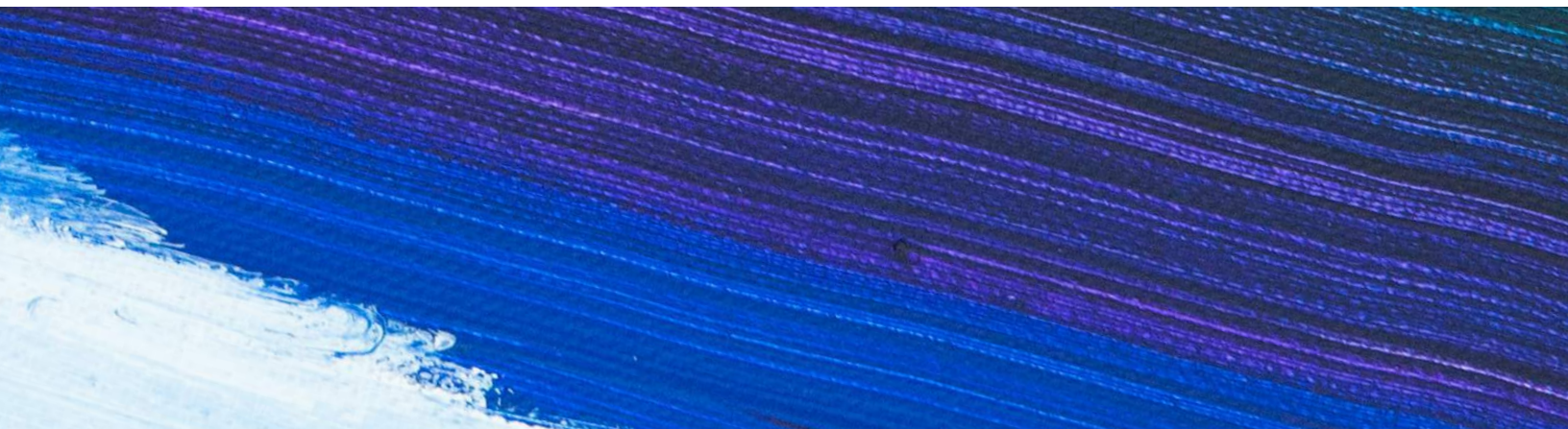




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Saskatchewan German Council

Vision

German culture is flourishing & relevant in Saskatchewan.

Mission

To promote German culture, language, customs and traditions for the benefit of all Saskatchewan people.

Mandate

Our mandate is to embrace diversity, collaboration, and inclusivity while providing:
Member Support,
Programs, Services and Projects, and
Outreach across the Province of Saskatchewan

The work and support of the Saskatchewan German Council reaches lands covered by Treaties 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10, the traditional lands of the Cree, Dakota, Dene, Lakota, Nakota and Saulteaux peoples, as well as homeland to the Métis.

SGC Board of Directors & Staff



Mervin Weiss
President



Andrea McLeod
Vice President



Victoria
Oppenlander
Treasurer



Joan Rudolf
Secretary



Ilona Beck
Director



Andreas Denz
Director



Jessica Forster
Director



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Oelck
Director



Stephanie
Schaefer
Director



Marilyn Stehr
Director

Staff

Gabriele Waidelich-Harrison, Executive Director

Franziska Davies-Perret, Office & Program Assistant

Gerald Freyer, Postillion Editor

2021 Saskatchewan German Council Inc. Annual General Meeting

Virtual Meeting
Sunday, June 13 – 10:00 a.m.

A G E N D A

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of 2020 Annual General Meeting
4. Business Arising
5. President's Report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Appointment of Auditor for 2021/2022
8. SGC By-Law Changes
9. Elections
10. Other Matters
11. Adjournment

Presentation of Special Volunteer Award Winners

Minutes

SGC Virtual Annual General Meeting

Sunday, June 13, 2021

PRESENT:

Mervin Weiss, President

Andrea MacLeod, Vice President

Joan Rudolph, Secretary

Ilona Beck, Director

Andreas Denz, Director

Jessica Forster, Director

Michael Oelck, Director

Stephanie Schaefer, Director

Marilyn Stehr, Director

EXCUSED:

Victoria Oppenlander, Treasurer

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allison Ekdahl-Johnston, Regina Austrian Edelweiss Dance Association

Alvin Knoll, American Historical Society of Germans from Russia

Brenda Booker, Concordia Junior Alpenrose Schuhplattler

Brigitte Boldt-Leppin, KulturGarten Saskatoon

Chris Armstrong, Lloydminster German Heritage Society

Darlene Rubrecht, Karnevalsgesellschaft Harmonie

Dave Wentworth, Das Schulhaus – Regina German Language School

Gregor Beck, Volksliederchor Harmonie

Heidi Armstrong, Concordia Alpenrose Schuhplattler Verein

Josephin Dick, German Language School Saskatoon

Katharina Ulbrich, Estevan and District German Freundschaft Society

Kathleen Schroeder-Brass, German Language School Saskatoon

Kerri Van Loosen, German Canadian Society Harmonie

Monica Reinkens, Regina German Film Club

Rod Gellner, Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Theresa Granger, Karnevalsgesellschaft Harmonie

Theresa Kliem, CFCR Community Radio Saskatoon

Ulrike Hecker, Hansel and Gretel Preschool

Valerie Martz, Kochlöffel and Nudelholz: German -Canadian Koch- und Backstudio

Vicky Maurus, KulturGarten Saskatoon

GUESTS:

Cheryl Aldous, Karnvelasgesellschaft Harmonie

Sheila Aldous, Karnevalsgesellschaft Harmonie

Berbel Knoll, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Larissa Lorenz

STAFF:

Gabriele Waidelich-Harrison, Executive Director

Franziska Davies-Perret, Office & Program Assistant

Brigitte Strzeszewski, Immigrant Settlement Advisor

Jonathan Kruger, Cultural Development Assistant

1. Call to Order

President Mervin Weiss called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and made a treaty land acknowledgment. Brief discussion on voting procedures.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mervin asked if delegates accept the agenda as presented.

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Ilona Beck/Marilyn Stehr

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of 2020 AGM

Mervin asked for approval of the 2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: To approve the minutes as printed in the 2020/2021 Annual Report.

Kathleen Schroeder-Brass/Andreas Denz

CARRIED

4. Business Arising

No business arising.

5. President's Report

Mervin highlighted a few items from his president's report, which can be found in the 2020/2021 Annual Report. Mervin also recognized the support that SGC has received from Sask Lotteries in partnership with SaskCulture.

Printed President's Report:

There is nothing I can say about the Covid pandemic that has not already been said. As a society, we are thankful for our frontline health-care workers, our grocery store employees, our truck-drivers, our teachers, and all those who have worked so hard to keep us safe, and to keep our economy functioning.

I had hoped through my second year as President that I would travel more to Member Group events and to meet more SGC members. I had hoped for a lively and well-attended AGM and Convention. \

But through it all, I still find it important to hand out a few thank-yous:

1. To SaskCulture and Sask Lotteries for the renewal of our Annual Global Funding for another 3 years.

2. To our sponsors, Fries Tallman Lumber in Regina and Michelangelo Mable and Granite in Saskatoon, with a personal thank you to Kevin Stricker and to Al and Uli Douma. I wish we could have done more to recognize

your support at public events.

3. To Dr. Alan B. Anderson for re-writing and updating his research of the German settlements in Saskatchewan, and for allowing SGC to publish a fine new book on the subject.

4. To Adele Wagner, for allowing me to write her story about finding a new home in Saskatchewan and for her permission to publish it in the Postillion.

5. To the SGC Member Groups who have maintained communications with their members, and who have looked for creative ways to foster a group identity despite the pandemic restrictions. Without you there would be no Saskatchewan German Council.

6. To Gabi, Franziska and Brigitte who have worked extra hard to keep SGC relevant to our members, and to the Saskatchewan cultural environment. Thank you to Sabine for her editorial work with the Postillion.

7. To my fellow directors of SGC for their support and encouragement.

8. To Germany's Ambassador to Canada, Her Excellency Sabine Sparwasser and to the German Consul General in Vancouver, Dr. Klaus Otto Schmidt for their continuing interest in, and support of, SGC.

A new Board event was introduced last August with an in-person Board of Directors Meeting at the Harbor Golf Club and Resort at Elbow on Lake Diefenbaker. All pandemic protocols were respected of course. While the agenda was strictly SGC business, it was a great occasion for directors to meet and acquaint themselves in an informal atmosphere. The afternoon discussions addressed this topic: "If we were to start a completely new Saskatchewan German Council today what would it look like? What would its mandate be? What would be its purpose?" This discussion is part of an on-going strategy to keep SGC relevant as a non-profit cultural organization in Saskatchewan.

It has long been a goal of SGC to collaborate with other ethnic and cultural groups in Saskatchewan. I feel our office team and our member groups have been particularly successful in fostering relationships with other groups through such events as Culture in the Kitchen, Folkfest and Mosaic, Heritage Festival, and Nutrien Wonderhub (Children's Museum). As well, the work of our Immigration Settlement Advisor plays a huge role in support of all immigrants to Saskatchewan.

Another goal of SGC is to be the recognized voice of all Germans in Saskatchewan, and so SGC needs the support of all ethnic Germans regardless of where they were born. SGC has many active members who were born in Germany, but also many who were born in Saskatchewan. These members have parents or grandparents who were born in Germany. If you are ethnic German, in whole or in part, it does not really matter where your parents or grandparents were born. SGC needs to give all

these Germans a reason to belong, and to support, the continued work of our organization.

I wish you, and all residents of Saskatchewan, a safe, healthy, and enjoyable summer. Hopefully, travel to Germany may yet be possible this year.

MOTION: To approve the President's Report as printed in the Annual Report and highlights verbally delivered.

Joan Rudolph/Kathleen Schroeder-Brass

CARRIED

6. Treasurer's Report

Mervin Weiss relayed the report written by Victoria Oppenlander, SGC's Treasurer:

As everyone is aware, 2020 was a difficult year for all organizations. The SGC is grateful that the majority of our funding is from Saskatchewan Lotteries, who renewed our funding for three years, and increased the amount that we receive from \$195,000 to \$202,000. I would like to note that for 2021 fiscal year and going forward, the multicultural initiatives fund of \$15,000 that we received has been combined into the annual global funding and we will receive the one amount going forward. Additionally, we received funding from the Government of Saskatchewan for \$8,512 to upgrade the SGC website.

On the expense side, programs saw the largest increase due to the \$17k cost to upgrade our website, while we saw a decrease in travel costs due to virtual meetings. During this difficult time for our member groups, we are pleased that we were able to support our members by providing \$13,000 for Covid Emergency Funding. We also invested in our office staff by updating their computer equipment so that they can continue to provide their exceptional service to the member groups.

I would like to thank Saskatchewan Lotteries for their continued support to our organization, and to Virtus Group for their work in auditing our financial statements. Thank you.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by Mervin Weiss and the 2020/2021 Audited Financial Statements.

