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The committee met at 11:05.

The Chair: — Good morning to everybody and welcome to this meeting. This is the first of two meetings and we will be just dealing with petitions today. At our second meeting we will have the witnesses in and we will be dealing with the Bills.

Our duty is to go through and just make sure that the steps have been followed in each of the petitions, that the money has been paid, that they've been advertised appropriately in the Gazette and in a newspaper. And then we will also have to move each of the petitions as we move through.

So you each have your petitions there, copies of your petitions. And we will start off.

It's reported by the Clerk that petition 301, the International Bible College of Moose Jaw, in the province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to amend its Act of incorporation.

It's reported that that has been published in the *Saskatchewan Gazette* October 6 and 13 of 2000 and in the *Moose Jaw Times-Herald* October 27, or pardon me, September 27, October 4, 11, and 18. And the funds have been paid on that?

Ms. Ronyk: — Yes.

The Chair: — Thank you. And the second, no. 302, and I won't read through each of these. I'll just have you please note them and if you have questions on any one of them, just raise your hand and I'll acknowledge you.

Do you want to do each one? Sure, okay.

I think the Clerk has suggested that we vote off each one as we move through, and I think that's a good idea. So we'd like a motion regarding the Bible College please.

Okay. Moved by . . . do you want the . . .

Ms. Ronyk: — Mr. Prebble isn't a member of the committee.

Mr. Prebble: — Oh I'm sorry. I thought I was a member of this committee. I wasn't thinking. I apologize. Thank you.

Ms. Ronyk: — You can be here. You just can't vote.

The Chair: — Welcome here as a guest. Kevin? Thank you. Is that agreed? Okay.

No. 302. Any questions, concerns? The title is: of the Our Lady of the Prairies Foundation, in the province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to continue Our Lady of the Prairies Foundation.

It's been published according to the laws and a fee has been paid. Would someone like to move that? Denis Allchurch. Thank you.

The Chair: — No. 303, of the Providence Hospital, Moose Jaw, in the province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to dissolve Providence Hospital.

It's been duly published and the fees have been paid on that?

Ms. Ronyk: — Yes.

The Chair: — Thank you. And a mover for that? Or any . . . First of all, any questions?

Mr. Brkich: — Are we going to have any background information on this, on any of the written applications?

The Chair: — Other than what's . . . if you reviewed the Gazette, you could find it there.

Mr. Brkich: — From that.

The Chair: — Do we also have some other background information available for the member?

Ms. Ronyk: — Thank you, Mr. Chair. What is in the notices is really what's in the petitions that you do have in front of you.

Also of course, they are required to file the draft Bills when they file their petitions, and they have done so. Those have been . . . gone through the drafting process with the Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk, and they are then presented to the House when this committee reports on the petitions. The Bills then are presented to the House, and then this committee meets again and reviews the Bills. At that time then, the witnesses are here to answer any questions you have.

But if you would like a brief description of what the purpose is, the Law Clerk could do that for you right now.

Mr. Ring: — Thank you. With respect to this Bill and with respect to the . . . St. Anthony's which would be later on in the agenda, they're essentially the same Bill for two different entities.

My understanding, in speaking with the solicitor, for the Bill to dissolve Providence Hospital is that it is a institution that no longer functions, does not have any property, either real or personal property attached to it. And what they're trying to do is just bring it all under the Sisters of Charity, the holistic health care home umbrella.

And so it's really a bringing together of two defunct organizations to roll them into one new organization which will take charge of all of that.

The Chair: — Ms. Higgins, do you have some light to shed on this one?

Ms. Higgins: — Just a comment. In 1994, two facilities in Moose Jaw were closed — St. Anthony's was a care home that the Sisters ran and operated, and also Providence Hospital. And those were amalgamated into one facility and both were closed. So this just cleans up the charters to go with that.

The Chair: — We need a mover for that one yet. For 303, someone move that? Ms. Junor. Agreed? Thank you.

No. 304, of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural

Municipalities, in the province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to amend its Act of incorporation. That has been duly published and fees paid on that.

Ms. Julé: — Could I ask the Law Clerk to give a bit of a background on the purpose of this Bill?

Mr. Ring: — This Bill is to allow the association to direct how they're going to be investing the income that they have to capitalize on it. And the wording presently in the Act is somewhat restrictive, and this wording is more a modernization which will allow them to invest in a range of investment opportunities that a prudent investor would invest in. So it would be very similar to type of investments that someone acting as a trustee would be able to invest in. So they wouldn't be able to invest their money in something that's high risk, but something that a prudent investor would invest in.

Ms. Julé: — All right. Thank you.

The Chair: — Okay. Any further questions on this Bill? Do I have a motion? Ms. Higgins. Agreed? Thank you.

No. 305, of the St. Anthony's Home, Moose Jaw, in the province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to dissolve St. Anthony's Home. It's been duly published and fees paid.

Any questions or concerns on this one? Mover then? Okay. Ms. Higgins . . . (inaudible interjection) . . . Okay, somebody who's not sponsoring? Mr. Yates. Okay. Pardon me. Agreed? Thank you.

No. 306, of the St. Thomas More College, Saskatoon, in the province of Saskatchewan, praying for an Act to continue the St. Thomas More College. Questions or concerns there? Okay. Take a motion on that? Ms. Julé. Agreed? Thank you.

And that's our business. Do we have one more here? Okay.

Would someone move that these petitions now be reported to the Assembly? Ms. Junor. All agreed with that? Thank you.

One other issue that we have to deal with is a request from those asking for Our Lady of the Prairies Foundation. In order to save some money, they would send a solicitor here to our next meeting where we require witnesses. But they're asking if they could just be available by telephone for a conference call if necessary, if we have any questions of the witnesses on that issue. Is that agreed to? Thank you.

On Friday I will be presenting the third report of the committee. It will be reporting each of these Bills that we've passed today, and that is deemed to be the first reading when that report is presented.

And then on Tuesday, on private members' day, the second reading will take place. Okay.

Now in terms of our next meeting, we need to have that before third reading. Is that correct? Okay.

Do you have calendars with you? It would be following May 1, this following week. If we look at Thursday, the 10th, as a

meeting date and is this time a good time for everybody — 11 o'clock? Is 11 o'clock a good time for people on Thursday, May 10?

We can't meet when we're in session. We have to give them a full week's notice so Monday's out. I'm unavailable Tuesday or Wednesday. If we make it for 11, will that give us enough time?

Ms. Ronyk: — We often do. These are some committees we have to have and there's a couple of others we do sort of once. And so we do sort of bump a standing regular committee or a part of it to make sure they finish at 11.

Ms. Julé: — Mr. Wartman, we certainly concur that the 10th is fine. I think that some of the members may want to check their schedules and make sure that they don't have any other meetings at that time. However, at this time it does look okay.

The Chair: — Very good, thanks.

Ms. Ronyk: — We will send out a notice. And it is, it's that next meeting with witnesses that have travelled in that it's important that we do have the quorum so that we can deal with them. But we will give you an opportunity to say that you can't come ahead of time if that's the case.

The Chair: — Is there anything further? Okay. Someone move adjournment. Thank you.

The committee adjourned at 11:20.