

**CFUW Etobicoke  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Thursday, November 2, 2023  
Fairfield, 7:00 pm**

<b>Facilitated by</b>	Cathy Holmes
<b>Minutes Taken by</b>	Lois Willson
<b>Agenda Location</b>	Email - Cathy Holmes
<b>Attendees</b>	Cathy Holmes, President, Joanne Jamieson, Past President, Adele Allan, Co-Chair, Interest Groups, Marilyn Goodchild, Hospitality, Mary Hilborn, GM Recording Secretary, Sandy Marven, Membership Mary Dodge Bovaird, Program Chair Germaine Drury, Hospitality Leslie Darling, Co-chair Communications Virginia Anderson, Member at Large Maure Kentner, Advocacy Chair Lois Willson, Exec Recording Secretary
<b>Guests</b>	None
<b>Regrets</b>	Pat Joyce, Membership-Social; Sue Lattik, Co-Chair Interest Groups; Lori Bailey, GM Recording Secretary; Martha Leger, Member-at-Large, Silvana Ho, Treasurer, Anita De Angelis, Membership-Data-entry, Jennifer Denomme, Co-Chair, Communications

# Topic		Discussion
1.	<b>Welcome</b>	Welcome to the November Executive meeting
2.	<b>Acknowledgement of the Land</b>	Presented by Mary Hilborn
3.	<b>Acceptance of Agenda</b>	Accepted as presented.

4.	<b>Approval of the Executive Minutes</b>	Minutes – 2023-10-05 Motion to approve by Virginia Anderson, seconded by Leslie Darling Approved as presented
5.	<b>Approval of the General Meeting Minutes</b>	General Meeting Minutes – 2023-10-12 Motion to approve by Sandy Marven, seconded by Maure Kentner Approved as presented
6.	<b>President</b>	November 25- Ontario Council Zoom on Intimate Partner Violence  a. December 6 – CFUW E will be hosting a luncheon at the Canadianna as part of 16 Days Against Activism Against Gender Violence on the National Day of Remembrance; it is not a fundraiser, includes lunch to be paid by attendees and a short presentation; registration information will be provided by Gail Rutherford at our November General Meeting.

7	<b>Past President</b>	b. Marketing for CFUW Etobicoke – The next meeting of the committee will be scheduled for the week of November 13 <sup>th</sup> ; posters and postcards will be updated with new logo.  c. Stop the Violence Fundraiser– The invitation email will be finalized. People will be able to register after November 15 <sup>th</sup> . One suggestion is to give tickets to family and friends as seasonal gifts.  d. A Zoom call was held with the Regional Director, Susan Freeman. Topics of sharing included: challenges in recruiting volunteers for President and VP ; 2 clubs have had the same President for 2 years and Treasurer for 3 years; North Toronto is using an experimental form of leadership; club size ranged from 30-210 members, Etobicoke being the largest; UWCTO has grown from 60 to 160 in 9 years; Markham Unionville is doing outreach to its Asian community and had scholarship winners from diverse backgrounds bring their parents to a meeting to market CFUW; Advocacy is looking at a common theme for all to get on board with.
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8.	<b>Communi-cations</b>	The new logo is implemented in all places..
9.	<b>Advocacy</b>	Report Attached.  Archives – Maure has the historical records from Peggy Pinkerton. It was decided that - minutes are on website so hard copies are not needed - 1 or 2 copies of old newsletters will be kept for each year

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- photos of founding members, certificates and special events will be scanned and kept; other photos will be made available to members who want them at a nostalgia table at General Meetings over a few months</li> <li>- rosters should be converted to an electronic list with names and years; need someone to do this</li> </ul>
10.	<b>Financial Report</b>	<p>No update</p> <p>Cathy identified a need to reword the rationale for the Violence Fundraiser motion to clearly indicate that CFUW E is absorbing the costs of the \$600.00 Zoom webinar costs and that this will increase the proceeds of the Fundraiser to the Charity(ies) by an additional \$600.00.</p> <p><b>Action: Cathy Holmes to rewrite the rationale for the November General Meeting with an amended motion.</b></p>
11.	<b>Membership</b>	<p>26 not returning, 2 maybes</p> <p>There are currently 15 new members and 6 returning members.</p> <p>214 members have paid to date, the same number as last year.</p> <p>A new and re-joining member gathering, together with the executive took place October 26 at Fairfield with 7 new members. They were an enthusiastic group. Another meeting is to be scheduled.</p> <p>It was observed that a new member sat by herself at our last GM. Current members need to reach out to new members and invite them to join them for the session. An identifier is needed for new members like a red dot on the nametag to make them easy to find.</p> <p><b>Action: Sandy Marven will speak to Martha Leger about having an identifier for new members.</b></p> <p>The roster should be out mid-November.</p> <p><b>Action: Sandy will check with Anita about the roster.</b></p> <p>It was noted that some members do not complete the interest section on the application but there is no mechanism to give that feedback to Convenors or the Executive.</p> <p><b>Action: Sandy to ask Anita to run a report on members who have identified interests and what the interests are and forward to the appropriate convenor, committee chair or executive member.</b></p>

