

Women's Association of Memorial University of Newfoundland
Annual General Meeting
October 22nd, 2020
Online (GoToMeeting)
Minutes

Twenty members were present: Sharon Buehler, Brenda Burness, Patricia Collins, Marjorie Evans, Daphne Gillingham, Susan Goold, Joan Hiller, Karen Lippold, Julia Mathieson, Kay Matthews, Ann Noseworthy, Frankie O'Neill (secretary), Ingrid Pardoe, Dorothy Parker, Uta Passow, Suzanne Sexty, Hattie Shinkle, Miriam Simpson, Kathy Simonsen (chair).

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda – “Distinguished Service Award” added to AOB; moved by S. Goold, seconded by A. Noseworthy; all in favour.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM of April 27th, 2019 – moved by S. Buehler, seconded by D. Rehner; all in favour.
3. Business Arising – none.
4. Reports
 - a) President's Report – K. Simonsen gave a comprehensive review of WAMUN activities since Sept. 2019. The recycling program was discussed in detail.
 - b) Membership Report – J. Mathieson reported forty (40) paid-up members for 2020-2021.
 - c) Treasurer's Report – J. Hiller reported that the bank balance as of Aug. 31st, 2020, was \$3486.32 with an additional \$520 in membership fees received since that date.
 - d) Newsletter Editor's Report – D. Milne reported that the Spring issue was delayed until August because of Covid-19's impact on our programming. She has no immediate plans for the next issue.
 - e) Scholarship Committee Report – D. Milne, D. Rehner, and A. Noseworthy comprise this committee. Only \$1750 has been raised year-to-date. Alumni Affairs will be granting all four (4) graduate and four (4) undergraduate scholarships this year. The fund now stands at \$195,000, just \$5000 from our goal for sustained funding.

5. Questions for Interest Group Convenors

D. Milne asked if, with the use of Zoom instead of face-to-face meetings more members could join the Coffee group. K. Simonsen thanked all convenors for their contributions to WAMUN.

6. Donation to the University's Student Emergency Scholarship Fund

In light of the impact of Covid-19 on student finances, K. Simonsen explained that we are seeking the membership's approval to make a special donation to the Student Emergency Scholarship Fund, particularly since the Campus Food Bank is temporarily closed.

Motion: WAMUN will donate \$1500 from its bank account to the Student Emergency Scholarship Fund.

Moved by H. Shinkle, seconded by S. Buehler; all in favour.

7. Election of Officers for 2021-2022

M. Evans assumed the Chair, thanked her committee members and presented the slate of nominees. M. Evans asked for nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

The following slate was acclaimed:

K. Simonsen – President

A. Noseworthy – Vice-President

F. O’Neill – Secretary

J. Hiller – Treasurer

J. Mathieson – Membership Secretary

B. Burness, K. Lippold, I. Pardoe – Social Conveners

8. Any Other Business

a) K. Simonsen announced that no Distinguished Service Award would be awarded this year.

b) K. Matthews thanked the members for their great support of kilometers for the Terra Nova Grannies’ virtual Stride to Turn the Tide, which raised \$7000 on 600 kms.

c) K. Herzberg was thanked for her work with recycling and Snap&Chat.

d) K. Lippold was thanked for her work in the Mostly Fiction book group.

e) The Executive was thanked for its work in keeping WAMUN going.

9. Adjournment

Adjournment was moved by M. Evans.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by F. O’Neill.