

CFUW EDMONTON 2016/17
GENERAL MEETING 03-20-17

CFUW Edmonton General Meeting
March 20, 2017 7:00-8:30 pm
Saskatchewan Room, Faculty Club
University of Alberta

MINUTES

WELCOME

President, Amy Macleod, welcomed club members and guests at 7:08 pm
There were 23 members present.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2016/17-10:Lynn Maki/Joanne Morrison that the Agenda be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

Adoption of Minutes

MOTION 2016/17-11: Lynn Maki/Dale Wilkie that the Minutes of the February 27, 2017 General Meeting be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

Treasurer's Update

The CFUW Edmonton Operating Fund balance is \$25,817.14 at February 28, 2017.
CFUW National and GWI dues are still to be paid.

Academic Awards Update

Four reading teams are currently at work evaluating applications for the Margaret Brine Scholarships for MA, MSc, PhD Arts and PhD Science for 2017. Final results will be reported at the Scholarships Committee meeting to be held at the Royal Glenora Club at noon March 30, 2017.

President's Update

CFUW 100 Women of Distinction Awards

Two nominations were received by the CFUW Edmonton Executive: Pat Wishart and Barbara Blackely. The Executive approved both nominations and will forward them to CFUW National prior to March 28th.

Alberta Council Annual Meeting April 28-29, 2017

Each club has been asked to make a five minute presentation on one area of CFUW's life and work. The Edmonton Club has been asked to make a presentation on scholarships.

CFUW National

CFUW National is proposing a \$33/member dues increase. \$31 of this increase to cover increase to GWI dues and \$2 is to cover inflation. This matter will be discussed at CFUW Edmonton Annual Meeting in April.

CFUW now has a Women's Economics Secretary

There has as yet been no response from the Way Forward Task Group. A report is expected soon.

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Other

The Minister for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship is proposing the repeal of the Canada/US Safe Third Country Agreement.

In Memorium: Frances Reynolds 1927-2017

Born and raised in Strathcona, Edmonton, Frances was the daughter of politicians Fredrick Casselman, Edmonton Alderman and Liberal MP; and Cora Casselman MP, the first Liberal woman elected to the House of Commons and to occupy the Speaker's Chair

Frances kept up on issues of current affairs, frequently penned opinion and guidance to the serving politicians, and was a model of an engaged citizen. She had many interests and many friends: Royal Glenora members, Pigeon Lake neighbours, the Holy Trinity Anglican congregation members, Engineer Wives, University Women's Club, Bridge and Book Club members.

Frances is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church 10037 - 84 Avenue, Edmonton at a date yet to be determined. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ovarian Cancer Research Canada or to Habitat for Humanity.

7:30-7:45 Refreshment Break - Thanks to the Film and Health Interest Groups for goodies tonight.

7:45 National Resolutions and Amendments Resolutions

Proposed amendments must be received by CFUW National by April 15

Resolution #1: The Right to Safe, Clean, Accessible and Affordable Drinking Water and Sanitation on First Nations Reserves in Canada

This resolution has been proposed by The University Women's Club of Winnipeg

Tammy Irwin spoke to this resolution, reporting that CFUW Edmonton had proposed a similar resolution to CFUW National in 1987, during her term as National President and here we are in 2017, still looking for attention to this important need. The resolution proposed now is focused particularly on the needs and shortfalls for safe, clean, accessible drinking water and sanitation on First Nations Reserves.

There was a suggestion that the matter of Canada's sovereignty with respect to water be researched prior to taking action on this resolution.

Concern was expressed that the second whereas in particular, appears to be an example of non-indigenous persons making assumptions about and speaking for indigenous persons

It was suggested that reference be made to the previous resolution as an addendum to Resolution #1.

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MOTION 2016/17-12: Lynn Maki/Tammy Irwin that CFUW Edmonton support Resolution #1, noting its focus on the urgent need to address water quality issues on First Nations Reserves in Canada, and that comments from our discussion be forwarded to CFUW National. **CARRIED**

Resolution #2: Universal Pharmacare

This proposal is proposed by University Women's Club of North York

Discussion:

This action would potentially make drugs and pharmacare much more accessible and economical

This action supports a more secure safety net for all Canadians.

MOTION 2016/17-13: Nina Jackson/Dale Wilkie that CFUW Edmonton support Resolution #2 **CARRIED**

Proposed Amendments to CFUW National Bylaws

Amendment #1 proposed by the Regional Directors Group

CFUW Edmonton supports Amendment #1 as proposed by the Regional Directors Group.

Amendment #2: proposed by CFUW St. Thomas

Discussion:

The concern behind this proposed amendment is that membership in GWI has become an unwarranted financial burden.

GWI has not raised dues in twelve years. CFUW Canada has not prepared for a dues increase when it would have been wise to do so.

The St. Thomas CFUW is concerned that GWI has not communicated clearly.

The group is also concerned about how funds are allocated by GWI for its work.

CFUW Edmonton club members expressed concern that the proposed amendment repeats a resolution that was debated at the last CFUW Annual Meeting.

MOTION 2016/17-14: Myrna Snart/Ollie Triska that CFUW reject CFUW St. Thomas proposal and that CFUW Edmonton vote that CFUW Canada remain a member of GWI. **CARRIED**

The vote was taken by secret ballot. Twenty-one ballots were cast. Twenty yes with one abstention

MOTION 2016/17-15: Lynn Maki/Yrsa Neilsen that the ballots be destroyed. **CARRIED**

MOTION 2016/17-16: Nina Jackson/Janet Smith that CFUW Edmonton make a \$25 donation to the CFUW Edmonton Academic Awards Committee in memory of Frances Reynolds. **CARRIED**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Castle Crown Land Protection

The Province of Alberta has issued a draft protection plan. There is strong opposition to the plan by ATV owners. Tammy Irwin suggested that CFUW Edmonton members write to their MLAs and the Minister supporting the Castle Crown Land Protection Plan

There being no further business, the President declare the meeting adjourned at 9:25PM

NEXT MEETING: **Monday, April 24, 2017 7:00pm** in the Saskatchewan Room, Faculty Club, University of Alberta. Members are reminded that this is the club's Annual Meeting.

Amy Macleod, President

Lynn Maki, Secretary