Kathleen Schroeder-Brass/Andreas Denz

CARRIED

7. Appointment of Auditor for 2021/2022

Mervin praised the Virtus Group for their previous work as auditors and recommended their renewed appointment.

MOTION: To appoint Virtus Group for the 2021/2022 SGC audit.

Ilona Beck/Josephin Dick

CARRIED

8. SGC By-law Changes

Mervin explained the rationale regarding membership categories and the changes presented to the membership and reminded those present that all proposed By-law changes require a two-third majority vote to be passed.

MOTION: To approve change in wording in By-Law Article #3.

Kathleen Schroeder-Brass/Josephin Dick

CARRIED

MOTION: To approve change in wording in By-Law Article #4.

Kathleen Schroeder-Brass/Rod Gellner

CARRIED

9. Elections

Ilona Beck introduced herself as the chair of the nomination committee and presented the slate of candidates. All candidates are running for positions they already held.

Election of Vice President

Ilona explained that no one else was running for the position, besides Andrea MacLeod.

Andrea MacLeod was declared Vice President of the SGC by acclamation (2-year position).

Election of Secretary

Ilona explained that no one else was running for the position, besides Joan Rudolph.

Joan Rudolph was declared Secretary of the SGC by acclamation (2-year position).

Election of Directors

There are three director positions to be filled on SGC's board.

Ilona introduced the candidates with a short biography of each of them. Candidates on the slate to be elected: Ilona Beck, Andreas Denz, Stephanie Schaefer.

Each candidate was elected by acclamation for 2-year positions.

Mervin introduced the new SGC Board of Directors to the membership.



10. Other Matters

Mervin recognized the members of the Board.

It was also mentioned that member group reports are found in the Annual Report and reminded that those present should understand that the Covid-19 Pandemic has impacted the activities of some of the members.

Mervin opened the floor to give the opportunity to those present to report any urgent or otherwise outstanding business. Also thanking SaskLotteries for their continued support and reported that throughout the pandemic, lottery sales have continually been strong, and as a result, funding is expected to be stable.

Gabi explained the need for members to send in their follow-up forms.

Poll was activated to see what the preference is for having an in-person vs. virtual Round Table. Results: 44% prefer an in-person meeting, 66% prefer online. Kathleen suggested a hybrid meeting to let people choose how they would like to attend.



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11. Adjournment

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.

Kathleen Schroeder-Brass/Joan Rudolph.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Special Volunteer Award Announcement

Gabi introduced the recipients of the 2021 Special Volunteer Award: Stephanie Schaefer, Yvonne Kristoff, and Larissa Lorenz. The congratulatory message from His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, to the recipients of the 2021 Special Volunteer Award was played. Merv gave a brief overview of why each recipient received the Special Volunteer Award. The winners will be contacted to receive the gifts.



President's Report

Throughout the Covid-pandemic uncertainties of the past two years, the SGC office has worked hard to serve the interests of the German community in Saskatchewan. First and foremost will always be the interests of our 30+ member groups. Gabriele Waidelich-Harrison and Franziska Davies-Perret are always focused on maintaining an active communication with our member groups, and the Board of Directors has been particularly conscience of supporting the groups financially as much as possible, in order to survive this long period of relative inactivity. But with restrictions gradually lifting, and with the public cautiously accepting more interactions, our member groups are rallying their members. I see that the dance groups, choir, band, churches, and other cultural groups are "warming up" again. Of course, many groups continued to operate throughout with revised protocols, like the German language schools, Hansel and Gretel Preschool, Kochlöffel & Nudelholz, Regina German Club, and CFR Radio Klangfabrik.

As a cultural organization in Saskatchewan, we have a lot to celebrate about this past year. The SGC office is proud to introduce SGC's new publication, "Culture in the Kitchen, Recipes from a Multicultural Cooking Series." This cookbook facilitates many of SGC's goals by helping all of us understand culture, inclusivity and multicultural cooperation in Saskatchewan. Please read all of the member group reports in this Annual Report to learn what Germans are doing around our province to promote our culture, language and heritage.

Our Postillion magazine welcomes a new editor, Gerald Freyer, who lives in Indian Head. The Winter 2021 and Spring 2022 issues already show his influence. I really enjoyed the travel section. SGC continues to add to the collection of Immigration Stories on its website. Please consider writing your own story about how and why you came to Saskatchewan. (Contact me for an outline of what to write about, if you wish.) Everyone's story is interesting, even if you yourself might think otherwise! This collection should be seen in the long-term as a legacy project for SGC.

Another SGC legacy project is our podcast series "German Culture Alive." This year SGC added interviews with author/adventurer Miriam Körner, Barbara and Waltraude Stehwen, and with Alvin Knoll. You can find these podcasts on the SGC website. And speaking of our website, a big highlight of this past year has been the introduction of SGC's exciting new website, the response to which has been very gratifying.

SGC will be involved this spring in the permanent exhibition opening at the former Eaton Internment Camp, just outside of Saskatoon, in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress of Saskatchewan, the Prairie Centre

for the Study of Ukrainian Heritage and the Saskatchewan Railroad Historical Association. The internment of Germans at this camp is part of a much larger story of the internment of thousands of resident "aliens" in Canada during World War I. This project is another example of SGC working within partnerships to promote awareness of the German cultural presence in our province. Other on-going partnerships include working with the Nutrien Wonderhub Saskatoon, Goethe-Institut, Regina Public Library, Saskatchewan Choral Federation, Folkfest Saskatoon, Heritage Festival of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Association of International Languages (SAIL), Remail Modern, University of Saskatchewan, the Germany Embassy in Ottawa, and the Vancouver German Consulate.

SGC shared a wonderful online presentation about the Black Forest with the Heritage Festival of Saskatoon. It was produced with Josephin Dick. SGC and SAIL hosted an important workshop titled "Bilingualism—Raising children with more than one language." Franziska, Gabi and Theresa Kliem produced cultural workshops for Saskatoon's online FolkFest. SGC members enjoyed two great live online tours of Berlin this past year. The SGC office along with Josephin Dick produced another virtual Advent calendar, and our KulturGarten group produced an Advent Wreath exhibition at Nutrien Wonderhub in Saskatoon. More videos have been added to SGC's YouTube channel. If you have not already done so, please scroll through the collection of cultural videos available on the SGC YouTube channel. You will be amazed. Be sure to check out the Kinderzimmer videos!

SGC realized yet another goal this past year. The Goethe-Institut has now certified SGC as German Language Examination Centre in Saskatchewan. Josephin Dick and Franziska Davies-Perret are the accredited examiners, and the first two students wrote and passed the exam for Level A1 last October.

We say thank you to two directors leaving the Board of SGC – Michael Oelck and Marilyn Stehr. Dr. Oelck has served the Board of Directors for the maximum of eight years, Marilyn for three. And we say goodbye also to Brigitte Strzeszewski who was our Immigrant Settlement Advisor since 2019 until SGC no longer qualified to offer these services under the recently revamped governmental regulations.

My year-end report cannot end without a thank you to SaskCulture and Sask Lotteries for their ongoing financial support. SGC is equally grateful for the support of our private sector sponsors: Fries Tallman Lumber of Regina and Michelangelo Granite and Marble of Saskatoon.

I hope this Annual Report helps SGC members to appreciate the incredible amount of work which comes out of the

SGC office. I will close with a huge "Shout-Out" to Gabi and to Franziska who make it all happen. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

It has been an honor to serve as your President these past three years. One regret is not having had the opportunity, because of Covid, to interact personally with more of you at your events. I wish to sincerely thank the Board of Directors for supporting and encouraging SGC's important mandate of promoting and preserving our German culture in Saskatchewan.

(My heart goes out to Ukrainians everywhere as we witness the daily horrors of the brutal war occurring in Ukraine.)

Mervin Weiss



1. Merv at the Glockenspiel in Regina 2. Elbow breakout session 3. Stephanie Schaefer and Merv 4. SGC Board of Directors, Elbow 2021

Strategic Goals

Goal 1:

Member Recruitment, Support, and Engagement

Goal 2:

Increase Awareness, Access and Profile of SGC

Goal 3:

Deliver Programs and Services

Goal 4:

Strong and Sustainable Organization

SGC Programs, Projects & Services

For full SGC programs and projects list, see page 50

Impact 2021/2022

Community & Youth

Project & Youth Funding
Scholarships
Programs & Projects
Member Support
Community Outreach
Volunteer Recognition
Resources & Services

80

pages translated from
German to English or English to
German

\$38,536

paid out in member funding

Education

Support of German Language
Programs
Workshops
Goethe-Institut Examination Centre
German Library
Member Consultations
Translations & Notarizations

\$1,000

paid out scholarships in Memory
of Dr. Brian McKinstry

4,400

views of SGC YouTube videos

18,500

views of SGC's new website

Diversity

Immigrant Settlement Service
Culture in the Kitchen -
A Multicultural Recipe Collection
Multicultural Festivals
Collection of Immigration Stories
Professional Development -
Truth & Reconciliation

6,240

E-Updates sent

Strategic Goal 1: Member Recruitment, Support and Engagement

SGC Special Volunteer Award: Thanking volunteers in our community

Every year SGC recognizes volunteers that have been generous with their time, effort, and talents to promote German culture in the province. Volunteers impact society - they inspire others and build stronger communities.

The SGC Special Volunteer Awards have been presented to outstanding volunteers in Saskatchewan's German Canadian community since 2000. The Council's member organizations can submit an application for a special volunteer from their organization.



Last year due to the pandemic, the SGC Special Volunteer Awards were presented following the Annual General Meeting, along with a video message from His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan, addressing the recipients of the 2021 Special Volunteer Award.

We congratulate Larissa Lorenz (Hansel & Gretel Preschool), Stephanie Schaefer (Das Schulhaus – Regina German Language School) and Yvonne Kristoff (Concordia Brass Band) on winning the 2021 Special Volunteer Awards.



Larissa Lorenz

Since joining the Hansel and Gretel Preschool team in 2012, Larissa Lorenz has gone above and beyond in all she does; being dedicated, enthusiastic, and passionate about her work. Ms. Lorenz' deep understanding of children has allowed her to form a special bond with her students, enabling her to best adapt to their needs.

In her spare time, Larissa continues to enhance her knowledge by regularly attending workshops in Early Childhood Development. Due to the pandemic, the last school years have been a challenge for all. Strict health requirements and safety protocols necessitate many hours of extra work for the staff at Hansel and Gretel Preschool.

Ms. Lorenz has played an important role in the safety of her students; every day required extra time to clean and take every precaution necessary, and often volunteering to stay after regular hours to sanitize items in the school, such as furniture and toys. During the pandemic, she brought some fun to the preschool families by reading with kids in driveways. Larissa Lorenz is a truly dedicated and loving educator!



