

Minutes of CFUW General Meeting Victoria  
Esquimalt Gorge Park Pavilion  
October 22, 2023

Call to Order	2:11 PM
Present:	-44 members, 3 guests
Welcome	
Guest Speaker: C Anne McIntyre, Soap for Hope	-presented the origins and operations of the non-profit which redistributes toiletries, bedding, linens, and left items from hotels and other sources
Introduction of guests	
Approval of Agenda	MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED
Approval of Minutes of September 17, 2023	MOVED, SECONDED, CARRIED
Executive Reports	
President: Melanie Wade	-CFUW is moving forward with re-branding, the new tagline: Realizing Potential for all women. Communicate any concerns or comments you have about the new direction with National -refreshments are provided by neighbourhood groups
Vice President: Rosemary Knechtel	-the 2024 National Conference will be July 22 to 24 in Edmonton -the Fall Advocacy report with guidelines for resolutions is on the membership site -October 11 is UN International Day of the Girl Child, recognized since 2011. Rona Ambrose was instrumental in its implementation -a nomination committee is seeking members for the National executive -application to be a delegate to the 68 <sup>th</sup> session of the UN Status of Women, March 11 to 22 can be made by November 30
Membership: Shirley Lucyk	-currently 168 members, November 18, 2 PM is the next new members tea -we can increase members by sharing about the club, about 2000 cards describing CFUW and membership benefits are available -Janice Scharf has brought several members from Newcomers, and Karen Walker has brought members through Social Knitwits
Treasurer: Anne Wraggett	-seeking a third person to review our financial records for at most 3 to 4 hours, does not require financial training, cannot be an Executive member
Neighbourhood Groups: Janice Scharf	-refreshments provided this month by NG 8 -NG 7 has 2 new joint leaders
Interest Groups: Pat Dunphy	-Club web page was updated to reflect the existing interest groups
S&B: Aileen Lingwood	-received \$2599 with renewals, \$347 from Fairway, nothing yet from the Bottle Depot, however we are not paid until funds each \$100 -Victoria is Number 1 in Canada for scholarships by far, in 2023 \$77,000

<p>Advocacy: Kim St. Clair</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Adjournment</p>	<p>was awarded from investment returns. We want to increase each scholarship to \$1,000 which requires an endowment of \$30,000</p> <p>-Resolutions are evaluated and presented in March with a recommendation to accept or reject. If accepted, a resolution becomes policy and is supported with individual and club action: speaking to the topic, letter writing. This year senior's home care (Victoria and Saanich) and Kinship care (Victoria) were adopted nationally and became CFUW policy</p> <p>-in November, 16 days of Activism for Violence against women will hold a candlelight vigil at St Margaret's</p> <p>-International Women's Day March 8 is in planning, maybe a movie</p> <p>-funds are available for NG engagement with local groups again this year. November 1 is the deadline to show interest, February 1 to hold an event</p> <p>-Advocacy will decide the Christmas lunch charity for donations</p> <p>-the Website refreshment committee is seeking help to find website designers to assist with the update</p> <p>-Women's Transition House is accepting donation of electronics</p> <p>Sunday November 19, 2:30 PM</p>
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