

**CFUW West Vancouver General Meeting
Westerleigh Parc 725- 22 street West Vancouver
Monday April 17, 2017 6:45 PM**

Welcome - Standing in for Co-Presidents Phyllis Scott and Louise Adams, Program Chair Deborah Spicer greeted everyone at 7:00pm and announced that a draw that would take place during the break for five sessions at BFit in North Vancouver. She also directed everyone's attention to handouts containing questions to ask candidates who are running in the BC Provincial Election on May 9th re Child Care & Early Learning and BC Youth Aging out of Foster Care. The questions were prepared by the CFUW BC Council and Kris Archie, Senior Manager, Fostering Change, the Vancouver Foundation.

Deborah then asked Eleanor Scarth to introduce this evening's guest speakers, Laura Reynolds - Executive Director, North Shore Crisis Services Society (NSCSS), and Margaret Harman - Director, NSCSS. Laura and Margaret then thanked us for the \$8,200 we've raised for the Sage House mini-scholarships before proceeding to give a very interesting presentation titled "Defeating Domestic Violence." [See Addendum]

Short break - The winner of the BFit draw was Judy Bickart.

Business Session - Chair Deborah Spicer called the business meeting to order at 8:15pm.

1. **Agenda** - one addition: 6. add: Program

Motion to approve the Agenda as amended.

M/S Leslie Pratt/Deborah Spicer

CARRIED

2. **Minutes**

a. February 20, 2017 General Meeting - Leslie Pratt spoke about the necessity to reword the Financial Policy.

Motion to approve the February 20th Minutes as circulated.

M/S Leslie Pratt/Margaret Ramsay

CARRIED

b. March 20, 2017 General Meeting - Deborah Spicer noted that the Winnipeg club has supported the change we suggested to Resolution 1 [Item 2].

Motion to approve the March 20th Minutes as circulated.

M/S Babs Perowne/Deborah Spicer

CARRIED

3. **Treasurer's Report**

- **Financial Statement to the end of March 2017** – Babs Perowne reported that the current balance in the Operating Account is about \$9,960 including \$2,600 for the 60th Anniversary Scholarships. The Education Trust account balance is about \$1,500 and the Gaming Account balance is \$18,059. The \$18,000 grant has been invested in a term deposit. \$333 was raised for Sage House Mini-Scholarships.

Motion to accept the Financial Statement as circulated.

M/S Claire Thompson/Frances Dowdeswell

CARRIED

4. **Business Arising**

a. **City Market** - Eleanor Scarth said that she will soon be distributing wallet-sized cards to all CFUW-WV participants to use while shopping at City Market, Park Royal North. 10% will come back to our club. We've also been accepted again for the Thrifty Smile

Card Program where 5% will come back to the club.

- b. **Aging Out of Foster Care** - Eleanor announced that the proceeds from our 60th Anniversary Ivan Sayers Retrospective will provide not just one as we had hoped, but *three* awards to young women aging out of care: one award for \$1000 and two awards for \$800. To select the award recipients, we are working with Hollyburn Family Services, which offers a continuum of services to children, youth and families under contract with the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Information regarding Aging out of Foster Care is available, particularly information pertaining to the BC Council's Aging out of Care in BC Study Circle Project.
- c. **Voting Delegate at BC Council** -
Motion to appoint Phyllis Scott as our voting delegate at BC Council.
Moved by Deborah Spicer; no Secunder required. CARRIED
- d. **CFUW Notable Woman Award** [2019 100th Anniversary] - Leslie Pratt, on behalf of her committee including Selma-Jo Richards and Marilyn Adams, explained the background and criteria for this unique award. She then announced that our candidate will be Eleanor Scarth. Leslie's announcement was greeted with a hearty round of applause for Eleanor as our stellar candidate. Her name will be put forward to the next level, regional final, and then hopefully on to the national level.

5. **New Business**

Babs announced that the Proposed Amendment to Financial Policy will be brought forward in September.

6. **Reports of Committees**

Social - Claire Thompson encouraged members to bring family and friends to the AGM Dinner at the WV Yacht Club on May 15th.

Interest Groups - Pat Hayward announced that longtime member Joyce Schmidt, a member of Hot Off the Press book group, had died recently. During her career as a nurse, Joyce worked with children with Cystic Fibrosis. Leslie Pratt asked IG convenors to submit their Annual Reports by May 4th. The "4 Books" Group members are donating books in memory of Jean Johnston, Sheila Candy and Fran Cluett to the WV Memorial Library. That brings the number of books donated in the past 15 months to 8 - all run through our club's treasury, and soon to be recorded as a sub-account on the financial statements.

- Membership - Lynda Mackay reported that we have 80 members, with 6 dual members. She suggested that we invite prospective members to come to our AGM dinner.

- Nominations - In Ieva Cornford's absence, Claire Thompson reported that the committee is close to having a full slate for the 2017-2018 Executive.

- Publications - Babs Perowne said that the deadline for Annual Report submissions is May 4th.

- Publicity - No report in Sheonaid Kuchera's absence.

- Program - Deborah Spicer thanked members for their ideas for program speakers. Our guest speaker at the AGM dinner will be 12 year old Capri Everitt, who continues to travel the world for SOS Children's Villages.

7. **Additions** - None

8. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

[Addendum]

The North Shore Crisis Services Society (NSCSS) has provided services since 1979 and continues to expand its services. Laura and Margaret described the 12 different types of abuse which have a negative impact on women and their children. They then explained the reasons why women return to their abusers, sometimes as many as seven times before they are finally able to leave their abusive relationships. Fortunately, most of the women are able to eventually move on with their lives.

NSCSS has developed Sage Transition House, Sage-Second Stage, Hope's Place, Hope-Second Stage and a Homeless Prevention Program to assist women, their children, and family pets. It also has a pro-bono legal clinic for women fleeing violence, the ACE program for children and adolescents who have been witnesses to violence, and the Good Stuff Connection Thrift Store clothing program to provide them with essentials during their ordeal.

NSCSS works in tandem with many other groups such as Legal Aid, Duty Counsel, Family Justice, Integrated Case Assessment Team (ICAT), Victim Services, Police & Community, Ministry of Child and Family Development (MCFD), Hope Centre, NS Disability Resources, Work BC, Bridge2Work (new), Quest Food Exchange (new), NS Community Resources, Service Canada, Women without Status, Shelter to Home, NS Neighborhood Food Bank, and Vancouver Coastal Health.

Deborah Spicer thanked Laura and Margaret for their very informative presentation.