Stephanie Schaefer

1. His Honour the Honourable Russ Mirasty, Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan addressing the recipients of the 2021 Special Volunteer Award in a video message. 2. Attending winners Stephanie Schaefer (left) and Larissa Lorenz during the Volunteer Award presentation 3. Larissa Lorenz with her Special Volunteer Award gift basket

As one of the founding members of Das Schulhaus – Regina German Language School in 2011, Stephanie Schaefer is an integral part of the organization, with her valuable work having had a clear impact on the growth and success of the school. Ever since the school's beginnings, Stephanie has held the position of treasurer, taking care of the financials. She is the main force behind the school's financial health, always approaching individuals or organizations to find sponsors to support the school's important contributions to the culture of Saskatchewan.

Wherever she goes, Stephanie is always an ambassador for Das Schulhaus, and the German community as a whole. Stephanie looks after coordinating fundraising events such as the annual Brunch-Raiser or organizing the table at the Christkindl Market.

Due to the pandemic, many of shifts occurred in how the organization operates, something Stephanie navigated with great care and wisdom to keep the organization healthy and afloat. Thanks to Stephanie for the hard work, passion and dedication!



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4. Stephanie Schaefer with the 2021 Special Volunteer Award trophy
5. Yvonne Kristoff is the third recipient of the SGC Special Volunteer Award in 2021

Yvonne Kristoff

Yvonne Kristoff has been a valuable member of the German Concordia Brass Band for many years, always going the extra mile beyond what is required of her. Yvonne has contributed to the German Concordia Brass Band in multiple ways.

She is currently the band's representative to the Saskatchewan German Council, writing funding applications and follow ups to ensure funding for the band's cultural activities as performing member continue.

Yvonne prepares information about the band's activities for the SGC newsletter. She has spent many hours assisting in finding the right music and then ordering the sheet music. Yvonne has actively recruited members, organized music workshops and arranged for local musicians to assist in learning.

Yvonne makes band practices extra fun by organizing the coffee breaks and bringing much appreciated homemade culinary delights.

Yvonne is very involved in her community and admired by friends for her "no nonsense approach" to completing tasks that she takes on along with her dedication to the group."With her passion and dedication, she has made the German Concordia Brass Band richer in spirit and interpersonal connection while fulfilling her responsibilities and doing the extra work to make the band what it is today.

Yvonne is very involved in her community and admired by friends for her "no nonsense approach" to completing tasks that she takes on along with her dedication to



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Strategic Goal 2: Increase Awareness, Access and Profile of SGC

Collection of Immigration Stories: Cultural diversity & history of our province

With SGC's new website launch in summer 2021, the idea of starting an online Collection of Immigration Stories finally became a reality. To fit in with our mission and mandate, we are collecting life stories and adventures of German Canadian families and individuals: descendants of ethnic German families who emigrated from Germany as well as other places in Europe, including Hutterites, and Mennonites, who ultimately made Saskatchewan their home.

*"My own deep love for Canada
is a direct result of the struggles
I know my forebearers had.*

Dr. Patricia Spindel, "Erika's Diary"



Saskatchewan is shaped by many stories that make up the cultural diversity and history of this province. Those stories need to be heard as they provide a glimpse into the past. The personal immigration stories connect us to people, they teach us respect for heritage, educate us about history and preserve the history of the people and of this province.

The Saskatchewan German Council acknowledges the changes taking place in beliefs, activities, interests, and values within the diverse "German" community. Preserving and telling stories helps us to observe the change of that culture over time and as people adapt to life in a new environment.

Each story is unique! If you are interested in telling your immigration story, please contact us!

Impact

A gentleman in Germany stumbled upon Adele's story in the online Postillion, and immediately recognized the family connection. It turns out they share the same great-grandfather. The gentleman and Adele have regularly communicated since then and he would like to come to Saskatoon.

Online Advent Calendar 2021: Blending traditional and modern culture

An advent calendar is a tradition of German-speaking countries which counts the 24 days in December until Christmas, making the wait for the anticipated holiday shorter. Often, advent calendars have doors, one for each day of December leading up to Christmas.

SGC always strives to find a balance of traditional and contemporary German culture to represent the past, present, and future. While appreciating, preserving, and celebrating our traditions and customs, we acknowledge that culture is always in transition.

On a licensed platform, the SGC developed an interactive online advent calendar that represents a German tradition delivered in a contemporary format with modern and historic themes.

By clicking, our online community was able to open doors and learn about innovations of Austria, Germany and Switzerland. Participants were able to engage in quizzes and enter to win a prize.



Just like many other organizations, the SGC switched many programs to online versions during the pandemic. The online advent calendar format allowed us to be more visible and easily accessible to the public.

During the month of December, over 1,200 people enjoyed the fun calendar with its information, photos, and quizzes. We are already planning the 2022 online advent calendar – see you soon!

Strategic Goal 2: Increase Awareness, Access and Profile of SGC

Community Outreach: Celebrating heritage virtually



In reaching out to the greater community, the SGC once again participated in several virtual festivals. In August, Saskatoon Folkfest held an online event to celebrate multiculturalism and educate the public about different cultures in our society in order to appreciate one's heritage.

The SGC participated as Pavilion Cultural Mentors for behind-the-scenes Virtual Cultural Workshop. Mentors volunteered to explore traditional cuisine, dance, music, celebrations, and more. The German culture was represented at those workshops with three different presentations.

Franziska Davies-Perret introduced the German cuisine with food facts, information about regional influences on gastronomy, and the introduction of many dishes of German-speaking countries.

Theresa Kliem gave a presentation about the German language, the areas where German is most widely spoken, number of German-speakers worldwide, and regional dialects of the language.

Gabriele Waidelich-Harrison provided some background information on Oktoberfest such as the history of the world's largest Volkfest, location, statistics, and global celebrations of Oktoberfest, including the fact that Canada's Kitchener-Waterloo, is home to the largest Oktoberfest outside of Germany.

Each workshop consisted of different cultural presentations which were very interesting and informative. In smaller groups, participants had ample opportunities to ask questions and discuss aspects of a mentor's culture, making this an in-depth and interactive experience.

For the Culture Connect live stream on August 20 & 21, 2021, the German Pavilion showcased events by some of our member groups such as German dancing with the Concordia Alpenrose Schuhplattler Verein and instructions for making "Biergulasch" and "Bienenstich Cupcakes" by Kochlöffel & Nudelholz, German-Canadian Koch- und Backstudio. The videos can be watched on: <https://saskatoonfolkfest.com/>

In February and March, the 2022 Heritage Festival of Saskatoon celebrated Saskatoon and area's civic, natural, cultural, and artistic heritage. The theme "Our Changing Times" inspired SGC to participate in the virtual part of the event.

SGC contributed to the German heritage in the form of an interactive cultural calendar about the Black Forest with its culture, costumes, cuisine, and traditions, many of which made its way to Saskatchewan. Participants met fairy tale characters, learned about the origin of the Cuckoo Clocks and got inspired to make a Black Forest Cake. Links to cultural crafts, story time and games, made this calendar fun for children as well!

Thank you to the following members and affiliated groups who also made contributions to the festival and therefore preserving our heritage and with that our identity: CFCR 90.5FM, German Junior Folk Dancers, KulturGarten Saskatoon, and Fritz Stehwien Gallery.

We are thankful for the many opportunities to reach out to the community, build on existing partnerships, establish new connections and be part of a wonderful and vibrant cultural community.



Strategic Goal 3: Deliver Programs and Services

Immigrant Settlement Advisor Services : A contribution to diversity & inclusion

“It has really been a pleasure knowing someone like you as my settlement advisor, I would say I am truly blessed. I sincerely appreciate your support, words of encouragement, advice and guidance for me and my family. I am super excited to have someone like you to guide us through our settlement here in Saskatoon”.

Client

For the past 12 years the Saskatchewan German Council has proudly supplied the position of an Immigration Settlement Advisor to the benefit of the community and Saskatchewan. In all those years the Settlement Advisor has supported newcomers to Saskatoon and the region with all aspects of the settlement process and has made a significant difference in the lives of thousands of newcomers.

The ISA offered personalized, prompt and high-quality settlement services out of the SGC office. The ISA also maintained a regular presence at the Newcomer Information Centre, on average once per week for a full day. Settlement services were offered in person, remotely via phone, email, Zoom and other platforms.

The ISA addressed clients' essential, initial, immediate, and long-term needs. Assistance in the newcomers' career development in addition to the already established options through other settlement agencies remained an important and appreciated service. Many newcomers benefitted from comprehensive help in the development of competitive resumes, cover letters, and interview skills, and most importantly the assistance in tailoring the resume to a specific job add.

The overarching goal of the Settlement Advisor's work was newcomers' successful settlement in the province. The ISA

reviewed and discussed the participants' settlement needs and goals, provided information, assistance, and access to resources as well as services which helped the client to make informed decisions, take independent action, work independently on goals, and implement a successful Settlement Plan.

Some of the reasons newcomers sought the Settlement Advisor's help were the following:

- initial/basic settlement needs (learning how to access public services and resources);
- need for help with a variety of applications such as Health Card, CCB, GST/HST, SIN etc.;
- need for additional career development advice;
- help in identifying available community resources, community services/classes;
- urgent need for help in emergency situations including referrals to services;
- difficulties in handling and navigating official government forms (e.g., Child Benefit Application);
- need for guidance in complex areas such as career outlook/job search; credential recognition; long-term planning; financial literacy and budgeting; taxation and tax benefits; affordable housing; system of education on every level; overload with urgent needs that had to be addressed in a timely manner;

In addition to adequate employment and financial sustainability, socio-cultural integration was important as the third component of successful settlement. Newcomers who attended EAL classes benefitted from the cultural component of the curriculum. Those who were lucky enough to have an inclusive climate in the workplace also adapted well with time. Unfortunately, some clients - especially those who did not attend EAL classes and did not have inclusive climate at workplace - often had difficulties integrating into Canadian society.

In unison with the Reconciliation Process in Canada, the Settlement Advisor also connected clients with activities that helped newcomers to learn more about Indigenous culture, history, and life. Immigrants are especially vulnerable when it comes to stereotypes because they might not have had the background knowledge about Indigenous terms and history.

On a regular basis, the ISA provided updates to current and previous clients about community programs, activities, and events. This information encouraged newcomers to join different leisure activities, meet new people and start expanding their networks. Encouraging newcomers to engage in the community, try different leisure activities and mingle with other newcomers and Canadians was an important part of their settlement process.

Best connections were achieved by personal interaction; however, also virtual contributions offered an important insight, direct connection and conveyed the feeling of being accepted in the community. A successful integration into Saskatoon and Canadian society was crucial for newcomers to achieve other settlement goals as well: employment, improving English language skills, enjoying their new lives in Canada. Well integrated newcomers help form the Canadian Mosaic, be role models for other immigrants, and support the community in becoming more open-minded and welcoming to people of different cultural backgrounds.

As of March 31, 2022, the Immigrant Settlement Service came to an end for the Saskatchewan German Council due to changes in the settlement sector. We wish to extend our appreciation for the help and support of all involved parties and are grateful for over 12 great years of offering settlement services to our community.

