



Spring 2020 Program

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
161 Norfolk St. Guelph ON

Business Meeting	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Social	8:00 - 8:25 p.m.
Speaker	8:30 - 9:15 p.m.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING CANCELLED

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



April 2020

Hello everyone:

I have been thinking about everyone and hoping that you are able to stay home and stay safe. It is an overwhelming and uncharted crisis that we are facing. I want to take this opportunity to update you on a number of items which are a priority for the Executive and ideas for future meetings.

First of all, a big thank you to all the members who responded to the Resolutions request in the last communication. All responses have been forwarded to Sandra McCormick, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, and we are confident in presenting CFUW Guelph's response about the Resolutions. Sandra will provide our report to the National Resolutions Committee to inform their decision-making process in mid April.

Secondly, we will not be holding our April General Meeting since it does not appear that the imposed restrictions on meetings, closure of non-essential services and advice to all those over 70 to stay home will be lifted by then. At this point we have not cancelled the AGM as we are waiting for information from Cutten Fields regarding their cancellation policy during this time of uncertainty related to COVID9.

The letter writing committee members (who worked so hard to create the letter our club sent to Grace Hollett and all of the CFUW club presidents) have been working diligently and intensely on crafting a motion to amend Article 4 of the National bylaws. The success of our motion to amend the bylaw

would allow CFUW to terminate our relationship with GWI legally. At present the committee, consisting of Esther Semple, Sandra McCormick, Barb Hale, Sonia Spekkens and myself, have completed the final motion. We will be sharing this with the membership since we need approval of the club before sending it to National to be on the agenda for the virtual AGM in June. It will come out as a separate email from Communications and it will be important that members respond quickly. The process for that response is being worked out at this time.

In addition, the committee is sharing our information with all of the clubs that supported the Winnipeg motion at the AGM in 2019. We are calling the present club Presidents to ascertain their position on this situation and hope to solidify support by the time it comes to a vote at the National AGM.

The CFUW Guelph Executive continues to meet on Zoom, and we find that we can accomplish all our business - which is a good thing. We miss the personal contact and, of course, the snacks - which is a sad thing.

Hospitality chair, Barb Kuczynski, has advised that we are missing at least 1 tablecloth from our inventory. This has become apparent as we gather things to prepare for the move to our new site in September. If anyone knows where they might be, please let Barb know.

We are working very hard to follow the agenda as identified at our February General Meeting. A full report of the November General Meeting outcomes is in the works.

Dr. Anne-Marie Zajdlik, slated to be our guest speaker at the AGM, posts updates on the local situation on her Facebook page. If you don't already follow her – check it out. Her message is cogent, pertinent, accurate and encouraging. She is a treasure on so many levels.

Stay home, stay well and look out for one another.

I miss you all.

Susan

SPEAKERS

May 26, 2020

Annual General Meeting & Banquet

Time & Location TBD

Anne-Marie Zajdlik

Founder & Medical Director, HOPE Clinic

“The Bracelet of Hope Initiative in 2020”

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report to March 31, 2020, submitted by Esther Semple, Treasurer

CFUW Guelph Budget	Budget 2019-2020	31-Mar-20
Revenue		
Membership (net of dues, 146 members)	5,500.00	4,138.75
Extra Revenue (banquet profit)		85.76
Total	5,500.00	4,224.51
Expenses		
Nat'l and Prov'l meetings	2,000.00	1,788.86
Hall Rental	1,435.00	1,435.00
Hospitality	200.00	19.04
Member Services	1,100.00	1,581.17
Program	800.00	520.00
Communication & PR	300.00	81.55
Advocacy	400.00	399.20
Total	6,235.00	5,824.82
Surplus or Deficit	-735.00	-1,600.31
Expected 2019-2020 deficit	1,600.00	
Chequing Account '0'	Net Carry Over-April 30, 2019	6,463.84
Revenue (including 2019 banquet \$4255)		26,989.00
Revenue for 2020-21	membership/donation	330.00
Deposits for hall rental 2020-2021	Sept and security deposit	-395.00
Banquet expenses 2019	total	-4,169.24
Banquet deposit (2020)	deposit paid Aug 2018	-200.00
Committee Expenses, paid and pending	Expenses to March 31/20	-5,824.82
Scholarship, 2019-20 paid and pending	club donations + \$95, poppy cards	-5,810.00
National and Provincial Dues Paid		-8,663.15
Community Connection donations and carryover		-2,839.74
Transfers to scholarship and CC (for 2020-21)		-110.00
Credit to Meetings budget (re travel reimbursement)		-32.00
Hold for unpaid GWI fees	GWI hold	-3,103.10
Balance at March 31, 2020*		2,635.79
Chequing 1 Community Connections Fund	Carry-over May 2019	1,869.74
Revenue, club donations \$970	Club donations	970.00
Expenses	Payments to partners + misc.	-1,498.49
Revenue, October	Pre-meeting dinner	434.00
Donation Feb (2020-2021 budget)	Member donation	50.00
Balance at Mar 31, 2020		1,825.25
(One-time fund remaining:\$371.25)		
Combined Balance at Mar 31, 2020	Chq 1 +Chq 0	4,461.04
GIC (maturing July 2021)	Balance to date	10,596.65
Total Assets		15,057.69

Communications

This is our final newsletter of the 2019-20 year. In this time of COVID-19 physical distancing, communicating electronically has taken on new importance and urgency. All information that we need to distribute to members or receive from members will occur electronically or, when needed, by snail mail. The CFUW Guelph AGM will be a virtual meeting in June - emails sent from communications will inform you about the decisions we need your input on and the method(s) we will use to get that input.

