

MINUTES OF THE CFUW NORTH VANCOUVER GENERAL MEETING, 9th NOVEMBER 2017

LOCATION: Royal Canadian Legion, City of North Vancouver The social time began at 7pm - a time for socializing, purchasing second-hand books, and enjoying the refreshments provided by the Social Committee.

At 7:35pm, President Barb MacLellan welcomed the 25 members present and added a special welcome to the new members in attendance. Barb then called on Audrey Hobbs-Johnson to introduce our three speakers. These were: Rachel Malek in her role as a private consultant and part of the B.C. Advocacy Committee, Mandy Thayil a school social worker from the Society for Children and Youth of B.C. and Karmella Benedito de Barros from the Foundry in North Vancouver. Each of them spoke about how their organizations are trying to advance the rights of children and young adults. They mentioned the profound lack of unpaid relationships in these young people's lives and they touched on the importance of mature adults becoming engaged with youth at risk. After an engaging question and answer period Wendy Mickelson thanked our speakers and presented them with small gifts as tokens of our appreciation.

After a 10 minute break in which members were encouraged to spend at least 2 minutes talking to someone they don't know, Barb called the business meeting to order. New member Ann Baker was the only person celebrating an October Birthday.

Barb then acknowledged a card which the Club had received from the Royal Canadian Legion thanking us for our donation to the Poppy Fund. Barb also mentioned that since we meet in the Legion it seemed fitting that we, at this time, should acknowledge and remember the sacrifices of the many men and women who fought in Two World Wars, as well as those in more recent conflicts. Barb also said that at each meeting we would begin recognizing the Coast Salish Territory as was done this evening by one of our guest speakers.

Agenda: Moved by Deborah Stephan and seconded by Kim Collett **THAT** the agenda be approved as presented.

Carried.

Minutes: Moved by Pat Beaton and seconded by Kim Collett **THAT** the minutes of the October meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried.

Executive Reports:

President:

There has been a considerable amount of material coming from CFUW National and GWI and everyone is urged to read the material if interested. The main issues seem to be the way in which GWI has handled the fee increase as well as the way they handle finances in general. We are waiting for results of the vote on GWI fees.

Moved by Barb MacLellan on behalf of the Executive **THAT** CFUW North Vancouver support in principle a possible by-law change being suggested by the University Women's Club of Vancouver that would align the CFUW dues vote and the dues collection as well as a proposed letter to the CFUW Treasurer with a suggestion on how to bring more clarity to CFUW accounting, subject to the President circulating to the executive electronically the exact wording of any by-law amendment or letter regarding accounting practices with a vote from the executive members to follow. **Carried.**

Barb also drew our attention to two articles sent from CFUW National. One deals with expanding CFUW'S international footprint by joining the International Alliance of Women (IAW) and the other concerns the National Initiative on Violence Against Women.

In response to a question by one of the members Barb agreed to seek clarification as to the procedure, if any, for BC clubs to communicate with the National board. There was some information suggesting that we need to go through the B.C. Council who will then communicate with CFUW National rather than doing anything directly ourselves.

Vice-President: Wendy Affleck, as acting Secretary, agreed with the suggestion that a back-up Secretary is needed and a volunteer is requested.

Membership: Wendy Affleck reported for Marie Brazier - We have 58 full and 3 dual members for a total of 61. There is a New Members Coffee Morning planned for Friday, November 24th to be held at the home of Wendy Lucas at 10:30 am. Please see your e-mail invitation for details. Invitations are limited due to lack of space.

Financial: In the absence of the Treasurer Barb read the Treasurer's report and advised members to please check the Executive Minutes for the financial statements.

Past President: Faye Hudson reminded everyone of the up-coming Christmas at Hycroft. This is a major fund-raiser for the Vancouver University Women's Club and well worth a visit.

Standing Committees

Awards: No Report

Communications:

Newsletter: Shirley Mulder - A reminder that all material must be submitted to Lyn and Shirley by Wednesday November 15th. The next newsletter covers December, January and February. It was mentioned that our fundraising Theatre Night is coming in May and this should be mentioned in the Newsletter.

Publicity: Hebe Steinberg - Hebe mentioned that the date error on the new Club Brochure has been amended.

Website: Kim Collett - The Tech joint committee is in the process of reviewing the material which is on our site and Kim reminded us that the annual password change will be posted shortly by Shirley.

Education: Audrey Hobbs-Johnson reported that one of the National Resolutions the B.C. Council is working on is similar to our Aging Out Of Care mandate as this is an issue in other parts of the country as well.

Fundraising: Monica MacDonald, Faye Hudson, Rosalie Harwood, and Wendy Affleck will be meeting on Wednesday, 15th November to brainstorm about how to raise more funds for the club.

Social: Wendy Affleck - The December Potluck, Silent Auction and Party will be finalized at the next Executive Meeting. Sixteen invitations to recent past members will be sent out with an RSVP date of December 5th to allow the Executive to plan for the correct number of guests. Please note the Party will begin at 6:30pm.

The following members signed up to help with refreshments for the January meeting: Sweets: Lois Smith MacGregor & Bev Wong; Savouries: Donna Morgan and/or Monica MacDonald and Jill Williams; Gluten Free _____; Tea _____; Coffee: Wendy Affleck.

PLEASE remember if you cannot bring what you have signed up for, it is your responsibility to find a substitute. Many thanks. As you can see there are a couple of volunteers still needed.

History/Archives: Barb MacLellan-Barb has agreed to take this on for now in order to provide a contact name and number to the BC Council archivist. A volunteer who can take on this role is needed.

Interest Groups: Pat Beaton and Deborah Stephan expressed their disappointment that the Poetry & Collage Group has had to postpone their classes until the Spring.

Programme: Wendy Mickelson is still working to finalize plans for our January speaker.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Next Meeting: Christmas Party, 14th December at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Affleck, Acting Secretary