

CFUW General Meeting
Zoom and Windsor Pavilion, Thursday, April 21, 2022

Welcome to those who have joined in person and on Zoom.
Zoomers must mute. Thanks.

Our speaker tonight was Christina from the Women's Transition House Society. Rachel McDonnell introduced and thanked her.

MEETING

Territorial Acknowledgement

Agenda: motion to accept made by Shirley, seconded by Kim, carried.

Minutes of the General Meeting of March 17. Motion to accept made by Shirley, seconded by Ann Brydon, carried.

Executive Reports

President: Our future meetings will be both in person and hybrid. This will accommodate everyone and ensure a better turnout at meetings.

It is important that members sign up for renewal by the end of April. If you need help with this, your NG leader should be able to help.

The New Members Tea was well attended on April 22. Anne Brydon talked to the many Interest Groups. Brenda discussed the Scholarship and Bursary section of the Club.

The new emailable directories will be ready by the summer of 2022. The cost of printing the old directories had increased by 40%. The new format will save hours of work and will be easy to update as it comes directly from our database.

Treasurer: Alix reported that the fiscal year allowance of \$25,000 met the budget. Alix presented her report by PowerPoint.

Membership: Janis reported the names of two new members. They are Maria Barnes and Judy Booth.

Interest Groups: Ann Brydon reported that we now have two new Interest groups: Recognized Readers and a new Investment group

Communication: Melanie welcomed photos for the Voices Newsletter. Renewals can be made through Wild Apricot by registering on-line. Melanie's French conversation group will be the 4th Thursday of the month at 6 pm. The group will meet at Fishhook in April.

Program: Rachel announced the next speaker for the AGM on May 28, will be Frances Littman, a stellar speaker who has given TED talks. More on this will be printed in the newsletter.

Advocacy: Kim asked us to “clean out our closets”! A project to assist WIN will take place all of the month of May. Women in Need hope to have your used, clean, clothing and housewares which are in good shape such as dishes, utensils, linens, etc. No more than will fit in a blue box! Volunteers will pick up items, or you may deliver them to WIN. Several other projects will be described in the newsletter and by e-blast.

Scholarship and Bursary:

Secretary Jetta Owens reported that 2021-2022 has been a very successful year. Fundraising with Fairway Market gleaned \$436.21 from July to September. A report on this will be given at the AGM.

Scholarships and bursaries have increased. Patti McGowan donated money given to her by a close friend and the scholarship is in the name of Alma Kutchel is now fully funded. The estate of former member Doreen Sutherland has been closed out and we have been given the sum of \$95,000, which has been appropriated to three scholarships to go to three institutions: Royal Roads, UVic., and Camosun College. We will have \$5,000 left for discretionary spending.

New Business: President Shirley Lucyk mentioned that waivers would be available for the membership. Consulting with Victoria Pitt, a lawyer and former President of Scholarship and Bursary, Shirley advised us that the waiver needs to be done only once. It will be in safe keeping after it is signed by the member. Shirley will compile a book of waivers for the club over the summer.

Treasurer Alix Paalvast announced that we must find a new treasurer as her two-year appointment will end in June. This was followed by an extensive PowerPoint regarding finances including the use of the \$5,000 from the Doreen Sutherland Estate. A motion was put forth to keep the membership fee at \$125.00. Discussion followed. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Kirkpatrick, and it was carried.

Next meeting will be the AGM dinner held at the Hotel Grand Pacific, May 28. A Zoom meeting will be available to those not attending the dinner.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Minutes submitted by Mary Anne Amadio Gervais, Secretary.