12.	<b>Program</b>	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- November – Michael Burnett, Youth Without Selter</li> <li>- December – Dukes of Harmony, barbershop group</li> <li>- January - Tina Queentite Opaleke, co-author and writer for CBC.</li> </ul> <p>It was agreed that that the December meeting will start at 7:15 and mingling and food will happen after the Dukes of Harmony perform.</p>
13.	<b>Interest Groups</b>	Interest groups are working well.
14.	<b>Other business</b>	<p>A discussion around gift baskets for the December meeting occurred. All agreed that the Executive Committee would donate a gift basket and there would be a draw for it at the December meeting.</p> <p><b>Action: Each Executive Committee member to donate \$5.00 to Cathy or Joanne and they will purchase the gifts; Marilyn to supply the basket.</b></p>
15.	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 7pm, at Fairfield.
16.	<b>Adjournment</b>	8:40 pm

**Attachment**

**Advocacy Report - 2023-11-02**

**1. Dec 6th Luncheon –**

- The committee is completing plans for a luncheon that will be held on Dec 6th at the Canadiana. Room has been booked for 20+ but room can handle much more; deadline for booking Nov 29<sup>th</sup>
- Invitation completed. See below. Need 50-60 copies for general meeting – Cathy Holes will print off
- Canadiana – good parking, accessible, close to Kipling subway/bus station; known to many Club members and close for majority of Club
- Each member will pay for their own luncheon. This is not a fundraiser
- Why?
  1. celebration/honouring of women who have lived gender-based violence.
  2. Has been an established tradition with emphasis on remembrance but also now recognition of a the on-going prevalence around the world of intimate partner violence affecting women and children
  3. CFUW purpose is to promote the well-being of all women and girls – social for members but also a time for reflection
  4. Recognize that families of the women of ecole polytechnique can be weary of the more memorial like events but this is also an

event to celebrate the successes women have made in regards to legislation, policy change and changes in how we educate our male boys/youth

- Guests/non-members welcome.
  - After food orders have been taken will be a brief 5-8 minute welcome/washroom location, etc – Maure; information - Gail, song, moment of silence, “please enjoy the company of those around you”. Diane will bring a CD. Gail will bring a CD player. Maure will print out the song for the tables (# determined after registration completed.) Tables will be encouraged to introduce themselves to their own table and nearby tables.
  - Food – Gail will have a full menu to show at the general meeting and if there are calls; some vegetarian meals can be turned into vegan
  - Announcement at the Nov 9<sup>th</sup> General meeting; Asking Communications to send out a special email to all Club members on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.
  - Greeters (2) - needed; Persons to help some get a seat at tables where groups are (2) – needed – would be helpful if these persons knew a fair number of Club members
  - It is an opportunity for social prior to the busy holiday season.
2. **Call To Action - December** - Gender Based Violence - Dec 6th, 16 Days of Action
  3. **Call to Action - January** - Out of the Cold Issues, etc.
  4. **Political Letters** - These are being completed and sent out under the new CFUW letterhead - Welcome letters, letters of concern from individuals: CFUW (National) letters for Club to send out under letterhead
  5. **Issues of Concern:** Greenbelt; municipal boundary changes; education; Health care; home care and long-term care; environment, Ontario Place - individuals are bringing the latest issues for some of these to the meetings to keep the committee up to date; individuals have been sending out emails to elected officials re: some concerns
  6. **Resolutions passed at 2023 CFUW AGM** - Three passed. These will be put out to the members in the February Call to Action.
  7. **General Meeting - Nov 9th** - Gail will speak for Advocacy
  8. **Resolution Meeting - March 21, 2024** - If there are resolutions from national then this will be our Club meeting to discuss the resolutions being put forward. The meeting will be on zoom

### Join Us for Lunch



Your Advocacy Committee is inviting you and friends to join members of CFUW, Etobicoke for lunch at the **\*Canadiana Restaurant on Wednesday, Dec 6 at 12 noon**. Choose and pay for your own lunch from the menu. This event is not a fundraiser. As a remembrance of the lives of the 14 women who were massacred at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal in 1989, this is an opportunity to acknowledge all those who live with gender-based violence and the

actions being taken. We will hear a musical tribute and then do what we at CFUW do best, enjoy one another's company.

We will reserve tables, so please RSVP to Gail Rutherford at 416 239 6664 or [rabbits21@rogers.com](mailto:rabbits21@rogers.com) by **November 29**.

This National Day of Remembrance is part of the 16 Days of Action Against Violence that start on Nov. 25, the International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women and ends on Dec 10, International Human Rights Day.

\*Canadiana Restaurant in 6 Points Plaza, 5230 Dundas St W, Etobicoke, ON M9B 1A8

Near Kipling Subway. Lots of onsite parking

Menu: <https://restaurantguru.com/Canadiana-Toronto/menu>