Economic Benefits of Immigration in Canada

Canada is built on immigration:

- Worker-to-retiree ratio:** 2 to 1 in 2035 versus 7 to 1 in 1971
- 80%** of Canada's population growth

Active community members:

- 1 out of 3** Immigrants volunteers
- 2 out of 3** Immigrants are part of social organizations

Best and brightest:

Canada is #1 in the world attracting:

- Entrepreneurs
- Highly educated people

Creates new jobs:

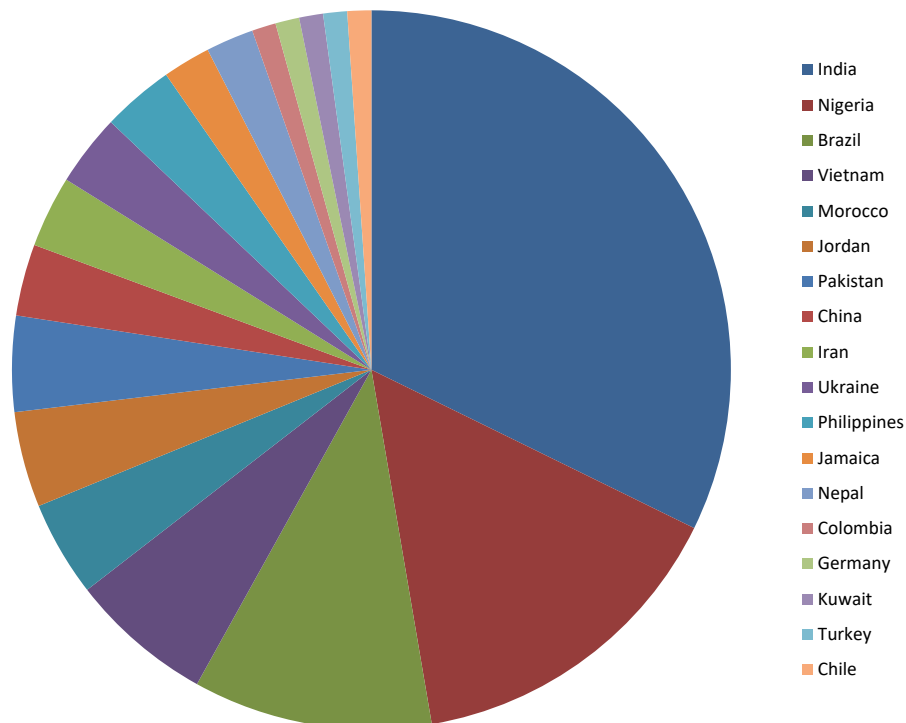
Global Skills Strategy has:

- Grown **1,100** Canadian companies
- Filled **24,000** highly skilled vacancies
- Created **60,000** new jobs for Canadians

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Clients' Country of Origin

Clients – Country of Origin / January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021



Strategic Goal 3: Deliver Programs and Services

Culture in the Kitchen. Recipes from a Multicultural Cooking Series: Sharing food & connecting across cultures



Culture in the Kitchen is a series of multicultural cooking classes hosted by the Saskatchewan German Council who invites other cultural groups to share recipes, stories, and their customs. Using food as a common bond connects people and promotes the appreciation and better understanding of Saskatchewan's multicultural society.

The Culture in the Kitchen cookbook is a collection of all the recipes from previous cooking classes including Germany cooking with China, Norway, Vietnam, Brazil, Nigeria, Saskatchewan, Ukraine, India, Indigenous Saskatchewan, Romania as well as Saxony, Baden Wuerttemberg, German Christmas Traditions, Germany East meets West.

Classes took place in Saskatoon and Regina. Some classes were hosted by SGC member groups and others were sponsored from organizations in the community. The class "Germany meets Saskatchewan" was part of the Saskatchewan Library Association's "One Book One Province" and welcomed author and foodie Amy Jo Ehman as special guest. Each cooking classes had up to 20 registered participants from the public who mingled in the kitchen.

The cookbook provides introductory paragraphs for each culture in order to share a glimpse of the country's culinary and cultural traditions. With this book, we celebrate food, the vibrant diversity of this province, intercultural connections, our heritage, and traveling the world through cooking classes.

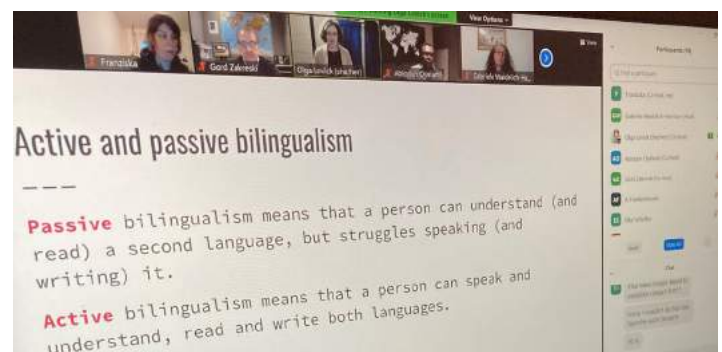
Workshop & Discussion about Bilingualism: Promoting Language Learning

On March 10, the SGC in partnership with the Saskatchewan Association of International Languages (SAIL) hosted the workshop & discussion "Bilingualism – Raising Children With More Than One Language." German-born Dr. Olga Lovick, Professor and Head of the Department of Linguistics at the University of Saskatchewan led the workshop which built on her previously developed SGC brochures called "Raising children bilingually. A very brief guide," and "Raising children with more than one language. A guide for parents."

Participants learned about the importance of bilingualism, passing on a mother tongue, maintaining active bilingualism, advantages & disadvantages of bilingualism, promoting language learning, and sustaining interest in languages. Did you know that it is common to be anxious about not being good enough when using another language but that we should not expect perfect bilingualism from ourselves? "Language is part of who we are! It grounds us in our cultural identity."

Saskatchewan language schools offer over 30 international languages where students can learn a language, retain their language, and find a language community. Language learning helps for better cultural understanding, for business opportunities, for traveling or to connect to one's own heritage.

German can be learned at language programs in Estevan, Regina and Saskatoon, as well as at high schools and universities in this province. The Goethe-Institut Examination Centre at the SGC offers German language proficiency exams for level A1 and A2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The SGC also offers university scholarships to recognize academic achievement with German language learning in Saskatchewan.



SGC Member Reports

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Regina Chapter

Alvin Knoll, President

Greetings everyone. After two years of dealing with Covid concerns our group managed a May meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church. Trinity has been our home for so many years now that it seemed like a small homecoming for us. We were glad to be back.

Trinity is undergoing some changes and as a result our group had to relocate our Germans from Russia library. We organized a morning where many members came out and moved all our books, maps and videos to our new location.

We were allotted one of several cloak closets in the narthex and this worked out quite well for us. The church had just removed several of their church pews and our group purchased two of these pews, cut them down and made shelving from them. Now instead of rolling out our library bookcases on wheels, we merely open two doors and our library is accessible. Very convenient.

Also surprisingly our group has had several inquiries on genealogy these past months. I was able to help in several of these instances and this led to interest in joining our group. New members are very welcome! One of these new members has done extensive research into her family and has been very active working on her DNA. I was not aware that there were so many DNA sites available.

I have found that many Germans from Russia are very curious about their DNA and up until recently were not receiving the proper information. It seems that the Germans from Russia were an unknown group in DNA testing and as a result many were lumped into the more familiar European lines.

As May was our first real get together, we had decided not to host our annual Schmeckfest. This is always a highlight for our group not only for the food and companionship but also for an ending of the winter season and the knowledge that summer has

arrived! We are all looking forward to this coming fall season and our getting back to normal.

I would like to thank the Saskatchewan German Council for its support of our organization. I would also like to thank SGC and President Merv Weiss for recognizing the importance of our history by encouraging the stories of immigration to be told.

Austrian Edelweiss Dance Association Regina

Allison Ekdahl-Johnston

It has been a while since we had any excitement in our group. Our 2021 year was uneventful, and on hold to keep our dancers and families safe.

We started the Senior group up in the Fall of 2021, the dancers were happy to get back together and have some laughs and exercise. There weren't any new participants but just the original gang getting back into routine.

We couldn't start up our Junior and Intermediate group as our instructor was busy finishing her university practicum.

We started off the 2022 year off with some switch-a-roo's, the Junior and Intermediate instructor was able to teach again, so we put the children and youth to work. While the Senior

group had to pause due to lack of dancers, these 35–45-year-olds aren't as agile as they thought, and we had some men out with injuries.

However, with the flip flopping of practices and adding an intermediate group, this allowed for the senior dancers to be part of the toting of children to and from practices. We continue to use St. Anthony's parish as a practice location, we are so thankful for this partnership.

Although we don't feel up to participating for a whole Mosaic weekend, we do have some performances scheduled in June. Since it has been so long since the children and youth have danced in front of an audience and visiting seniors' homes is still a bit risky, we

decided to schedule a "recital" at the beginning of June, to show off our hard work to friends and family.

We also were invited to participate in the Regina German Club's Sommerwende, so we quickly rushed to look at our costume inventory and measure our children and youth up! As we suit up the children you can sure feel their excitement and pride.

Here is to hoping we continue getting back into our regular routine and the Fall starts up as hiccup free. We truly thank the Saskatchewan German Council for still rewarding us with grants even while we were on hiatus, we are finally able to put it to use to dress up the influx of little boy dancers this year. Happy and Healthy Spring to all the members!

CFCR Community Radio Society of Saskatoon Inc.

Neil Bergen, General Manager

This past year continued in the challenging vein for Community Radio. In spite of the pandemic we saw our membership hold steady with over 500 members joining The Community Radio Society.

Our fundraising efforts over the past year have been successful as well with donations coming in at just over \$70,000.00 for FM-Phasis, our annual on air fundraising drive. Other events that CFCR normally would have been involved in with over the past year such as the Blues Festival and the Ness Creek Music Festival were cancelled.

One of our major expenditures over the past year has been a new board

for the control room as we continue to upgrade our equipment at the station.

As with all non-profits and businesses the past year was unlike anything we've experienced in the past. The Federal Governments wage subsidy was discontinued which put extra pressure on the survival of our organization and we will be running a significant deficit for the year. Fortunately we have the funds in reserve to cover the deficit for the year however it's not a trend we can sustain indefinitely. We did not have to lay off any staff over the past year and advertising revenues are slowly picking up.

Community Radio will continue to meet the challenges that arise on a daily basis and we are cautiously optimistic for the future of our community and the part Community Radio will play in its success.

It is with the help of organizations such as the German Council that Community Radio will continue to move forward and provide a voice for non-profits, multicultural organizations and independent artists. We thank you for your contributions and look forward to continuing our mutually beneficial relationship.

Concordia Alpenrose Schuhplattler Verein

Anna Schmidt

After a year and a half off from dance due to the pandemic, our group returned to performing at the virtual Folkfest in 2021.

In September we started back to weekly practices. We have been renting studio space from Boyan Ukrainian dance school weekly. We were excited to gain three new members in the fall: Ethan, Satine, and Jordyn.

In October we performed at the Nutana Legion Oktoberfest, and at Oktoberfest nights at Stensrud Lodge and Porteous Lodge. It was great to return to in-person performances. We

have been working on some older dances from our repertoire and are excited to be performing them again this spring.

