and Joanna.*

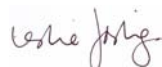
**12. Closing Remarks**

Wayne Hobbs, President, reminded the audience to check out the KW Counselling Services website for further details about our upcoming events and invited everyone to attend the next annual meeting scheduled for May 28, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,



Wayne Hobbs  
President



Leslie Josling  
Secretary & Executive Director

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