

CFUW Etobicoke  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday April 6, 2023  
In person at Fairfield, 3:00 pm

Facilitated by: Cathy Holmes

Minutes taken by: Mac King

Agenda location: Email Cathy Holmes - April 4, 2023

Attendees: Cathy Holmes, President

Joanne Jamieson, Past President

Leslie Darling, Communications

Pat Cleland, Guest

Mac King, Recording Secretary, General Meetings

Susan Clark, Interest Groups

Sandy Marven, Membership

Donna Bailey, Co-Chair Advocacy

Germaine Drury, Refreshments

Pat Joyce, Membership Social

Marilyn Goodchild, Refreshments

Martha Leger, Member-at-Large

Regrets: Maure Kentner, Co-Chair Advocacy

Jennifer Denomme, Communications

Virginia Anderson, Member-at-Large

Barb Rukavina, Treasurer

1. Cathy opened the meeting with the Native Lands Acknowledgement
2. The minutes of the March 2, 2023 Executive meeting were approved.
3. The minutes of the March 9, 2023 General Meeting were approved.
4. President's Report: Cathy Holmes  
Ontario Council AGM: This will be held on Saturday, May 13 from 8:30 to 10:30 am via Zoom. Everyone is welcome. Cathy and Joanne will attend, and Cathy will be voting for CFUW Etobicoke. Joanne pointed out that the

meeting actually only lasts 90 minutes and the other 30 minutes are devoted to awards. Our club is not up for any award this year. All members can register for the meeting.

5. Past President's Report: Joanne Jamieson

CFUW Etobicoke Postcards; Members of the Executive received three stock photos gathered by the Marketing Committee and voted by email for the one they preferred to be on the club's postcard. One photo showed two middle-aged women, one black and one white; the second showed a middle-aged woman with a younger woman, exemplifying the fact that the club gives scholarships to younger women; the third has one middle-aged white woman, representing the present membership of the club. In the email vote, #1 received three votes, #2 received 8, and #3 received one vote. After a discussion, there was a general agreement that the older and younger woman look happy together, and indicate that the club welcomes younger members. Number 2 was chosen.

Marketing Committee: Zahida Hydal has stepped down from her position on the Marketing Committee. The Committee is, therefore, seeking another member.

The Marketing Committee has also been visiting City Councillors of our local wards at the behest of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Joanne and Pat Ferbyack saw Vincent Crisanti. They have not yet been able to meet with Amber Morley, but Morley's office has suggested a meeting on April 27, which Joanne thinks she will be able to make. Joanne has sent several emails to Stephen Holyday, and has received no acknowledgement.

Nominations: Nobody has yet come forward for the position of Vice President. Cathy will stay on as President for one more year, but that is all. At the next general meeting, she will offer to act as co-president if someone will volunteer on that basis.

Women's Habitat: It is holding a silent auction from April 20 to April 26. Joanne gave each of us two Notices to give to others or put on bulletin boards in our buildings. Joanne has offered to represent our club in giving out auction prizes on April 28.

Women's Habitat is now back to doing everything in person, and will have new volunteering opportunities. It will soon let us know what these will be.

6. Motion to appoint Trustee of the Charitable Trust:

Joanne moved that Mariann Glynn be appointed a trustee of the Charitable Trust for a term of three years beginning on July 1, 2023. This

motion should have come to the Executive last month, before being presented to the membership. By error, it was voted on at the last General Meeting. This motion is needed to correct the error. The motion passed.

7. Financial Report: Cathy Holmes for Barb Rukavina:

Our budget is very healthy, in part because, not knowing whether we would be meeting in person or not, we budgeted \$1,500 for rent that we did not need to pay. This amount is added to our surplus. Also we spent nothing on hospitality and very little in general. There is \$300 in the budget for marketing this year. So far, our surplus for this year is \$3,544.43.

8. Membership: Sandy Marven

New Members: The club presently has 219 members. A number of other people have asked for and received information about the club. Sandy is keeping a list; she will follow up with them and send them links to the meetings..

New membership application form: The new form has few changes except to make it crisper and clearer. Returning members whose information has not changed do not have to put in anything except their names and complete the dues section. Membership has been added as an area of activity interest. Twitter and Next Door have been deleted. Little else has changed. Sandy will send a copy of the new form to all members of the executive for review and comment.

There is also going to be a new form next year for members joining after February 28, who will be paying the same dues as dual members - \$34.50. To prevent confusion, in late February, the standard application form will be deleted from the website, and this one substituted.

9. Interest Groups: Susan Clark

Convenors' Tea: The tea will be at Fairfield on Thursday, April 27th from 1:30 to 4. A member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee will come to talk to the attendees. Any other group that would like to meet with the convenors at the tea should let Susan know. Someone from the Executive will also attend to hand out postcards to the convenors.

10. Advocacy: Donna Bailey

Changes to the Mining Act: Ontario is proposing changes to the Mining Act that, under the guise of improving efficiency and reducing administrative burden, will significantly weaken existing environmental protection and rehabilitation requirements. There are presently about 4,400 abandoned

mines in Ontario. The deadline for public comment, through the Environmental Registry of Ontario, is April 16. Donna suggested that the club should at least make a statement. She will also send a copy of the invitation and critique of the changes by Mining Watch Canada to each member of the executive so that we can educate ourselves and join in the opposition effort by Ontario Nature.

Ukraine: The war continues, and continues to have a devastating impact. Donna reminded us that Help Us Help is accepting donations and is continuing to do excellent work.

Toronto's Mayoralty Race: The election will be held on June 26. Donna is going to put something in the May newsletter reminding members of the importance of voting in this election, which has so many candidates and will affect us so much. One key question to ask each candidate is how she/he intends to use the extraordinary, undemocratic, powers given by Premier Ford to Toronto's mayor.

Resolutions meeting: Donna reported that the feedback about the meeting has been very positive. Members of the committee were pleased to get spontaneous feedback from members. For the first time, the committee had a rehearsal meeting. This was especially helpful for new committee members, who had the opportunity to learn from experienced members how to present a resolution. Committee members also felt they benefited from having a stand alone meeting for resolutions, and intend to continue this in the future. Donna also suggested taking screenshots of our amendments as they are made. She will send the results from our club to National. The deadline is the end of April.

Response to the Nova Scotia report on changes necessary to end the epidemic of gender-based violence: The executive agreed that Donna and the advocacy committee send a letter on club letterhead to all levels of government urging them to take action based on the report.

11. Motion to approve the amendments to the resolutions: Cathy made the motion, which passed.

12. Communications: Leslie Darling

Updates: The new club roster is ready. All 219 members, including the newest, are now on it. And the interest group calendar has been reworked and updated.

Members' use of newsletter Going through the newsletter, Jennifer has noticed that one third of all members do not even open the newsletter and

many more do not click on any of the links. The newsletter always comes out early in the morning on the last Sunday of the month.

Use of neighbourhood newspaper to market club: Jennifer tried to get an ad for the club into the free neighbourhood newspaper, but it wasn't accepted. The newspaper definitely posts notices of events, so she is suggesting that we post a notice of our first meeting of the year, in September. There was general agreement that we should try this.

NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2023, 3:00pm at Fairfield