Our group will be performing at the May Day Celebration held by the junior dancers on May 14th.

The following weekend, our group will be traveling to Edmonton for West Bezirksfest hosted by the Bavarian Schuhplattlers of Edmonton. This event includes workshops to learn dances, as well as an Ehrentanz performance. We are excited to gather with Schuhplattler groups from western Canada and United States.

We will continue regular practices throughout the summer and hope to perform at further events in the fall.

We would like to thank the SGC for their support, we feel so lucky to be able to continue dancing. We hope to see everyone at an event in the future!

Concordia Brass Band

Gary Brown

2021 was a year of reduced activity by the Concordia band. Due to Covid-19 restrictions our rehearsal hall was unavailable for the early part of the year. Our concerts at senior residences were limited as visitors were not allowed until late in the year.

We were able to resume rehearsals in late summer. Our first concerts of the year were on a Saturday in early September. These were outdoor concerts. It was good to get back together and share our music. We played a total of three outdoor concerts.

With the lifting of some restrictions, we were able to play inside late in the year. Our last concert for the year was a Christmas concert in mid-December.

We appreciate the ongoing support and encouragement by the Saskatchewan German council. We appreciate St. Matthews Anglican Church for ongoing support regarding rehearsal and equipment storage space.

There is optimism that 2022 will be a year of increased opportunity for us to take our music out to the community.

Most of our regular musicians have returned to rehearsals. We have welcomed two new members and are open to new recruits.



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1. Regina German Club: Thankful for community support during the last year.
2. Results from one of Kochlöffel's "Culture and Baking Boxes" - Valerie's Bernerbrötchen.
3. Concordia Junior Alpenrose Dancers: AR-Rockin the Boat at the Forestry Farm Wiener Roast.
4. KulturGarten Saskatoon: Vicky und Andreas are preparing for binding the Advent wreath.
5. Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church: TLC PANTRY PROJECT, filling the food bags.
6. Hansel and Gretel Preschool Saskatoon: First fieldtrip this year.



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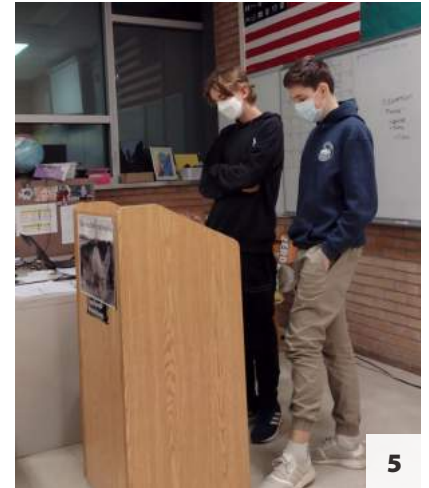
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- 1. Karnevalsgesellschaft Harmonie: Summer Bash.
- 2. CFCR Community Radio Society of Saskatoon: Theresa hosting the German show Deutsche Klangfabrik.
- 3. Das Schulhaus: Our new coordinator Dave Wentworth.
- 4. KulturGarten Executive Members: After a long work day.
- 5. German Language School Saskatoon.
- 6. Easter decoration at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- 7. Hansel and Gretel Preschool Saskatoon: Nature is an extended classroom.



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1. German Junior Folk Dancers: Lots of costumes, but no dancers to wear them.
2. Volksliederchor Harmonie: Tuesday night rehearsal.
3. Lantern walk with Das Schulhaus - Regina German Language School.
4. Struwen, one of the regional recipes in Kochlöffel's "Culture and Baking Box" to celebrate October German Heritage Month 2021.
5. Karnevalsgesellschaft Harmonie: Crowning 2021/2022.
6. Concordia Junior Alpenrose Dancers: AR-Bekendorfer.
7. American Historical Society of Germans from Russia: New library storage waiting to be organized.



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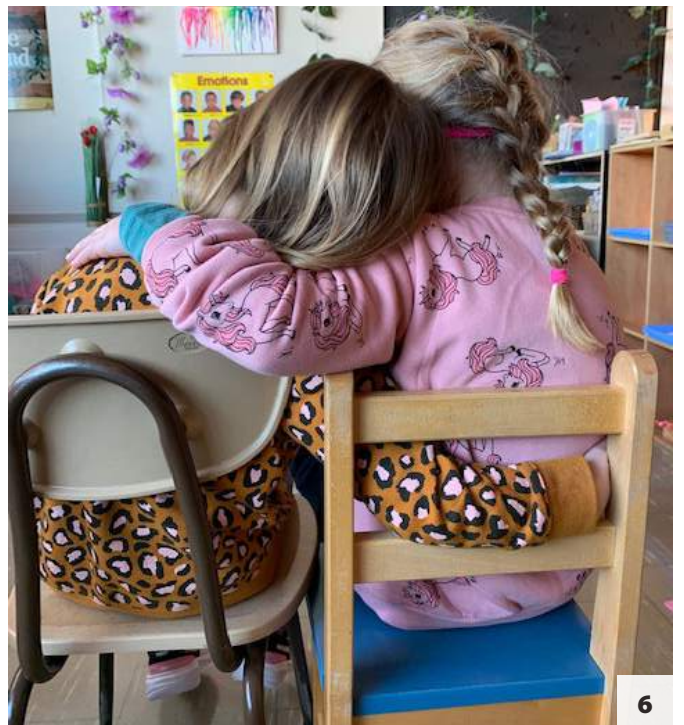
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- 1. German Langue School Saskatoon: Winter walk, grade 3-6.
- 2. German Junior Folk Dancers: Head dresses for our Trachten.
- 3. Concordia Junior Alpenrose Dancers: First Practice after 78 weeks - Definitely something to cheer about.
- 4. Flammkuchen from the ovens at the Regina German Club.
- 5. KulturGarten Saskatoon: Summer-Sing-Along in the Forestry Park.
- 6. Hansel and Gretel Preschool: Sharing love and friendship.

SGC Member Reports (continued)

Concordia Junior Alpenrose Dancers

Brenda Booker

After over a year of Covid shut down, the fall of 2021 saw restrictions lift and a return to a new normal, for our dance group. Time to get the group up and DANCING again.

Before we started dancing though, we needed to get everyone together and do some catching up. We gathered on a lovely Sunday afternoon for a Wiener Roast at the Forestry Farm. What a great time we had getting reconnected and even had a chance to meet a brand-new family member. A new baby sister joined us for the afternoon.

We began the fall with a search for a new practice venue. With a bit of a fortunate family connection, we are now practicing in the basement of Augustana Lutheran Church. Sept 14th found us at our new home base, dancing up a storm for the first time in 78 weeks. It was amazing to see everyone, almost seamlessly, pickup right where they left off. We welcomed a new young dancer, that happens to be our third dancer that is a second-generation dancer. We have also had three of our teens join the senior

dance group. They are enjoying the added challenge and we appreciate their continued participation in the junior group. They are such strong leaders.

Thankfully our protocols have kept us all healthy throughout the winter. We are so grateful for the diligence and understanding of our dancers and their parents.

With no performance opportunities in sight, we decided to do our own Christmas Performance and post it on Facebook for family and friends. We appreciate that, once again, Joan took time out of her busy schedule to get our dirndls ready for our growing dancers.

We have struggled in the past with trying to make a Maypole, that could be disassembled for transporting and remain stable. Then along came our fabricating genius, aka Mack. "Thanks Mack, we really appreciate all the time you have dedicated to this project." He did a great job on the Maibaum and now get ready to see the ribbons fly in the spring.

We gratefully receive support from the SGC, Sask Lotteries, SaskCulture, as well as the GCCC & all their members.

If you want to see what the "Concordia Junior Alpenrose Dancers" are up to just follow us on Facebook!

Das Schulhaus - Regina German Language School Inc.

Dave Wentworth, Coordinator

This report summarizes the period of April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022, for das Schulhaus Regina German Language School.

Spring & Summer 2021

All classes continued on Zoom, and we extended our three adult classes for a third semester.

Our youth classes worked towards their end of year.

In the summer, we had a Grillfest at Wascana Park. This was a welcome opportunity to gather outside and follow COVID regulations in place at that time.

Fall 2021

In September 2021, Dave Wentworth was appointed as the new coordinator for the school. We also had an increase in executive meetings to decide between online and in person classes, and to develop strategies for moving forward with the pandemic at that time.

We resumed classes on Zoom, with three classes for youth (Grundschule, Mittelstufe, and Teenagers Advanced).

We also welcomed Regina Furkert as a teacher at our school. We resumed three adult classes (Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced) with below average enrollment numbers, however still viable for an online class.

We held our AGM virtually, and appointed new board members: Deana Karner, Nancy Kennedy, and Yvonne Schmidt-Sobek was named our new president. Linda Froh remains on the board as a past president.

In October, our website was overhauled with a fresher look, and more user-friendly features.

In November, we were able to have an in-person Lantern Walk which was well attended, and we lucked out with terrific weather. There was an energy in the air that this event was appreciated by all as a chance to gather in person.

For our holiday fundraiser, we did an online raffle for a basket of German themed liquors and confections. This raffle was run online and in person, with an online option being a new undertaking for us. We had a successful outcome, and we look forward to the next time!

Winter 2022

Our New Year began with continued online classes. We created a safety committee, composed of our coordinator, and representation from our board, our teachers, an adult student, and the parent of a youth student. This committee's intention is to create strategy and protocols for a safe return to online learning.

We launched private instruction, with a dedicated section on our website for people looking for individual or customized instruction.

In February, we participated in SAIL's International Heritage Language Day celebrations. We created a video looking back on past events, and to celebrate our 10 years of being in the community. During this month our safety committee completed its first set of recommendations for a return to in person learning.

In March, our Grundschule returned to in person learning. We attended the German Society in person AGM, and we launched another virtual initiative: a bottle drive totally promoted online with participants being able to sign up directly via our website.

Estevan & District German Freundschaft Society

Katharina Ulbrich, President

The Estevan German Club didn't hold monthly meetings due to COVID-19. We complied with Saskatchewan restrictions to protect our membership and their families. Due to our aging membership, there was not enough interest to start over with meetings when restrictions lifted.

Our German Language Class continued via Zoom. Currently we facilitate an adult intermediate class. The age range is from 30 to 60+. Our hope is to have some in-person classes and maybe workshops before summer.

It is with sadness that after more than 35 years of success our club will dissolve this summer. The club provided opportunities for good fellowship for the benefit of all interested people from Estevan and Area, especially those with German-speaking backgrounds.

German-Canadian Society Harmonie Regina

Patrick Kossmann

2021/2022 was a tough year for many groups. The Regina German Club struggled on trying to stay open offering lunch and supper take-out meals. Daily Specials have been on offer and the limited meal options appealed to our clientele. Though business was much slower than we would like it has been enough to keep the club opened.

Special events like Spargelfest, Sommerwende, and our Patio Parties have been placed on hold. With limitations put in place by our

government, for the safety of the public, these events were put on hold. We still have been receiving inquiries about our events we are optimistic that when we can open up fully again, we will be met by an eager public.

