

**CFUW - West Vancouver General Meeting
October 17, 2016 at 6:45pm
at Westerleigh Parc 725 - 22nd Street**

MINUTES

1. Co Presidents' Report

Co President Phyllis Scott chaired this evening's Business meeting, which started at 8:00pm. Because some members/guests said that they had not been able to hear everyone who spoke at the September meeting, she gave tips for holding the microphone correctly while speaking.

Important Dates Phyllis described three important dates:

- September 21st: International Day of Peace [United Nations]
- October 11th: International Day of the Girl Child [United Nations]
- October 18th: Persons Day - On this historic day in 1929, women were finally included in the legal definition of "persons" under the law in Canada.

What We Do Phyllis described the emergency resolution "B.C. Youth Aging out of Foster Care" which was adopted at the CFUW BC Council AGM on April 23, 2016 and is now policy. It calls for the extension of supports for youth aging out until the age of 25 (which is what Ontario does), the creation of a comprehensive and caring plan to ease transitions, a review of existing policies, and community based initiatives to reduce stigma and foster permanency. Five CFUW clubs are forming "Community Circles": Victoria, Nanaimo, Kelowna, and (joint) North Vancouver and Hycroft. One of our dual members, Faye Hudson, attended a meeting about the issue yesterday. A report with action plans for all clubs will be available by January 2017.

2. Agenda

There were no changes suggested to the Agenda. A motion to accept the Agenda as circulated resulted in the following: Moved: Leslie Pratt Seconded: Deborah Spicer

CARRIED

3. Minutes of September 19, 2016 Meeting

The Minutes were corrected and approved at the Executive meeting on October 11th. and sent via email to all members. A motion to accept the amended Minutes of the September 19th Meeting as circulated resulted in the following: Moved: Margaret Ramsay No Seconder needed.

CARRIED

4. Treasurer Report [See document: CFUW FS Sep 2016]

Babs Perowne highlighted aspects of her report. A motion to accept the September 2016 Financial Statement as circulated resulted in the following: Moved: Faye Hudson Seconded: Leslie Pratt

CARRIED

Babs advised that CFUW WV now accepts Interac e-transfers in payment of dues, donations or fundraising events. Our executive supports this idea. Instructions will be included in the November Beacon.

5. 60th Anniversary Update

60th Anniversary Committee Chair, Past President Ieva Cornford, introduced the members of her committee and thanked them for their help. Two important dates in our anniversary year 2017 will be:

February 1st - a celebratory luncheon (not a fundraiser) will be held, location to be decided.

February 24th- a fundraising event/reception will take place: Ivan Sayers

Fashion Showtime: 7:00pm. Location: West Vancouver United Church.

Members were asked for a time frame preference ie fashions from 1930 to date or 1957 to date. Consensus was from 1957 to date.

Ongoing: Lynda Mackay ongoing research to find an inexpensive plaque to be placed near our Anniversary Tree at Hollyburn Elementary, a draft for a poster created by Glenys Galloway, a souvenir bookmark, and research by Eleanor Scarth re possible Scholarship for a recipient young person or another student "Aging out of Care"

6. Proposed 60th Anniversary Budget

Babs Perowne went over the proposed budget for the 60th Anniversary.

[See document titled: 2017 Fundraising - 60th Anniversary]

It is hoped that proceeds from Ivan Sayer event allows us to put \$1000 into an anniversary scholarship.

We are limited by space to 100 tickets or slightly above.

A motion to accept the proposed 60th Anniversary Budget as circulated resulted in the following:

Moved: Deborah Spicer. Seconded: Diane Reid

CARRIED

7. Committees

Membership Landra introduced and welcomed the 7 guests present at tonight's meeting:

Narciss Alberni
Shirley English
Mary Frost
Janice M. Hope
Sharon Radcliffe
Brenda Watson
Linda Waverley

- Lynda reported we currently have a total of 66 registered members, including 4 new members, 55 renewals, 6 duals and 1 lifetime member.
- The Executive will host a reception for New Members on Monday, November 28th at 7:00PM at Margaret Ramsay's home. All members who have joined since January 2016 or those who were not able to attend last year's reception are invited to attend.
- Members of CFUW-WV and CFUW-NV are invited to attend a YWCA presentation on anti-hypersexualization being hosted by the Issues & Advocacy group. Date: Friday, November 18th Time: 10:00AM Location: TBA

Interest Groups Update

After introducing the Convenors of Interest Groups (IGs) who were present, Chair Leslie Pratt gave an update on the IGs and spoke about the following: Greeters needed, starting new IGs, and finding IG information in the *Beacon* and our website.

Interac Leslie also spoke in favour of using Interac payments as an option for paying for dues or fundraising events. She successfully used Interac to pay her CFUW-WV dues.

Programme

Deborah Spicer spoke about the programme for our November 21st meeting. topic: "Addiction by Prescription". Our guest speaker will be Alan Cassels, a renowned author from the University of Victoria who has spent the past twenty-two years researching drug policy and prescriptions. He is an adamant and outspoken presenter.

8. Question Period

How many countries are there in Graduate Women International? [62]
When will our club Directory be out? [November]

9. Additions

Glenys Galloway thanked the Programme chair and her committee for arranging for this evening's excellent speaker.

10. Adjournment at 8:35pm

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Guest Speaker

Our Guest Speaker tonight prior to the meeting was respected real estate and estates lawyer **Richard Bell**, owner of Bell Alliance Lawyers and Notary Publics, Suite 201, 1367 West Broadway, Vancouver. His topic was "Where There's a Will, Is There a Better Way?" His lively, informative presentation addressed such questions as: Do you have the right executor? If your child pre-deceases you is their surviving spouse in your will? How to handle the black sheep in the family? How to disinherit someone? How do you avoid probate using Joint Spousal Trusts (JSTs) or Alter Ego Trusts (AETs)? And how to leave a legacy through charity? In addition, he explained wills variation under WESA (the Wills, Estates and Successions Act) and why his company uses the Nidus Personal Planning Resource Centre and Registry for all of its clients.

Mr. Bell also expressed his concerns about the ramifications of the BC 15% Property Transfer Tax which took effect in early August. It applies to Foreign Nationals from many different countries who are registering the purchase of residential homes in Metro Vancouver, excluding treaty lands in the Tsawwassen First Nation. Because the tax has had adverse effects, he wished that the provincial government had given more thought to the legislation.