

CFUW EDMONTON
GENERAL MEETING 02-27-17

**CFUW Edmonton General Meeting
February 27, 2017 7:00pm-9:00pm
Saskatchewan Room, Faculty Club
University of Alberta**

MINUTES

WELCOME

President, Amy MacLeod, welcomed club members and guests at
Guests were introduced. There were 44 members and guests present.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Agenda

MOTION 2016/17-7: Lynn Maki/Lea Belter that the Agenda be adopted as presented.
CARRIED

Adoption of Minutes

MOTION 2016/17-8: Jean Cooley/Joyce Law that the Minutes of the January 16, 2017 General Meeting be adopted as circulated. **CARRIED**

Amendment of CFUW Edmonton Bylaws

The following changes to CFUW Edmonton Bylaws were proposed:

1)ARTICLE X Meetings

Add Section 7: A CFUW Edmonton Executive Committee meeting may be held entirely by means of a telephonic, electronic or other communication facility that permits all participants to communicate adequately with each other during the meeting, provided that adequate notice of the meeting is given to all members of the Executive Committee.

2)ARTICLE XI Voting

Add Section 1 in front of present content of Article XI

Add new Section 2: A CFUW Edmonton vote may be held entirely by electronic means with provision made for members who do not have internet access to cast their vote, provided that at least 8 days notice of the vote is given to the membership, and provided that the voting is open for no fewer than 5 days. Call of such a vote shall be at the direction of the Executive Committee and may be used only when considered necessary.

3) ARTICLE II Fiscal Year

Amend to read: The fiscal year of the organization shall close on June 30.

MOTION 2016/17-9: Melvina Gowda/Jean Cooley that the addendum and changes proposed to the ByLaws be adopted as presented. **CARRIED**

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Interest Groups Activities Report

Fibre Arts Group - Debbie Tyson

The Fibre Arts Group sponsored and arranged a "Days for Girls" work bee on Saturday, February 25 from 10am-4pm., including a potluck luncheon. Eight women participated in the work bee. 139 liners and 29 bags were completed. It was a productive and enjoyable day.

Environmental Concerns Group - Pat Wishart

Pat announced that the upcoming meeting of the Environmental Concerns Group will take place March 9th at St. Paul's United Church 1:30pm. The speaker will be Mary Ann Dubritzki from City of Edmonton Planning Department.

Health Issues Group - Judi Cook

A reminder that the Health Issues Group meets the 4th Thursday of the month. Contact Judi for information about upcoming meetings.

Financial Report

Treasurer, Joanne Morrison, presented a brief report indicating that the operating fund balance is \$26,000 at January 31, 2017. Club dues to National CFUW in the amount of approximately \$8700 and Alberta Council at \$5.00 per member are still to be paid. Overall expenses are modest this year.

Academic Awards

Judy Pagano announced the upcoming Fundraiser Luncheon to be held at the Royal Glenora Club April 6, 2017 beginning with a Silent Auction at 11:00am followed by a luncheon with Guest Speaker Lise Gotell, Vice Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Professor Department of Women's and Gender Studies, University of Alberta. Dr. Gotell's research focuses on gender, sexuality and the law. Her recent work explores developments in sexual assault law. Tickets: \$60.00/person (\$15 tax deductible receipt)

Communications

Suzanne Lewis, convenor, reported that there have been expressions of appreciation for the newsletter from members who are unable to attend the general meetings. There are now 15 followers on our Facebook page. Minutes of General Meetings are circulated to all members following each meeting.

Past-President's Report Joy Hurst

Joy Hurst reported that she and Judy Pagano are looking forward to participating at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women gathering March 13-24, 2017 in New York.

Joy is also CFUW's representative to the Canadian Commission to UNESCO. Canada has a large representation. Joy reported that there could be a fine opportunity for CFUW Edmonton to collaborate with the City of Edmonton as a UNESCO anti-racism city.

President's Report Amy MacLeod

CFUW NATIONAL

Amy MacLeod reported that she has participated in two CFUW webinars this month. Details about webinars are available of the CFUW website.

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Membership in CFUW National is declining while CFUW National dues continue to increase. There is a proposed dues increase of \$12.00/CFUW member to cover uncollected GWI dues plus \$2.00/CFUW member to address inflation. Members of CFUW Edmonton were reminded that our club has 5 votes at the CFUW National Annual Meeting. Each club has 1 vote for every 25 members.

CFUW National proposes two amendments to its ByLaws. The recommendation will be presented to our club at the March meeting for input.

Members were reminded of the 100 Women of Distinction Award and that suggestions for nominees for the award must be submitted to the CFUW Edmonton Executive Committee by March 10th.

The CFUW National Annual Meeting will be held in Richmond BC June 22-24, 2017.

CFUW ALBERTA COUNCIL

Members were reminded that the Alberta Council Annual Meeting will be held in Lethbridge, Alberta April 28-29, 2017

Announcement:

The CFUW Strathcona club is holding a Pink Tea Luncheon on March 4, 2017 in conjunction with International Women's Day. The event will take place from 1:00pm- 3:00pm at the Broadmoor Golf and Country Club. Provincial Coordinator of the Alberta Council of Women's Shelters, Jan Reimer, will be the Guest Speaker.

As there was no further business the President adjourned the meeting at 8:08pm

REFRESHMENTS Thank you to the Fibre Arts Group for goodies this evening.

PROGRAMME

Due to a miscommunication of date change for this meeting the guest speaker was unable to be present this evening. However, CFUW member Denise Woollard, who is MLA for the Edmonton Mill Creek was available to speak to the meeting about her work, an interesting and informative presentation.

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Saskatchewan Room,
Faculty Club University of Alberta**

Amy MacLeod, President

Lynn Maki, Secretary