

**Location:** Royal Canadian Legion, City of North Vancouver.

The social time began by 7:00 pm - a time for mingling, socializing and welcoming guests.

At 7:25 pm, President Barbara MacLellan welcomed all 28 members and 2 guests, inviting members who had not already done so to sign up for the Interest Groups on the lists on the coffee table. Barb, reminding us that the CFUW NV sponsored BC Council AGM in April has as its theme **Making Connections – Bridging Gaps**, suggested that for this CFUW NV year, as a club we concentrate on Making Connections – within our club and the greater community. To this end, she asked Marie Brazier, Membership, to lead those present in a “2-minute speed dating-concept”: introduce yourself to someone you don’t know or don’t know well and ask non-invasive questions about each other, such as “where were you born?” A busy buzz instantly filled the room. Marie declared it a success and we’ll do it again soon.

Program: At 7:35, Christie Whitely introduced the speaker, Sally Halliday, a Registered Clinical Psychologist who works with individuals and organizations on “Hope: A Theory and a Practice”. Wendy Mickelson thanked the speaker for her thought-provoking talk and the individual/group exercises. Her donation from us will go to Covenant House where young people reach out for help and hope.

After the break, Barbara called the business meeting to order at 8:53 pm. Four October birthdays were celebrated.

Moved by Marie Brazier and seconded by Wendy Affleck **THAT** the agenda be approved as printed.

**Carried**

Moved by Pat Beaton and seconded by Leanne Roy **THAT** the minutes of the September meeting be approved as circulated.

**Carried.**

Barbara noted that the General Meeting minutes are now posted on our [www.cfuwvvnv.vcn.bc.ca](http://www.cfuwvvnv.vcn.bc.ca) website. Those present agreed that each General Meeting’s minutes should also be emailed to all members as is done with the Executive Minutes.

**President:** Barbara MacLellan

- Both CFUW and GWI email news has come recently, including the requirement of a club vote on GWI dues. All members can request this interesting info directly on-line. For the benefit of new members, Barb outlined the relationship between CFUW NV, CFUW National and GWI (our international arm). Barb gave a brief recap of the complicated and convoluted recent history of voting by CFUW clubs in June and GWI member countries in 2016 etc. resulting in the current CFUW National budget being insufficient to cover requested GWI dues. The CFUW vote to leave GWI in June did not pass. CFUW NV executive believes that as GWI members we have a responsibility to pay the GWI dues charged. Each paid-up CFUW NV member has paid in full.
- Therefore, the Executive Committee moved that CFUW North Vancouver accept the recommended GWI fee structure. **Carried.**
- Barb reported on last week’s CFUW local Presidents’ meeting at Hycroft, an annual event. Justice Reform, particularly referring to the local implementation of the 2014 Canadian law changes re: not prosecuting prostitutes but rather “the johns” instead – a CFUW and IFUW/GWI resolution and policy – is a key concern of CFUW Vancouver Hycroft’s Advocacy committee. Barb asked if this was an advocacy issue which the club wished to pursue at this time: the answer was no. Program Chair, Wendy, will try to fill our vacant January program spot with speakers on this topic as there are pros and cons re: the issue and the implementation.
- BC Council also stresses poverty reduction as a key concern. Our advocacy group – the Community Action ad hoc committee – has been and still is deeply involved in Aging Out of Foster Care as its focus.
- Barb has volunteered her name to BC Council as our club Archivist: any club member interested in taking this position, call Barb.

**Vice-President:** Wendy Affleck

Wendy, filling in as Social chair, thanked all who had brought delicious food and lovely decorations to the meeting. She has a few slots left on her goodie-bringing roster: if you have not yet volunteered, please do so – contact Wendy. Thanks Leanne for the coffee!

The annual Christmas Party & Silent Auction is coming soon. It’s not too early to start making your jams, jellies and chutneys.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Leanne Roy

- Fund Balances: Oct. 1, 2017. Local & Conference \$6550.77 plus \$4000 GIC; ETF \$7407.62; Gaming \$8245.30 plus \$4000 in GIC
- UBC has cashed our cheque.
- Eight of the scholarship awards have been sent to student winners; eight have yet to provide us with proof of registration.

**Membership:** Marie Brazier

- We have 55 full and 4 dual members signed up, including tonight’s guest, Catherine Harvey, recently retired from the Gov. of Can.
- For all new members, Marie reported that a welcome party will be held in a home in mid-November. Date to be determined.
- Marie reported that former club award winner and young member, Claudia Jang, was reported missing Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. Marie has talked with the RCMP who cannot confirm that Claudia has been found but reported that an individual missing Sept 29<sup>th</sup> is safe at home.

**Past President:** Faye Hudson (absent due to illness)

- In Faye’s absence, Barb reported that the Executive Committee, as allowed per our By-Laws, has appointed a Past Presidents’ committee consisting of Faye, Linda Lehr and Audrey Hobbs-Johnson.

**Committee Reports**

**Awards –** Audrey Hobbs Johnson and Donna Davies (absent due to illness)

**Communications**

**Newsletter –** November 15th is the deadline for sending items for the December/January/February Newsletter.

**Publicity –** Hebe Steinberg

- Hebe reported a bit more updating re: program and interest groups is needed to complete the two club brochures. Once complete, they will be circulated via email to all members to print out for themselves or to acquaint others with CFUW. Hebe will also print a

small quantity of each for new members/guests and community outreach. Barb thanked all for their quick work which she handed Hebe and her committee as she left town for almost a month.

**Website - Kim Collett**

- The Password for the Members' Only section of the website will be changed once all CFUW NV and CFUW WV current membership changes have been updated. The new password will be emailed to all members at that time. If you need it now, email [kimcollett@shaw.ca](mailto:kimcollett@shaw.ca) to request it. The User-ID is Reader.

**Fundraising:**

- Remember to keep May 16, 2018 free for our "buy out the house" fundraising play in Deep Cove, Shirley Valentine.

**Interest Groups – Pat Beaton**

- Babs reported that Linda Lehr is the Issue & Advocacy chair for this year and that CFUW WV is trying to keep Financial Literacy alive so, please sign up for either/both if you wish. Someone will contact you.
- If anyone has an idea for a new Interest Group that she is keen on, please contact Pat and she'll help you set it up.

**Program: Wendy Mickelson**

- Thanks to Christie for organizing tonight's speaker. She will look into the above-mentioned prostitution/advocacy issue for January.

**Other Business**

Connie McCalla reported that last year's Pacific Assistance Dogs Society speaker/guest dog Caber was highlighted in Wednesday's Vancouver Sun, noted as helping in the Las Vegas disaster.

Leanne Roy mentioned that Federal Bill B-27 should be of concern to all as it is attacking Defined Benefits Pensions. If you are concerned, please write Minister Morneau in protest.

Kim Collett, Acting Secretary