

Location: Royal Canadian Legion, City of North Vancouver

The social time began earlier than usual - at 6:45 so that members could sign up for Interest Groups for the year ahead. It was also a time for mingling, socializing and welcoming guests.

Wendy Affleck, in the absence of President Barb MacLellan, called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. 32 returning members and 9 guests were present. Wendy welcomed all – particularly guests and new members.

Program: Pat Beaton introduced the speaker Dr. Andre Gerolymatos whose topic was 'The Crisis in the Middle East and the War for Religion'. Members were particularly attentive during his presentation. The question and answer session that followed was particularly informative. Wendy Mickelson thanked the speaker and presented him with a donation.

After the break, Wendy Affleck called the business meeting to order at 8:25 pm.

Moved by Wendy Affleck and seconded by Faye Hudson **THAT** the agenda be approved as printed.

Carried

Moved by Hebe Steinberg and seconded by Kim Collett **THAT** the minutes of the May meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried.

Announcements: Bev Wong spoke briefly about an email that had been circulated to members. The YWCA is asking for support at a public hearing on September 18 at North Van City Council for an Affordable Housing Project.

President: Wendy Affleck

- Referred to a letter from the President of CFUW National discussing the matter of GWI dues – still unclear of the amount to pay.
- Referred to the newsletter from UWC Winnipeg that had been circulated to the Executive Committee.

Treasurer's Report: Leanne Roy

- Financial Review: Moved by executive **THAT** the accountant's review of 2016-17 financials be accepted. **Carried.**
- Moved by executive **THAT** the Club waive the appointment of an auditor and appoint Brad Sacho, CGA, a qualified accountant at arms-length, as required by the club By-Laws, to prepare CFUW North Vancouver's *Statement of Financial Position to May 31, 2018*
- Fund Balances: as of Sept 1 Local Fund - \$ 8096; Gaming Fund \$10, 245 plus \$4000 in GICs; and Educational Trust Fund \$7191.
- Donations of between \$25-200 each from 20 people so far for this fiscal year. Total nearly \$1750.
- Endowment funds: BCIT received a top up of endowment. For UBC, we gave and will continue to give \$5000 a year by October until we reach a self sustaining award of \$1000. Until then, will also fund the normal \$1000 scholarship.
- These two items have depleted our ETF- which is good. The fundraising committee needs to raise \$4000 a year.
- \$30 of membership fee will be put into deferred revenue for future payment when the national finally assesses us.

Membership: Marie Brazier

- Marie introduced the 9 guests - many of whom joined this evening. Most spoke briefly about themselves.
- We have 52 members signed up. Marie thanked Dianne Morgan and Donna Morgan for being Greeters to welcome new people.
- As part of TLC, Marie informed us that Shirley Mulder had had a cardiac procedure last Monday. She is doing well.

Past President: Faye Hudson

- Reminded us of needing to acknowledge those with birthdays in September.

Committee Reports

Awards – Audrey Hobbs-Johnson

- Read a very thoughtful letter from the scholarship winner from Artists for Kids. The letter included a piece of art work. Audrey intends to have this framed. This will be auctioned off and the proceeds will go to the ETF.

Communications

Newsletter – September 18 is the deadline for sending items for the Oct./Nov. Newsletter. Wendy Affleck publically thanked Shirley Mulder for her tireless efforts on behalf of the club. In spite of Shirley not being well, all the various emails were sent out. Thanks!!

Publicity – Hebe Steinberg

- Discussed the intent of the club to have 2 brochures. For tonight's meeting, Shirley printed the new brochure for new members.
- Hebe informed the club that she is working on the second brochure which will be used to promote our club to the general public.

Website - Kim Collett

- Informed us, that in future, the minutes of the general meeting will be posted in the member's section of our web-site.

Education: Audrey Hobbs-Johnson

- Talked about The Foundry. Hope to have a speaker at the November meeting to discuss services offered to young people.

Fundraising: Monica MacDonald

- Talked about our need for fundraising. Mentioned the May Theatre Night. More volunteers for this committee are needed.

Interest Groups – Pat Beaton

- Thanked leaders for setting up for the night and asked us not to assume people have signed up again unless they do so in person.
- No leader for Art Hop or Financial Literacy. Deborah Stephan wants to start a Poetry and Collage Interest Group.

Program: Wendy Mickelson

- Thanked Committee for planning an interesting year. A January speaker is needed. Thanked Pat for organizing tonight's speaker.

Social: Wendy Affleck

- Thanked those who brought food. Discussed options for having coffee and tea at future meetings. Will try to have a 'box' of coffee at the next meeting. Members will need to pay to cover the cost. Members were asked to sign up to bring food for meetings.
- Wendy requested that a few members consider being part of a group in charge of organizing tea and coffee for meetings. If a small group were to volunteer, then they this task could be shared so that no single individual would need to do this for every meeting.

Other Business

- Audrey Hobbs-Johnson encouraged members to sign up to be part of the BC Council conference we are hosting next April.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm..

L. Lehr, Secretary