With so much down time at the club, we have been doing minor maintenance around the building. Various tasks that have been pushed to the side are now being looked at. Money for these tasks has been tight, and we have had a few fundraising activities to raise money. These online

fundraisers have been successful and will likely be continued through the next year to continue bringing in much needed money.

Recently our subgroups have begun meeting again. We expect these groups to bring a renewed vigor to our club activities. Many people are eager to get back to their singing and dancing and are well-rested due to the forced time off.

German Junior Folk Dancers

Barbara Stehwien and Amanda Stehwien

A surprisingly quiet year for our dance groups makes us realize that a return to normal is still not yet on the horizon. Many world issues are so far reaching that even small cultural groups such as ours are feeling a large impact.

We did continue with our virtual activities and stayed home a lot. Practices did not resume as hoped, and travel was limited to small galleries with our 'Trachten expert' Waltraude. We didn't feel our German Book & Toy sale was a safe event as yet either.

Virtual events included a Zoom workshop for the Regina Library and participation in the online Heritage Festival. Continuing education in film making and online orientation proved helpful for these virtual activities. Our website now proudly introduces a European Folkdance video that was compiled from archival video footage and select photos. It turned out to be an excellent summary for anyone interested in the basics and origins of cultural dance.

Other videos can be found on our Vimeo site, as we try to document all we've learned about Trachten costumes and old traditions. As the title above suggests, it's not just about German folkdance, but very much includes the European story.

The Canadian multicultural side of things has not been as well documented (yet), but we have great memories of learning and teaching each other our dances - something that naturally leads to the exposure of language and other cultural aspects.

We end with a fitting quote to summarize what we learned about German folk dance in our 25 years of teaching & learning, travel and performing:

"To understand the culture, study the dance. To understand the dance, study the people."

~ Chuck Davis ~

We couldn't have done it without support from the many great people, including those at SGC, DSI, SIA and Market Mall. Vital of course, were our many dedicated member families and the young dancers, die kleinen und grossen Tanzkinder.

German Language School Saskatoon Inc.

Kathleen Schroeder-Brass, Principal

The last two years have changed a lot in the world of teaching. Learning about new ways of teaching through online platforms and putting this into practice within all our classrooms, as well as returning to in-person instructions with respecting everyone's comfort zone.

After a full year of online life in 2020/21 for most of us, lots of people were looking forward to activities returning to in-person, either for leisure and/or for education purposes.

There are a few planning steps ahead of finalizing class set-up each year. As all our classes were run in an online format in the previous school year and we had word that classroom rentals would be possible for 2021/22, it was necessary to check with my teaching team about their preferences for either in-person and/or online classes.

After the teachers had set their preference for the classes, we had to coordinate the start dates suitable to their schedule and rearrange some of the classes due to having to say goodbye to two of our newer teachers.

Thank you to Regina Prost and Polina Lerman for your contribution to our school and good luck on your new adventures with studies and work in other provinces. We were able to welcome two of our former high school credit class students into our teaching team. Sophie Frankenhauser took on the class with our youngest kids (K – Gr.2) and Anton Schroeder is assisting in our High School Credit Class.

Once again, I sent out a survey throughout summer to our existing school community as well as possible new students/families to share our plans for German language programming. I asked everyone to indicate their participation for in-person class or online class or both.

The online survey tool was a valuable support for my planning and the response was almost 100%. The majority of our 2020/21 student body was going to continue classes and some former students returned after opting out from the previous online programming. Almost all students/families who did show interest in our language program over the summer did find a suitable spot in one of the classrooms.

We were able to offer the following classes this school year:

- Kids Level 1 / K - Gr.2 / in-person
- Kids Level 2 / Gr. 3 - 6 / online
- Kids Level 3 / Gr. 7 - 8 / online
- High School Credit Class / in-person
- Adult Beginner S2 / in-person
- Adult Intermediate S1 / in-person
- Adult Adv. Conversation / in-person

Our school had to say the final goodbye to Regina who taught our Gr.7/8 students online up to the Christmas Break. I am very grateful that she was able to help us out after she moved away from Saskatoon. It is never easy to find new teachers to take on one of our classes. It also

doesn't happen very often that people apply, eager to teach and be part of our team.

Therefore, I am happy to share with you that our Gr.7/8 students are taught by Isabel now. She did find us, applied and is a wonderful addition to our team. Isabel is a native German speaker, speaks several languages and lives in Japan. Thanks to all the possibilities with online programs this wonderful working connection is possible. Isabel just took on a student from Edmonton for tutoring lessons and would love to teach more classes for us next school year.

A special Thank you to my teaching staff of 2021/22: Josephin Dick, Theresa Kliem, Franziska Davies-Perret, Brandon Smith, Sophie Frankenhauser, Anton Schroeder and Isabel Goy.

I like to send out our appreciation to our students, our families, and our friends for being a part of our school once again.

Thank you as well to our funding support within our province provided by the Saskatchewan German Council (SGC), SaskCulture, SaskLotteries and the Saskatchewan Association of International Languages (SAIL) and their efforts in promoting German language in Saskatchewan.

Hansel & Gretel Preschool Inc.

Ulrike Hecker, Coordinator

Despite all Covid related obstacles that we still had to face last year, Hansel & Gretel Preschool managed to remain a place for young children where Fun meets Learning! The preschool curriculum was adjusted in accordance with public health guidelines & in addition to traditional classroom teaching, we increased the amount of "outdoor learning."

In order to keep families in the loop and due to the fact that parents couldn't attend school celebrations in-person, we had to get a little bit creative. Instead of performing for parents on a stage, we had short performances outside. Lantern walks, singing German songs and reciting rhymes in front of the parents was a great opportunity to see students "live" and "in action." Even temperatures below -20 C couldn't keep us from singing! The majority of special events and

cultural celebrations were held in the classroom and recorded for parents to watch at home.

The highlight of the year was when Nikolaus visited the preschool in December. Our little ones sang their hearts out and their "reindeer hokey pokey" dance made Nikolaus smile and wiggle in his chair!

More happiness was spread in January when we had a "Hawaii Party" and danced to the song "Surfing in the USA." The video caught the attention of the radio station CBC ONE. During an interview with Shauna Powers, Ulrike Hecker had an opportunity to talk about the importance of "spreading joy and happiness during a pandemic". The interview was broadcasted nationally during the Easter Weekend.

We are very excited about being able to schedule fieldtrips again and going on excursions with our classes. It certainly adds to the quality of teaching and helps to regain a sense of "normality" for our little ones!

In our efforts to remain financially stable, Hansel & Gretel Preschool held various fundraisers throughout the school year. Part of the funding that we received from SGC was used towards advertising as due to the ongoing pandemic enrolment numbers were still lower than in previous years.

We would like to thank all of our funding organizations for their support that truly help us to maintain a high-quality Early Learning program. Registration for 2022/23 preschool year is open! We still have some openings in our classes for the upcoming school year.

Karnevalsgesellschaft Harmonie

Sheila Aldous

Our group is happy to say that we have been more active than we were last year at this time. We would like to thank SGC for their support with our smaller scaled events & for helping our dancers. A thank you to the Regina German Club for letting us return to practice at the club and to RMC for hosting events for our dancers.

Our Karneval Crowning was held on January 29th, 2022. Princess Theresa and her Prince Claude were crowned at the German Club with about 35 people attending. It was a lovely evening. Congratulations to our new Prinzen Couple.

We held a small member St. Nicholas night on December 15th, 2021. Last

summer there were three weddings in our group: Kris Rubrecht married Joel Douglas; Joelle Salter married Wade McFadden. Debra DuMont married Brian Dodman. This year Princess Theresa and Prince Claude have their 40th Anniversary on April 24, 2022.

Our Dancers returned to regular practice in September and have taken part in a few events since our last report. They performed at the University of Regina, Summer Bash Events, an Oktoberfest at Victoria Square and Frost through the City of Regina. They also did a taping for TeleMiracle on the 8th of January which was shown on the broadcast – Sunday Morning, March 6 around 7 am.

We are still hosting our SARCAN Drop & Go bottle drive fundraiser for our young ladies' new uniforms, "The Sparklers." If you have any bottles/cans laying around that you would like to donate to the cause, the girls would really appreciate it. Their Group Name at SARCAN is KGH. We have also planned some other fundraising events: Spring Plants, Popcorn, Pizza. Thank you to our volunteers for looking after these.

If you are interested in joining the group or dancing with us, our contacts are President - Darlene Rubrecht (306-545-8873) or through our email at karnevaldancers@gmail.com. Hope Everyone has a great rest of the year.

Kochlöffel & Nudelholz, German-Canadian Koch-und Backstudio

Franziska Davies-Perret

Another year has passed and more changes have come! In 2021, we celebrated 10 years of Kochlöffel. So for April's anniversary celebration we were taken on a lovely virtual tour of one of Saskatoon's newest distilleries, Stumbetown Distillery. The topic of distillation seemed fitting since Germany has a culture of distillation which is based on the region, what crop is grown, and different ingredients used.

For May, we partnered with the Regina & District Bee Club to chat about bees and everything in-between. Honey is a highly popular ingredient in German baking, and there are so many variations of honey that can be bought at the markets and stores there, some are unique to Germany.

In June, there was a virtual Native Plant Walk with Wanuskewin Heritage Park. Different herbs and plants were discussed that are used in the Indigenous culture and some are even found in German cooking.

For the last anniversary ZOOM

celebration, we had a wonderful speaker from the American Historical Society of Germans from Russia - International chat with us about where and how Germans from Russia made their way to North America and what types of food they brought with them, adding to the culinary culture of the US and Canada.

Kochlöffel had plans to continue with online events, the attendance was good, but it seemed there was a general tiredness of sitting behind a computer screen. So, we switched things up again to adapt to Covid times and October saw our first "Culture and Baking Box" to celebrate German Heritage Month. The box was free and included most ingredients to bake regional German recipes (things like eggs, milk and butter were needed from your own kitchen) along with cultural information wrapped up in a nice little booklet.

These boxes continued in November with an Austrian Sweet Treats Box and a Christmas Cookie box for December. Due to the popularity of the "Culture

and Baking boxes" and the uncertainty of Covid, the decision was made to continue offering the baking boxes in lieu of in-person cooking classes for the same price.

February 2022 saw regional Swiss bread recipes, boxes with different themes will continue to be offered for the rest of 2022. While a box was not offered in March, we were busy with a local freelance illustrator to update Kochlöffel's logo to make it more modern and on trend. The original logo is a cherished part of Kochlöffel's history of when it first began at a meeting on how to share recipes from German-speaking countries with the Saskatchewan people.

Lastly, we would like to thank SaskLotteries in partnership with SaskCulture and the Saskatchewan German Council for continued support in sharing food, culture and food history of German-speaking countries!

