Annual General Meeting

Women’s Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland

Fluvarium, St. John’s

Saturday, April 27th, 2019

Minutes

Present: 37 members

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda – with the addition of item G (Interest Group Reports) to 4. Reports – the agenda was moved by Marjorie Evans, seconded by Dorothy Milne; all in favour.

2. Adoption of Minutes of the AGM of April 21st, 2018 – moved by Sharon Buehler, seconded by Phyllis Artiss; all in favour.

3. Business arising – none.

4. Reports

 a) President’s Report: Kathy Simonsen briefly reviewed this year’s events. She noted that all four winners of the Graduate Scholarships attended the January meeting. She cited the re-launching of our recycling effort. She commended the conveners of the interest groups.

 b) Membership Report: Susan Goold reported that our organization has a total of 88 members.

 c) Treasurer’s Report: Joan Hiller reported that we transferred $2000 to our Scholarship Fund this year and have a balance of $2817 in our operating account.

 d) Newsletter Committee Report: Dorothy Milne reported that she published two issues during the past year. She expressed gratitude to her three proof-readers and her photographers.

 e) Scholarship Committee Report: Dorothy Milne reported that all eight scholarships were awarded this year. $2450 has been donated to the scholarship fund so far this year by members. The fund now stands at about $185,000, needing only $15,000 more to become self-sustaining.

 f) Campus Food Bank Report: Dorothy Milne reported that we have raised $1200 for the Food Bank so far this year.

 g) Interest Group Reports: a detailed report of the activities of all the groups was published in the last newsletter. Donna Burden asked for volunteers to help run the Art Happenings Group. Karen Lippold and Deborah Rehner from the Book Groups asked for suggestions for reading selection choices. Karen Herzberg commented on both the E-Toys and the Snap-and-Chat groups.

5. Election of Officers

Marjorie Evans took the chair of the meeting and conducted the election putting forward the following slate:

President – Kathy Simonsen

Vice-President – Ann Noseworthy

Secretary – Frankie O’Neill

Treasurer – Joan Hiller

Membership Secretary – Susan Goold

Social Conveners – Brenda Burness, Karen Lippold, Ingrid Pardoe

Newsletter Editor – Dorothy Milne

No nominations were forthcoming from the floor.

**Motion**: That the slate of officers be elected as presented.

Moved by Marjorie Evans, seconded by Julia Mathieson. All in favour.

6. Distinguished Service Award

The 2019 WAMUN Distinguished Service Award was awarded to Beverly Gardner in recognition of her contributions to the executive as a social convener and secretary and to various interest groups. Beverly wasn’t present, so the pin will be presented to her at a later date.

7. Other Business

 a) Evergreen Recycling: after Kathy Simonsen commented on our current participation, Karen Herzberg reviewed the guidelines for recycling.

 b) Joan Scott announced the publication of *Creating a University*, based on the contributions of 30 participants in the “Memoirs Group”. The book will be launched on May 2nd, 2019.

 c) Kay Matthews thanked WAMUN for its ongoing support for the Scrabble events organized by the Terra Nova Grannies and reminded us of the up-coming “Stride to Turn the Tide” walk, which will be held on June 22, 2019.

8. Adjournment – moved by Julia Mathieson.

The AGM was adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by F. O’Neill.