

**CFUW West Vancouver - General Meeting
Westerleigh Parc,
725-22nd Street
Monday, January 16, 2017 at 6:45 PM
MINUTES**

1. Welcome and introduction of guests - Louise welcomed everyone, especially our 7 guests:
Geri Barnes - friend/neighbour of Nancy Smith
Janet Carter (McGill)
Robyn Coulter (daughter of Liz Mendgen & daughter-in-law of Jay Coulter)
Marjan Hatai - introduced by Pamela Goldsmith-Jones; Marjan (UBC political science and law)
works as a constituency assistance for the House of Commons.
Dawn Hirschler - friend of Vi Roden
Therese Reinsch - friend of May Henry

2. Announcements from 60th Anniversary Committee

Chair Ieva Cornford provided details about the February 1 celebratory Luncheon at Chez Michel (12:00) followed by the Dedication Ceremony of the Japanese Maple Tree/plaque at Hollyburn Elementary School (2:30pm). Members are encouraged to sign up for one or both of these events.

Ieva also encouraged everyone to attend the Ivan Sayers Retrospective Fashion Show and reception on February 24th at WV United Church. Funds raised from this event will hopefully go towards a scholarship for a student aging out of foster care.

3. Introduction of our guest speaker: MP Pamela Goldsmith-Jones [See Addendum]

Louise Adams called the Business Meeting to order at 8:10pm.

4. Agenda - No additions were suggested.

M/S Leslie Pratt/Phyllis Scott

THAT the Agenda be accepted as circulated

Motion Carried

5. Approval of General Meeting Minutes:

November 21, 2016

No amendments were suggested to the Minutes.

M/S Audrey Sojonky/Jay Coulter

THAT the Minutes of the November 21, 2016 General Meeting be accepted as circulated.

Motion Carried

December 5, 2016

No amendments were suggested to the Minutes.

M/S Babs Perowne/Selma Jo Richards

THAT the Minutes of the December 5, 2016 General Meetings be accepted as circulated.

Motion Carried

6. Update on the situation with CFUW and GWI - Phyllis Scott went over a 2016-2017 chronology of events for CFUW and GWI, and then cited comments from a lawyer re payment of GWI dues.

Margaret Ramsay, Bev Wong and others said that we have a responsibility to support GWI with our dues. When Audrey Sojonky asked what had caused this lack of confidence in GWI, Marian Ennis and Kim Collett responded with background/historical information.

M/S Glenys Galloway/Nancy Smith

THAT we send a letter to CFUW telling them of our support for GWI and stating that we want to remit the dues that we've already paid. Motion Withdrawn

Louise Adams invited Babs Perowne, member of the Finance Committee, to speak. Babs said that there are some extenuating circumstances and that CFUW has been trying to get a clearer picture of the GWI finances. A revised GWI budget was sent to CFUW, but it is different from the budget passed at the Triennial in Cape Town. CFUW has paid 1/2 of the fees and it would like a clearer picture of GWI finances before sending the other 1/2 of the fees. She noted that GWI was making a concerted effort to curtail its expenses.

M/S Nancy Smith/Bev Wong

THAT we send a letter to the Board of CFUW stating that we *value* our membership in GWI and that we urge CFUW to send the other 1/2 of the dues that we paid last year to GWI. It is our fiduciary duty to pay this bill. Motion carried, with 3 abstentions

7. Treasurer's Report

[See document: *CFUW Financial Statement Dec 2016*]

Babs Perowne reported the following:

Operating Account Balance on hand:	~\$12,700	(including our National Fees of \$5,000)
Ed Trust	“ “ “	~\$800
Gaming	“ “ “	~\$760 (including a \$625 scholarship not yet awarded)

\$1,200 has been sent to Capilano University (for our Bursary Funds & ECE). This amount will be matched by 50% under their Giving Tuesday initiative.