KulturGarten Saskatoon

Brigitte Boldt-Leppin

Considering the ongoing pandemic KulturGarten continuously conducted their virtual monthly Stammtisch meetings. The subjects included when, how and if KulturGarten could organize any events in the fiscal year 2021- 2022. Because of the political uncertainties concerning health issues and the over 20% increase of consumer costs, we decided not to organize any indoor events, rather concentrating on virtual or outdoor events.

However, we also discussed hosting Treffpunkt 2022, planned for June 18/19, in Saskatoon. The contacts and arrangements made for Treffpunkt 2020 were found to be still valid and were debated and honoured by the Parktown Hotel. However, due to the current inflation, the cost had to be renegotiated.

The public response to the on-line videos featuring the Heritage Festival in 2021 and 2022 was very positive. In anticipation and preparation for Christmas 2021 KulturGarten was again approached by the Nutrien WonderHub Children Museum

to display the traditional German Advent wreath. The freshly bound large wreath was on display and much admired until Christmas with an invitation for repetition in 2022.

The status of our yearly Erntedank and Advent celebrations were discussed, and alternative locations considered, e.g a hotel lobby to display holiday decorations and ornaments. In lieu of our annual harvest festival, our harvest crown decorated the altar of the Cathedral of the Holy Family during their 2021 Thanksgiving celebrations.

As summer outdoor activity, KulturGarten had invited to a Summer-Sing-Along! A shady place in the Heritage Rose Garden at the Forestry Farm Park provided the perfect ambiance. The enthusiasm was huge. The participants sitting in a large circle enjoyed the comprehensive treasure of the German song repertoire. All singers were full of excitement about this event, so this gathering was repeated in September and hopefully will continue on a regular basis in the 2022 summer season.

The inspiration to decorate a water fountain as "Osterbrunnen" was inspired by the many photos posted by cities in Germany. During an in person walk-about in Saskatoon, we considered several locations along Meewasin Valley, River Landing and downtown, but could not find an appropriate location.

We then contacted the City of Warman who positively looked at the project. However, because of this year's long winter and early Easter, the chosen fountain was not unwrapped in time. The project is in discussion for 2023.

The Concordia Alpenrose Junior Dancers invited us to celebrate Maifest together. We hope with our decoration for the hall and our Original German Kuchen it will be the start of a new tradition for the German Community in Saskatoon.

Lloydminster German Heritage Society

Rosemarie Schlekewy, President

Hello everyone, we are all well and keeping busy with other things, as we have not been able to meet together as a club, for the last couple of years. We are in the process of looking for a new meeting place and looking forward to once again getting together.

We will be planning a summer picnic, and discussing the possibility of hosting OKTOBERFEST again on October 28, 2022, at the Convention Centre at the Lloydminster Exhibition Grounds. We will keep everyone informed when we have plans in order. Everyone is looking forward to a good party after all this time.

We have all been receiving the Postillion and keeping in touch with the latest news at Saskatchewan German Council. Thank you all for being there and doing the things you do to keep the Council up and running in these trying times.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church

Rod Gellner, Interim Chairman

In 2021 Mount Olive Lutheran Church was able to resume its in-person German worship services. We held our "Deutscher Gottesdienst" every last Saturday of the month at 2 p.m. beginning in September. Our German worship services have been uninterrupted since then, including a special Christmas service on December 18.

Going forward, we hope to resume our "Kaffee und Kuchen" after the service providing a time of fellowship for attendees where they can, if they so desire, speak German in an informal setting.

We also hope to once again host events or initiatives that promote the German language and culture such

as the very successful "Culture in the Kitchen" event that we hosted in 2019.

Mount Olive is happy and thankful to God for all the opportunities we have had, despite the pandemic, and especially for our SGC membership and the friendships we have made with other SGC members and member groups. Gott sei Dank!

Regina German Film Club

Ilona Beck

Unfortunately we will not be able to report on any activities with the Regina German Film Club. Due to Covid restrictions on gatherings as well as partly closure of the George Bothwell Library, which is the place where we usually had the movie

showings, the Film Club has been not active over the past year. Fortunately our members had access to German movie content through readily available German movies online and by accessing apps like zdf, ard and similar.

However the discussion after the film showing is very much missed. The future months will tell if there is still hesitancy to gather for such events or if the film club will continue in a virtual format.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Berbel Knoll

Sunday morning German worship services have resumed this past year at Trinity. A small group meets every Sunday at 11:30 am in the St. Paul's chapel which is a more intimate space for a small group of worshipers. The service is led by our Pastor and an assistant with the sermon given in English. Although comfortable with English, it is nevertheless very meaningful to this group to be able to worship in their native language, to hear scripture read in German, to be able to sing familiar hymns.

Trinity has now passed the one-year mark of our partnership with MayBell Development, and we are looking forward to the opening of the day care in the church hall sometime this summer.

Extensive renovations to the hall are taking place and the space will be transformed into a daycare for about 50 children. The next phase will be the building of tiny homes by MayBell on the church parking lot to accommodate 8 single parent families.

Losing our hall and kitchen has meant a downsizing for our church but it has also meant a repurposing of the space in the main building 1 and a rethinking of who and what we are as a church. This is a work in progress.

Slowly the church is opening again, and we see groups meeting in the building after a very quiet two years. Programs are moving from online to in person. Our TLC program continues

to serve 100 bags of food daily from Monday through Friday. Carmichael Outreach meets in the St. Paul's chapel daily for life skill classes and some choirs are using our sanctuary for their practices. Regular in person worship has also resumed but the online services still seem to be popular. The pandemic has revealed the inadequacies of our technology, and we are now working on grants to fund our own renovations and technological system upgrades.

Trinity has strong roots in the German community of Regina. As a church we value our German heritage and appreciate the opportunity to be a member of the SGC. We are grateful for the support we receive from them.

Volksliederchor Harmonie

Alvin Knoll, President

Greetings to everyone. After a two-year hiatus our choir resumed choir rehearsals in mid-March with mask options. The group is visibly smaller in number with several people retiring and some not quite comfortable in returning until fall. However, we are pleased that our director Blair Mills and accompanist Carol Mills are able to continue leading the choir.

Our rehearsals are once again back in the German Club on Tuesday evenings. Although it has been two years, the familiarity with which we settled into our Tuesday practice just seemed to

be natural. We are rehearsing a varied selection of songs from our repertoire and even with the smaller numbers of singers, our director is happy with the sound we are producing.

Our annual spring concert was put on hold as we had not had sufficient time to prepare for such a performance. We did however have several performances at Seniors' Homes and Sommerwende an event hosted by the German Club in June.

At this time, we are expecting to return to normal in the fall season and

will be looking forward to our annual Christmas Concert.

Our group has been saddened with the passing of our long-time member, Mr. Ray Fichter. Ray was our choir treasurer for many years and a faithful member of the bass section. We all enjoyed working with him and will miss his friendship.

Thank you to SGC for the good work they do to support our group and for continuing to foster interest in German culture in our province.

Zichydorf Village Association

Glen Schwartz, President

Covid has made the past year another quiet one. We are finally planning our first in-person meeting in two years for this spring.

We continue to see good interest in the Banat church records we have for sale on our web site. We have recently acquired some additional records, but they are not yet on the web site as

there are some peculiarities affecting how they are presented. We hope to resolve this in the very near future.

In the past year we have added Familienbücher for the Banat villages of Triebswetter (last in a series), Johannsfeld, Morawitza, and Albrechtsflor. We also recently had a biography translated for our web site.

It describes pre-WWII life in Zichydorf, the post-war work camps, death camps, and deportations to Russian Labour camps, and the eventual recovery of the victims in Germany.

And finally, we are in the process of migrating our web site to a new platform as the old one had become obsolete.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members, Saskatchewan German Council Inc.

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of **Saskatchewan German Council Inc.**, which comprise the statement of financial position as at March 31, 2022, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Organization as at March 31, 2022, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many non-profit organizations, the Organization derives revenues from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of revenue was limited to accounting for amounts recorded in the records of the Organization. As a result, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary in respect of revenues, assets, liabilities or net assets.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Saskatchewan, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Information Other than the Financial Statements and Auditors' Report Thereon

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, but does not include the financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. The annual report is expected to be made available to us after the date of this auditors' report.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above when it becomes available and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

When we read the annual report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT continued

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

May 7, 2022
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan


Virtus Group LLP
Chartered Professional Accountants

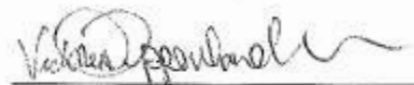
SASKATCHEWAN GERMAN COUNCIL INC.
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT MARCH 31, 2022
(with comparative figures for 2021)

ASSETS		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Current assets			
Cash	\$	50,749	\$ 48,898
Current portion of restricted investments (Note 3)		14,250	49,975
Accounts receivable		4,760	2,041
		69,759	100,914
Restricted investments (Note 3)		45,750	5,025
Tangible capital assets (Note 4)		1,516	1,730
		\$ 117,025	\$ 107,669
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$	13,202	\$ 15,284
Deferred membership fee revenue		123	-
		13,325	15,284
NET ASSETS			
Net assets			
Unrestricted		43,700	37,385
Internally restricted (Note 3)		60,000	55,000
		\$ 117,025	\$ 107,669
Commitment (Note 7)			

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

APPROVED BY:

 Director

 Director

SASKATCHEWAN GERMAN COUNCIL INC.
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2021)

	Internally Restricted	Unrestricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 55,000	\$ 37,385	\$ 92,385	\$ 86,004
Transfers	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Excess of revenue over expenses	-	11,315	11,315	6,381
Balance, end of year	\$ 60,000	\$ 43,700	\$ 103,700	\$ 92,385

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

SASKATCHEWAN GERMAN COUNCIL INC.
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2021)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Grant revenue		
Sask Trust for Sport, Culture and Recreation		
Annual Global Funding	\$ 202,000	\$ 202,000
	<u>202,000</u>	<u>202,000</u>
Government revenue		
Government of Saskatchewan	7,747	8,512
Ministry of Economy	53,094	53,369
Service Canada - Summer Student Grant	3,356	-
	<u>64,197</u>	<u>61,881</u>
Earned revenues (Schedule 1)	12,626	8,397
Private sector revenue		
Donations	110	25
Total revenue	<u>278,933</u>	<u>272,303</u>
Expenses		
Personnel	122,619	113,398
Office operation (Schedule 2)	17,262	18,099
Organizational business cost (Schedule 3)	9,369	7,517
Travel and meetings (Schedule 4)	4,403	3,690
Publications - newsletter	10,729	10,252
Immigration settlement	46,589	50,386
Member funding programs (Schedule 5)	38,536	39,206
Programs (Schedule 6)	17,111	23,374
Sponsorship (Schedule 7)	1,000	-
	<u>267,618</u>	<u>265,922</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	<u>\$ 11,315</u>	<u>\$ 6,381</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

SASKATCHEWAN GERMAN COUNCIL INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2021)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 11,315	\$ 6,381
Items not involving cash:		
- Amortization	1,191	865
	12,506	7,246
Non-cash operating working capital (Note 6)	(4,678)	3,950
	7,828	11,196
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities:		
Additions to investments	(5,000)	-
Additions to tangible capital assets	(977)	(2,595)
	(5,977)	(2,595)
Increase in cash	1,851	8,601
Cash position - beginning of year	48,898	40,297
Cash position - end of year	\$ 50,749	\$ 48,898

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

SASKATCHEWAN GERMAN COUNCIL INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2021)

1. Nature of operations

Saskatchewan German Council Inc. (the "Organization") was incorporated under *The Non-Profit Corporations Act* in the province of Saskatchewan. The mission of the Association is providing cultural programs and support to its members.