Stay healthy and safe; if you need any assistance doing so, please reach out by email to communicationscfuwguelph@gmail.com

Heather Bailey
Communications Chair

Member Services

****IMPORTANT CHANGE COMING ****

We would like to let you know about an upcoming change to how we deal with our annual membership renewals. Rather than mailing you a form to fill in as has been done in past years, we will email a reminder in August with a very short form to fill in and return with your payment.

The reason for this change is twofold. Firstly, in this time of a very tight budget, we realized that by using email we could save significant mailing and printing costs. Secondly, much of the information requested in the membership form is, for renewing members, already available, or now unnecessary.

The reminder email will have an attachment for you to print off and return to CFUW Guelph with your cheque or cash payment. This short form will itemize the amounts for membership dues and any donations you choose to make. There also will be space to report changes to your address, phone number or email.

The few members who don't use email will be mailed the same information. New members will continue to be asked to complete the full membership form.

We hope members will find this more streamlined renewal process helpful.

Susan Brown, President, CFUW Guelph
Beth Taylor, Member Services Chair, CFUW Chair

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee (Barb Hale, Sandra McCormick and Kerry Detlor) has been trying to fill vacancies on the executive. We've had several face-to-face meetings, while we still could, sent numerous emails and made phone calls.

Thanks to Barbara Kuczynski for her guidance.

At this time, we are looking for a Past President, Secretary and Advocacy Chair.

Many thanks to these members who have agreed to have their names put forward for these positions:

Heather Beecroft - Vice President

Clare Irwin - Communications

Janet Bruder and Kerry Detlor - Member Services

Sonia Spekkens - Member at Large

We greatly appreciate that the following women are continuing in their role:

Susan Brown - President

Esther Semple - Treasurer

Barbara Kuczynski - Hospitality

Virginia Gillham - Program

Please consider joining the executive as our Past President, Secretary or Advocacy Chair for 2020 to 2021. It's a great way to make friends and we have a lot of fun.

The Nominations Committee

Kerry Detlor

CLUB NEWS

Community Connection

Our Community Connection -Bridges Out of Poverty

Last year we renewed our Community Connection commitment to support the Bridges Out of Poverty program and in particular the Circles Guelph Wellington program for the next 3 to 5 years. CFUW Guelph is fortunate to be an integral part of the growth and success of this program. Individuals in poverty continue to improve their status through sustaining relationships and the building of confidence.

This year we were able to give a monetary contribution to support both Guelph and Wellington Circles. This money was used towards supporting their weekly meetings, childcare, food etc. Additionally, we provided a dinner for one of the Guelph Circles evenings and had planned to support another dinner in late March which was obviously postponed. On the Guiding Coalition (Board), we continue discuss the long-term sustainability of this program, the recruitment of Allies (mentors) and respond to other communities wishing to implement this program.

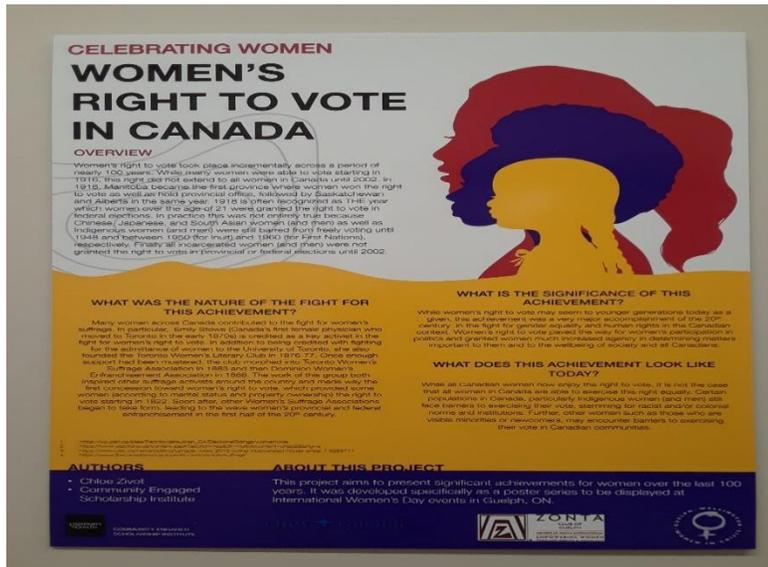
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International Women's Day 2020

On March 6th a number CFUW members gathered with our partners and some members of the public at 10C to celebrate International Women's Day. This venue allowed us to meet on the new Norfolk Street pedestrian bridge. Although a cold, damp winter day we danced in Market Square in front of the

City Hall joined by the local Friday climate change protesters. We then returned to 10C to launch our posters, a community weave and refreshments.

Working collaboratively with the Community Engaged Scholarship at the University of Guelph, Zonta and Women in Crisis, students researched significant policy achievements, political events and political groups impacting women’s rights in Canada over the last 100 years. This research was summarized in 14 posters, titled “Celebrating Women”. The posters will be displayed around the community, on our website and a general meeting.



A community weave provides opportunities to identify personal and collective motivations, supporting the externalization of personal perspective through a creative social action project. Women were asked to reflect on women’s rights and freedoms and how we could contribute to an even more gender equal society for the next generation. The resulting weave will be housed at Women in Crisis.



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Submission deadline is the end of the month preceding publication.

Please submit material to the **Newsletter Editor** email: communicationscfuwguelph@gmail.com

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