Our December 9th luncheon raised \$895 for Sage House mini-scholarships. Their previous mini-scholarship awards were primarily spent on English as a Learned Language courses. The Christmas Party Silent Auction raised \$555 for the Hollyburn School Principal's Discretionary Fund.

M/S Babs Perowne/Kim Collett

THAT the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Motion Carried

8.1 Social - Chair Claire Thompson described plans for the AGM Dinner on Monday, May 15th and described why the WV Yacht Club is such an appropriate venue. She went over the menu, which includes shrimp cocktails, a buffet with roast lamb and salmon, and gluten-free chocolate cake for dessert. The price per person is \$52.50 (based on a minimum of 40 people). This cost includes taxes and gratuities.

M/S Claire Thompson/Leslie Pratt

THAT the cost of the dinners for our four guests be covered by our Operating Account. Motion Carried

Babs Perowne outlined the different ways for members to pay in advance for the dinner. Leslie Pratt encouraged members to attend the dinner and bring along non-member guests.

8.2 Program - Chair Deborah Spicer enthusiastically described our upcoming speakers:

February 20 - Jenny Benedict, Director of Library Services and Shannon Ozirny, Head of Youth Services at the WV Memorial Library will speak to the drivers of change and how our library is

supporting seasoned and new learners in this digital world. Their presentation is titled, “Coming of Age in this Digitally Connected Global Sandbox.”

March 20 - Resolutions

April 17 - Margaret Harman, Director of the NS Crisis Services Society will speak about “Defeating Domestic Violence.” In this sensitive but direct presentation, she will explain why so many women – victims of violence – return to it and how those who don’t are being empowered to rise above it.

May 15 AGM - “80 Anthems. 80 Countries. 41 Languages. 1 Determined Girl”

Capri Everitt and her family set out from Vancouver in November 2015 with an impossible dream – to use her voice to raise \$1 million for orphaned and underprivileged children in SOS Children’s Villages around the world.

9. Announcements:

Notable Women Awards - Tabled until the February meeting

Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee - Members are needed for this committee. Please let Phyllis or Louise know if you would be willing to serve on it.

The service for our long-standing member, Jean Johnston, will be held on Wednesday, January 18th at Hollyburn Funeral Home at 2:00pm.

Adjournment

Louise Adams adjourned the meeting at 8:57pm.

ADDENDUM

Phyllis Scott introduced our MP, Pamela Goldsmith-Jones, by noting that her constituency has the longest name of all the constituencies [West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea to Sky Country]. She also noted that Pam had gone to school with a member’s daughter and had also been a babysitter for several members’ children.

In her speech, Pamela asked, “Why in the world, especially today, are we not maximizing the potential of women in the achievement of our security?” Given the interconnectivity of world nations on security concerns, combating terrorism, Arctic security and energy policies, our MP contends women have much power and influence that remains untapped. She talked about an address she had given at a “Women in Parliament” Conference in Amman, Jordan and the importance of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 which reaffirms the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace negotiations, peace-building, peacekeeping, humanitarian response and in post-conflict reconstruction and stresses the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security.

Some startling facts: Only 22% of the parliamentarians in the world are women. Only 4% of the participants in peace agreements have been women. During her talk, Pam also recommended three books: *Ascent of Women: a new age is dawning for every mother’s daughter* by Sally Armstrong (2013); *Until We are Free: my fight for human rights in Iran* by Shirin Ebadi (2016); and *Prisoner of Tehran: A Memoir* by Marina Nemat (2007)

When asked about the cabinet shake-up last week in order to adjust to the new Trump administration in the U.S., Pam talked about Canada’s important issues with its neighbour. Chrystia Freeland — a former economics journalist with extensive contacts in the United States — has replaced Dion as Minister of Foreign Affairs and been given the crucial responsibility of navigating the changing domestic and global dynamic.

Her talk was followed by many interesting questions posed by members and guests. Deborah Spicer thanked Ms. Goldsmith-Jones for her informative presentation.