

CFUW West Vancouver - General Meeting
Westerleigh Parc
Monday, February 20, 2017
MINUTES

1. **Welcome** by Co-President Phyllis Scott, followed by **Introduction of guests** by Landra Robinson: Jean Prescott - CFUW-NV, Hazel Starling - CFUW-NV, Janet Davidson - friend of Ieva Cornford.
2. **Announcement:** Sheonaid Kuchera said that volunteers are needed for the Ivan Sayers Retrospective evening on Friday February 24th. She passed around a sign-up sheet.
3. **Introduction of Speakers** - Because Judy Bickart was ill and not able to introduce the speakers, Phyllis introduced Jenny Benedict, Director of Library Services, and Shannon Ozimy, Head of Youth Services from the award-winning West Vancouver Memorial Library.
4. **Presentation: “Coming of Age in this Digitally Connected Global Sandbox”** [See documents: (brochure: Our Story), (brochure: 2016-2010 Strategic Plan), poster: Our 21st Century Library, events list: Adult 2017 Events February]

With the Mezzanine addition celebrating the library’s 60th anniversary in 2017, just one of many expansions over its long history, Jenny and Shannon described how it has become a “mecca of knowledge, culture and all things digital.” From robotics to E-books, 3D printing to the latest Apps, it has become far more than a traditional library lending out physical materials such as printed books and audio-visual materials. New technologies on the horizon that will have implications for our community and our Library include: Artificial Intelligence, the Internet of Things, and Big Data and the Cloud. Access to technology, computer instruction and assistance are core Library services. ~850 programs a year are offered to the public.

Learning in the 21st Century recognizes the influence of networks that allow learners to connect directly to resources, people and activities. Following the changing education system, the library adheres to a learner-centred approach which encourages students to learn in their own style, at their own pace, and in collaboration with others.

As a result of Jenny and Shannon’s presentation, our members learned more about such terms as coding, streaming, Raspberry Pies, Wii Musician Kits, the MIT program “Scratch”, mackie mackie circuit boards, and the Daisy audio book format.

Jenny outlined several areas where volunteers are needed, and thanked our members who are currently volunteering their time to work as “Friends of the Library.”

4. **Thank you:** Deborah Spicer, Program Chair, thanked Jenny and Shannon for their lively and informative presentation.

Business Session:

5. **Agenda:** Sheonaid Kuchera said that she would like to speak to 9.a. Phyllis added 9.d. to the agenda.

Moved: That the agenda be accepted as amended. Moved Madge Wiesman, Seconded: Selma-Jo Richards Carried

6. **Minutes of previous meeting:** No corrections were suggested.

Moved: that the Minutes of the January 16th meeting be approved as circulated. Moved Vi Roden Seconded: Sheonaid Kuchera Carried

7. **Business Arising:**

- a. **CFUW Notable Women Award** - Co-President Louise Adams describe the details about this award. Leslie Pratt has agreed to chair a small committee, comprised of two members who have volunteered to assist her: Selma-Jo Richards and Marilyn Adams. Leslie asked members to suggest names to her for consideration by February 28th. Babs Perowne was asked to send out a note to the membership. Leslie's committee will vet all suggestions and then choose one nominee from our club to put forth by the deadline of March 28th.
- b. **CFUW West Vancouver Constitution and By Laws:** Phyllis explained why this item should be tabled until the autumn.

8. **Correspondence:**

- a. **National Head Office** - Phyllis reported that our club had received thanks from National Head Office for its 'Way Forward' suggestions.
- b. **Capilano University** - Nyusha Samiei is the new Awards and Stewardship Officer at Cap U.
- c. **Award recipient** - Louise Adams said that we had received a letter expressing thanks from the 2016 recipient of the Mary Neil Bursary. It was suggested that the letter be put in *The Beacon*.
- d. **BC Council 2017 AGM:** Kelowna May 26-28 - Louise has received a 3 page brochure about it. She encouraged members to let her know if they wanted her to forward it to them.
- e. **Survey of Women In Universities 2017** -In 1992, CFUW conducted a survey on the Status of Female Faculty and Students at Canadian universities. The survey is being redone at 43 Canadian Universities. As well a new search project organized by the CFUW Status of Women Committee. The initiative is a research project entitled 'Preventing and Responding to Violence against Women and Girls:Sexual Assault policies in Post Secondary Institutions in Canada" If anyone wishes to participate in the project please contact Phyllis or Louise for more information.

