

BCGREA Branch 900 Meeting – March 18, 2026
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Auditorium

Maurice Davidson (Chair) welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting and called the meeting to order at 10:30. 24 members and guests were present.

Frances introduces the guest speaker—Linda Brooks, the Volunteer Coordinator of the Penticton & District Hospice Society. Ms. Brooks gave us a brief history of Moog and Friends Hospice House, and the Penticton & District Hospice Society. She summarized what Palliative Care means, and how these three entities work together to provide supports and end of life care for patients. The Palliative Program enables patients (and care givers) to access many services, one of those services being Moog House. There are currently 63 volunteers who have been trained and assist in providing services to patients through the Hospice Society. Each volunteer undergoes 36 hours of training, and may volunteer with supporting people living at their home in the community (currently there are 80-90 people), as well as within Moog Hospice House.

Ms. Brooks also gave an overview of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID)—She provided points on Eligibility Criteria; The process and safeguards.

For more information on hospice and palliative care: www.interiorhealth.ca

For more information on volunteering: linda.brooks@pentictonhospice.com

For more information on MAID: www.canada.ca Medical assistance in dying: Overview.

Following a coffee/social break Maurice called the business portion of the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the February meeting were distributed via e-mail.

Treasurer's Report:

Imre has given the treasurer's material to Beth; Maurice will be attending the bank to initiate the changes in signing authority that has been voted on.

A full financial report will be provided at the next (April) meeting.

Membership Report:

Tabled to the April meeting.

Old Business:

-Once the signing authorities have been updated with the bank, a cheque in the amount of \$500.00 will be drafted to the Summerland Food Bank as a memorial donation for 2025.

-Life Memberships. Six have been delivered, and 2 are pending.

New Business:

-Spring outing: Darcy and Beth are continuing to investigate the possibility of going to the Penticton Lawn Bowling facility to follow-up on the presentation we were given last fall. Once we have tried our skills, we would go for lunch at a chosen restaurant. Stay tuned for more details. Tentative date will be in May.

-Christmas Luncheon: The executive approved of Darcy investigating and securing a date for the annual Christmas luncheon at the Penticton Golf and Country Club. Stay tuned....

Upcoming Events:

Next monthly meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 10:30 at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Guest speaker: Linda Sankey of the South Okanagan Similkameen Brain Injury Society.

Darcy McGifford to chair the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 by Carol Ann Hicks and seconded by Sharon Hudson.