The Organization is exempt from income taxes under section 149 of *The Income Tax Act*.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations which required management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. The financial statements reflect the following policies:

Tangible capital assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the assets at the following rates:

Computer equipment	3 years
Computer software	3 years
Furniture and fixtures	10 years

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recorded on the statement of financial position when the Organization becomes party to the contractual provisions of the financial instrument. The Organization initially measures its financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value, except for certain related party transactions that are measured at the carrying amount or exchange amount, as appropriate.

The Organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and financial liabilities at cost or amortized cost, except for investments in equity instruments that are quoted in an active market, which are measured at fair value. Changes in fair value of these financial instruments are recognized in excess of revenue over expenses. Fair value is the amount at which a financial instrument could be exchanged at arm's length between willing, unrelated parties in an open market.

The Organization's recognized financial assets and liabilities consist of cash, restricted investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Revenue recognition

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

SASKATCHEWAN GERMAN COUNCIL INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2021)

3. Restricted investments

Internally restricted net assets represent a reserve set up by the Board of Directors to meet obligations if, in the future, grants are not sufficient or unforeseen expenditures arise. The internally restricted assets have been invested in term deposits recorded at cost.

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Term deposit #011 matured Dec 2021, rate of return linked to index	\$ -	\$ 25,250
Term deposit #012 maturing Jun 2022, rate of return linked to index	5,050	5,025
Term deposit #014 matured Sept 2021, interest at 0.600%	-	5,000
Term deposit #015 maturing Nov 2021, interest at 0.450%	-	15,000
Term deposit #016 maturing April 2024, rate of return linked to index	5,500	-
Term deposit #017 maturing Nov 2022, interest at 0.400%	5,000	-
Term deposit #018 maturing Nov 2023, interest at 0.600%	15,000	-
Term deposit #019 maturing Nov 2022, interest at 0.400%	5,000	-
Term deposit #020 maturing Dec 2024, rate of return linked to index	25,250	-
Owing (to) from unrestricted net assets	<u>(800)</u>	<u>4,725</u>
	60,000	55,000
Current portion	<u>(14,250)</u>	<u>(49,975)</u>
	<u>\$ 45,750</u>	<u>\$ 5,025</u>

During the year, the Organization transferred \$5,000 (2021 - \$nil) to the reserve.

4. Tangible capital assets

	<u>2022</u>		<u>2021</u>	
<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated</u>	<u>Net Book</u>	<u>Net Book</u>	
	<u>Amortization</u>	<u>Value</u>	<u>Value</u>	
Computer equipment	\$ 10,954	\$ 9,438	\$ 1,516	\$ 1,730
Computer software	2,069	2,069	-	-
Furniture and fixtures	21,185	21,185	-	-
	<u>\$ 33,408</u>	<u>\$ 32,692</u>	<u>\$ 1,516</u>	<u>\$ 1,730</u>

SASKATCHEWAN GERMAN COUNCIL INC.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2021)

5. Financial risk management

The Organization has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage the principal risks assumed with financial instruments. The significant financial risks to which the Organization is exposed are:

Credit risk

The Organization is exposed to minimal credit risk on the accounts receivable as the receivables are due from government agencies.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Organization's exposure to interest rate risk is limited to restricted investments. The interest rates on some of these investments are fixed; therefore, the risk is mitigated.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Organization's exposure to liquidity risk is dependent on the receipt of funds from its operations, external borrowings and other related sources. Funds from these sources are primarily used to finance working capital and capital expenditure requirements, and are considered adequate to meet the Organization's financial obligations.

6. Non-cash operating working capital

Details of net change in each element of working capital relating to operations excluding cash are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
(Increase) decrease in current assets:		
Accounts receivable	\$ (2,719)	\$ (423)
	(2,719)	(423)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(2,082)	4,373
Deferred revenue	123	-
	(1,959)	4,373
	\$ (4,678)	\$ 3,950

7. Commitment

The Organization leases premises under an agreement requiring an aggregate minimum payment over the next year as follows:

2023	\$ 7,940
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SASKATCHEWAN GERMAN COUNCIL INC.
SCHEDULES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2021)

SCHEDULE 1

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Earned Revenues		
Advertising sales	\$ 370	\$ 390
Fundraising	1,500	1,500
Interest	2,448	1,202
Other	807	640
Membership fees	2,173	2,335
Merchandise	793	80
Registration fees	280	-
Translations	4,255	2,250
	<u>\$ 12,626</u>	<u>\$ 8,397</u>

SCHEDULE 2

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Office Operation		
Amortization	\$ 1,191	\$ 865
Equipment service and repairs	1,057	1,765
Internet	1,239	1,130
Insurance	360	461
Office supplies	2,087	2,135
Postage and shipping	772	1,313
Photocopying	120	45
Rent	7,860	7,769
Special printing costs	1,702	1,720
Telephone	874	896
	<u>\$ 17,262</u>	<u>\$ 18,099</u>

SCHEDULE 3

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Organizational Business Cost		
Audit	\$ 5,534	\$ 5,371
Bank charges	-	139
Fees and charges	1,673	163
Membership fees	200	180
Other	1,962	1,664
	<u>\$ 9,369</u>	<u>\$ 7,517</u>

SASKATCHEWAN GERMAN COUNCIL INC.
SCHEDULES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2022
(with comparative figures for the year ended March 31, 2021)

SCHEDULE 4

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Travel and Meetings		
Annual general meeting	\$ 162	\$ -
Travel - staff	1,720	969
Travel - volunteer	2,521	2,722
	\$ 4,403	\$ 3,691

SCHEDULE 5

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Member Funding Programs		
American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Regina		
Rental support for meetings	\$ 400	\$ -
Austrian Edelweiss Club, Regina		
Christmas party	400	200
Zoom subscription	200	-
Virtual tour of Austria	500	-
Oktoberfest	600	-
Santa Costume & Banner	-	200
CFCR Radio, Saskatoon		
Treffpunkt Deutschland	850	850
Concordia Alpenrose Schuplattler Verein, Saskatoon		
Folkfest	-	80
Dance studio rent	400	-
New member costume	1,000	-
Concordia Brass Band, Saskatoon		
Digital music and photo storage	250	-
Funding for hall rental for rehearsals	1,150	1,250
Honorarium clinician	-	300
Transposing software for music	800	-
Music purchase	-	600
Concordia Junior Alpenrose Dancers		
Dance studio rent	525	-
German Junior Folk Dancers		
Digital archive	500	-

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SCHEDULE OF MEMBER FUNDING PROGRAMS (CONTINUED)
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	SCHEDULE 5	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Jagd-und Fisch Verein, Regina		
Target shooting	500	-
Shooting Competition	-	600
Karnevalsgesellschaft Harmonie, Regina		
Crowning	650	-
Evening with St. Nikolaus	500	-
K.G. Harmonie German Dancers	750	-
Kochloffel & Nudelholz, Saskatoon		
Cooking videos online	1,440	-
Anniversary Celebrations	900	300
Cooking classes (2021 online)	-	1,030
KulterGarten Saskatoon		
Advertising Material/Banner	-	1,500
Melville & District German Heritage Club		
Kaffee, Kuchen & Spass	-	500
Mennonite Heritage Village		
Summer Museum Program	500	500
Regina Austrian Edelweiss Dancers		
Dance instructors	250	250
Hall Rental	1,700	500
Saskatchewan Association of Teachers of German		
German language contest	400	-
Saskatchewan German Culture Assistance Fund		
Program development	1,500	-
Volksliederchor Harmonie, Regina		
Advent concert	1,000	1,000
Spring concert	750	800
Costume and travel funding	3,081	2,999
COVID emergency funding	2,000	12,942
School/Preschool funding	12,355	12,355
Youth funding - Mach Mit	2,900	450
Adjustment for prior year projects not completed	(215)	-
Total program expenditures	\$ 38,536	\$ 39,206

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SCHEDULE 6

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
SGC programs and projects		
Beethoven 250 - Music Talk (virtual)	\$ -	\$ 33
Bilingualism - Raising Children With More Than One Language	200	-
Bursaries	1,000	1,000
Communications plan	4,502	-
Cultural display items	-	707
Culture in the kitchen	1,259	-
Digital Advent Calendar	193	207
Eaton Interment Camp Project	600	-
German Conversation Circle	-	41
Goethe-Institut Examination Centre	398	147
Heritage Festival of Saskatoon	100	-
Library acquisitions	126	-
Live Tour Berlin	161	-
Podcast Series SaskScapes "German Culture Alive"	2,225	1,350
Publication: German Settlements in Saskatchewan	-	2,015
Reunification of Germany - Virtual Berlin Tour	-	165
Sing-Along Event - A Very German Christmas (virtual)	50	75
Video Project "Kinderzimmer"	80	200
Volunteer Recognition	350	288
Website Strategy, Design, Content & Development	5,642	16,926
Wonderhub Collaboration: Youth Night St. Martin's & Advent Wreath Display	225	220
Total program expenditures	\$ 17,111	\$ 23,374

SCHEDULE 7

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Sponsorship		
Jubilee Residences Foundation - Oktoberfest	\$ 1,000	\$ -
Total sponsorships	\$ 1,000	\$ -

Member Groups, Funders & Sponsors

American Historical Society of Germans from Russia, Regina
Austrian Canadian Edelweiss Club, Regina
Austrian Edelweiss Dance Association, Regina
CFRC Community Radio Society of Saskatoon Inc.
Concordia Alpenrose Schuhplattler Verein
Concordia Brass Band
Concordia Junior Alpenrose Dancers
Das Schulhaus - Regina German Language School
Estevan & District German Freundschaft Society
German Canadian Society Harmonie, Regina
German Junior Folk Dancers, Saskatoon
German Language School Saskatoon Inc.
German Russian Cultural Group - Leader
Hansel & Gretel Preschool Inc.
Imhoff Heritage Society, St. Walburg
Jagd- und Fischverein "Waidmann's Lust", Regina
Karnevalsgesellschaft Harmonie, Regina
Kochlöffel & Nudelholz: German-Canadian Koch- und Backstudio
Kulturgarten Saskatoon
Lloydminster German Heritage Society Inc.
Melville & District German Heritage Club
Mennonite Heritage Village, Swift Current
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Regina German Film Club
Saskatchewan Association of Teachers of German, Saskatoon
Saskatchewan German Culture Assistance Fund Inc.
Skat Club Saskatoon
Spiritwood German Canadian Club
Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Regina
Village of Edenwold
Volksliederchor Harmonie Inc., Regina
Zichydorf Village Association



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