

Minutes of CFUW General Meeting Victoria  
 Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion  
 November 19, 2023  
 2:30 PM

Call to Order Present:	2:40 PM -50 members
Welcome Territorial Acknowledgement	-thank Neighbourhood Group 6 for the refreshments -thanks to Aileen and her son Jeff for bringing the Audio Visual equipment
Guest Speaker	-Stacey Fuller, Constable, Victoria Police Department, on Internet Safety
Introduction of Guests	
Approval of Agenda	MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED
Approval Minutes of October 19 Meeting	MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED
Executive Reports President: Melanie Wade	-reaffirmed CFUW Victoria is Number 1 in Canada for S&B donations with \$1.6 million in endowments, over \$70,000 in awards -Charitable Trust donations are made to the National Trust on the National CFUW website -website update is proceeding, we will incorporate the new National logo and tagline, we may hire a website designer
Vice President: Rosemary Knechtel	-National issued an official statement on the Gaza crisis asking the Government of Canada to press for the immediate safe return of hostages, immediate cease fire and the inclusion of women in the peace process -National submitted a pledge to enshrine the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in the Canadian Bill of Rights, to support a 2022 AGM resolution -National will present a written statement to the 68 <sup>th</sup> Session of the UN Status of Women Commission to accelerate the achievement of gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls. -applications to be a delegate to this Commission are open until November 30 -National is holding Zoom study groups on public health care, long term care and senior's rights -Club Acton Newsletters are available on the national web-page -Barbara DeMoulin, National Vice President will speak at our January meetings
Membership: Shirley Luckyk	-currently 176 members -pins will be presented at the Christmas lunch for 30+ years of membership
Treasurer: Anne	-no unusual expenditures, we have passed the membership break even point

Wraggett	-the committee to review expenditures needs a 3rd member. This is not a full audit, will require a few hours, morning or afternoon
Communications: Mary Wilson-Smith	-request contributions for the newsletter
NG: Janice Scharf	-thanks to Neighbourhood Group 6 for refreshments
Interest Groups: Pat Dunphy	-new foodie group Epicurious -new book club
Advocacy: Kim St. Clair	-Christmas lunch speaker: Christine Desrochers, Camosun College Student Society, their Food Bank is our charity. Cash, cheque, or e transfers of \$10 or more receive a receipt. We will email a list of suitable donation items. -purple lapel ribbons honour 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence. The international colour is orange, however in Canada that is reserved for Orange Shirt day -St Margaret's School will have speakers including representatives from Women for Women in Afghanistan, Women Leaders of Tomorrow, and Victoria Women's Transition House for their grade 8 class. Students will work on projects and December 12 will present an overview of what they have learned. CFUW members will be invited, an eblast will provide details
Programs: Judy Booth	-Christmas lunch December 9 needs firm numbers, please sign up soon -thanks to Rachel for this year's speakers -facilities are booked for the first half of 2024
S&B: Aileen Lingwood	-Royal Roads has rejuvenated their food gardens to provide fresh produce -the joint facility of the 3 institutions: Royal Roads, Uvicc and Camosun in Langford is expected to open in 2025. They are fund raising for \$10million in scholarships and bursaries for students, especially at the Masters level -read an excerpt from a thank you letter from an award winner -the owner of Fatso Peanut Butter is a former award winner -Feb 25 Award Celebration Tea at the Esquimalt Gorge Pavilion needs a minimum attendance, details to follow. Last year the event was cancelled for lack of registration. This years event may feature a music award winner(s)
Next Meeting	December 9, 2023 11:30 AM Christmas lunch
Adjournment	4:00 PM