Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Women's Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland (WAMUN)
Saturday, April 21st, 2018
Fluvarium, Pippy Park, St. John's, NL

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 PM with 36 members and 2 guests in attendance.

1. Approval of Agenda - moved by Deborah Rehner, seconded by Lis Laverty, all in favour.

2. Approval of Minutes of AGM held April 22nd, 2017 - moved by Olga Broomfield-Richards seconded by Phyllis Artiss, all in favour.

3. Business Arising - none.

4. Reports:
 a) President's Report - Kathy Simonsen once again warmly welcomed members and guests then gave a short summary of the many highs and a few lows of the past year. Generally speaking WAMUN is doing well and events have been well attended.
The major low for the year was the passing of Tonya Bassler which saddened everyone. Tonya's care and concern for all MUN students was very evident and she will be greatly missed. Speaking of Tonya naturally led to the mention of the campus food bank and how the recent switch to cash donations has greatly simplified the task of collection.
Kathy also expressed some concern that there had been only one application for the doctoral scholarship.
Kathy then closed her report by thanking the outgoing executive, mentioning in particular Susan Murdey who had already stepped down as treasurer, Linda Hensman of the scholarship committee, and Lis Laverty, secretary. She especially thanked Joan Hiller for having taken over as treasurer at short notice and Dorothy Milne who has been doing such stellar work on the newsletter and has expressed interest in the scholarship committee. Thanks also went to the interest group conveners and members who supported those groups.

 b) Membership Secretary's Report - Susan Goold reported 94 members which is possibly the highest membership to date. She reminded members to pay their fees on time, November being the cut off period. The fee remains at $15.

 c) Treasurer's Report - Joan Hiller gave an interim report (to April 21st) with a balance of $4,210. A final financial report will be presented at the Fall Reception.

 d) Newsletter Committee Report - the newsletter committee still consists of only one person! Dorothy Milne thanked everybody for their speedy input.

 e) Scholarship Committee Report - Linda Hensman being out of the province sent her report electronically which was read by Kathy Simonsen. As not all the scholarships had been listed and as nobody on the executive had been able to find any evidence of a winner having been forgotten, it was decided that not all the recipients had as yet been chosen.

 f) Campus Food Bank - Dorothy Milne reported that during the first year of cash only donations a sum of $1325 had been raised. "Mr. Piggy" appears to be working well. She also reported that the food bank has virtually no expenses so all the money goes to feed the needy. Unfortunately the number of clients has doubled and the need is ongoing.

 g) Interest Group Reports - reports had been circulated electronically, however, Kay Matthews wished to remind members that the author, Kevin Major, was to be a guest at the book group meeting on Tuesday, April 24th. Deborah Rehner also reminded people that they were welcome to suggest more than one book title.

5. Motion to Move Funds from General Account into Scholarship Fund - Joan Hiller had suggested during her treasurer's report that $2,000 be transferred into the Scholarship Fund. She now made a motion to do so which was seconded by Mary Chalker, all were in favour.

6. Election of Officers for 2018-2019 - Kathy Simonsen handed the chair over to Marjorie Evans for the election of the new executive. There being no nominations from the floor, it was moved by Marjorie and seconded by Julia Mathieson that the following be elected:

President Kathy Simonsen
Vice President Marilyn Porter
Treasurer Joan Hiller
Secretary Frankie O'Neill
Membership Susan Goold
Newsletter Dorothy Milne
Social Conveners Brenda Burness
 Karen Lippold
 Ingrid Pardoe

7. Distinguished Service Award - Julia Mathieson, as past president, was then asked to present the Distinguished Service Award. At a previous executive meeting a member's name had been put forward to receive this honour, however, after the meeting the executive members felt that the most deserving person to receive it was Kathy Simonsen. This presented a problem as the executive did not wish to appear to be awarding the pin to one of their own nor did they want Kathy to know about it. A way around this problem was to try to secretly enlist past recipients of the award for their opinion and so it was finally agreed that Kathy Simonsen should receive it for all her years of dedicated service. Julia then gave a short speech explaining how Kathy had stepped in as president six years ago when Julia had been forced to step down during her husband's illness. Kathy then thanked everybody and mentioned that she is looking forward to the day when she can also be a past president!

8. Any Other Business - the door prize of a Chapter's gift certificate was won by Doreen Hookey.
Elke Molgaard moved a vote of thanks to the caterers, it was seconded by Ann Noseworthy.
Kay Matthews thanked members who helped to support the Grannies Scrabble and reminded them about the upcoming walk around Quidi Vidi Lake for the same good cause.
Kathy Simonsen then reminded members about the CFUW book sale in May.

There being no other business, Phyllis Artiss moved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Lis Laverty