9. **New Business:**

a. **Plans for celebrating International Women's Day**

CFUW WV will commemorate International Women's Day with a fundraising dinner at Kypriaki Restaurant in North Vancouver at 7:30 pm on March 8th. The Educational Trust Committee made a recommendation, subsequently approved by the Executive that funds raised at this event go to support the Hegg Hoffet Fund to assist graduate women who have been displaced as a result of war, political upheaval or serious emergencies. Louise Adams provided more information about the Hegg Hoffet Fund, which is supported financially by Graduate Women International's 64 National Federations and Associations.

Discussion ensued. Marian Ennis expressed great support for the Hegg Hoffet fund but concern about tax receipts. Sheonaid Kuchera expressed the idea that we should be helping local women first rather than fundraising for women internationally.

Moved: that any funds raised at the 2017 International Women's Day Dinner be spent locally.

Moved: Sheonaid Kuchera, Seconded: Ieva Cornford Carried [22 in favour, 13 opposed, 1 abstention]

When Louise Adams asked for suggestions re local organizations, Faye Hudson suggested the North Shore Crisis Centre because it handles a lot of refugees. Decision will e made later.

b. Proposed Changes to Financial Policies - Eleanor Scarth said that over time the wording approved in 2005 has caused confusion over time. A revised wording which was approved by the Executive was proposed.

Current Wording:

Profits raised from club fundraisers held outside regular meetings, excluding Gaming Licensed Raffles, are to be divided as follows: a minimum of 50% to our club Educational Trust Fund, and the balance to club Outreach, as directed by the Membership. (Policy approved by the Executive, October 11, 2005) (page 6).

Proposed Revised Wording:

Fundraising profits at events outside regular meetings (excluding Gaming Licensed Raffles) shall be deposited as follows: amounts raised for scholarship shall be deposited in the Education Trust account; and other amounts shall be deposited in the General Account. Club members shall determine the destination and amount of club outreach. It is understood that the purpose of fundraising shall be to support CFUW goals. No funds raised outside club meetings shall be used for club operations.

Discussion: Leslie Pratt said that income generated from Interest Groups for charitable purposes should be line items and should not have to be voted upon by the whole membership. Cherie Olund, referring to a Canada Revenue workshop for charities she had attended some time ago, spoke about Gaming Licensed Raffles.

Moved: Margaret Ramsay that the proposed revised wording be accepted. Seconded: Beverly Sharp Carried, with 1 Opposed

c. March Meeting: Members were asked to come prepared for the discussion and voting on the proposed resolutions and the proposed amendments to CFUW Articles and By Laws.

d. Surprise announcement - Our club won a Mini I-Pad from an Early-Bird Draw after Babs Perowne sent in our membership numbers to the National Office. Members made a number of suggestions as to how this prize could be used.

10. Committee Reports

a. Treasurer - Babs Perowne reported on the Financial Statements as at January 31, 2017. She explained the surplus of \$8,834 in the Operating Account, and the deficits of \$422 in the Educational Trust and \$17,492 in the Gaming Account. Moved: that the Financial Report be approved as presented. Approved by consensus

b. 60th Anniversary evening at WV United Church: Ivan Sayers' Fashion Retrospective Chair Ieva Cornford showed photos of the special events on February 1 - celebratory lunch at Chez Michel, followed by the Cherry Tree and plaque dedication ceremony at Hollyburn School. She also showed newspaper clippings of photos and articles about that event and also our upcoming 60th Anniversary Fashion Retrospective by Ivan Sayers. She thanked Sheonaid Kuchera and her husband for all of their work to make the Restrospective a gala event and Babs Perowne for her work as Treasurer. The members expressed their thanks to Ieva and her committee by a round of applause.

Eleanor Scarth reported that ticket sales increased after the newspaper publicity, to the point

where we are now “sold out” and there is a waiting list for tickets. 60th Anniversary bookmarks are still available at a cost of \$2.00 each.

c. **Program** - Deborah Spicer said that there would not be a speaker at our March meeting since it is our Resolutions evening.

d. **Social** - Leslie Pratt spoke on behalf of chair Claire Thompson about the AGM Dinner which will be held at the West Vancouver Yacht Club on May 15th. Tickets at \$52.50/person are all-inclusive and will go on sale at tonight’s meeting. Babs Perowne will take cash or cheques. Members are encouraged to bring friends, family and guests to this enjoyable event.

e. **Interest Groups** - Leslie Pratt thanked the members of the Financial Literacy Group who acted as Greeters at this evening’s meeting. Members of the Dames Who Dine group will be attending the International Women’s Day dinner. Contessas in the Kitchen will meet on Thursday, February 23rd.

f. **Gaming Education Award Committee (GEAC)** - Eleanor Scarth reported the good news that we have been awarded \$18,000 from the BC Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch.

11. **Additions:** Phyllis was pleased to announce that our guest speaker Jenny Benedict, Director of Library Services, at the West Vancouver Memorial Library, joined CFUW-WV this evening.