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**MINUTES OF THE CFUW GENERAL MEETING
February 23, 2010
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

June Ayrhart President called the meeting to order at 7:50pm. June welcomed all visitors and members to the February Open Meeting. Quorum was counted and confirmed.

The theme of this month's meeting is: Celebration.

Treasurer Elaine Koopmans presented the Chair of the Scholarship Committee, Ann Middleton, with a cheque in the amount of \$4,903.00. This was the club's contribution to the scholarship through their membership dues and additional donations.

Ann gives a run down on where scholarship amounts are donated (for details please see website). Ann also mentions that the Scholarship endowment fund which generates revenue for the scholarship fund through interest, can only accept donations if cheques are made specifically to the endowment fund. It is preferred that large donations are put towards the endowment fund, although the scholarship fund would be happy for any donations at all.

Joanne Oldridge from the quilting interest group presented the quilt which is being donated to a draw in the name of CFUW Guelph to Hospice Guelph Wellington. The quilt is 100% cotton with hand painted fabric. Tickets will be available at the next month's meeting.

Motion: Virginia Gillham, Elaine Koopmans. To approve the minutes of the November 24, 2009 General Meeting

Carried

Motion: Jalene Lumb, Joan Fuller. To approve the minutes of the January 26, 2010 General Meeting

Carried

Motion: Anne Peters, Ann Middleton. To approve the agenda

Carried

Advocacy:

Issues and Action:

Letters about childcare funding made it into the Mercury and Tribune Letters to the Editor. The group will request follow up meetings with both of the region's MPPs. The Issues and Action interest group will be looking at other important issues in our community and would be happy to have anyone join.

Program:

Kay Stubbart briefly reminded the group that March General Meeting speaker will be Tim Eastwood talking about Finance. There will be a book sale at the next meeting as well, so please bring in any books which you would like to donate. The Program Chair executive position will be available for the 2010/2011 year if anyone is interested in volunteering.

8:10 p.m. business meeting is paused for our Program.

~~~ Program ~~~

Sister Christine from the Welcome In Drop-in Centre downtown Guelph shared with the group some real life stories of those in Guelph who are being assisted through the Centre, as well as her perspective on the causes of poverty in our society. Sister Christine was introduced by June Ayrhart and thanked by Christine Chapman.

**8:45 p.m.: Business meeting resumes**

#### **Treasurer**

Elaine Koopmans presented the group with some potential budget changes for 2010/2011 year. It was requested at the January General meeting that the executive present the membership with a budget which covered the actual costs of running all programs and delivered all regular services. The amount on the expense side was roughly \$6,000.00.

Elaine presented the following options:

- Leave dues as are and dip in to reserves for excess funds to meet expenses
- Raise dues
- Raise dues and increase portion donated to the scholarship fund

Discussion was opened to the floor, all comments and suggestions were welcome.

The following discussion came from the floor:

Many members rounded up to \$100 for the scholarship donation. As the dues creep closer to \$100 the donations to the scholarship fund suffer.

It is important to improve in your services to the membership as well as the public.

Is scholarship a responsibility of the members?

What is the line for Marketing and Outreach?: Answer: Events which aim to increase our awareness and presence in the community in the hopes of attracting new members.

Examples: Go Green Without Pesticide series, Persons Day Event, International Women's Day event.

Elaine asked that members take the information and talk amongst each other for discussion at the March and April General meetings. It is expected that a vote can be taken at the May Annual General Meeting with little additional discussion.

#### **Past President**

On behalf of Carol Dilworth, June sadly announces the passing of Ester Semple's Mother. Condolences go out to her from the Club.

Nominations are open for all positions on the Executive; there are currently 4 open positions on the 2010/2011 year: Vice President, Treasurer, Hospitality and Program Chairs.

## **Hospitality**

Linda Hathorn thanks the Monday Book Group for bringing goodies to this month's meeting and reminds everyone to bring a reusable mug.

The May AGM will be on Tuesday May 25, 2010.

Tickets are \$50 with a \$10 tax receipt (donation to the scholarship fund).

The theme of this year's banquet will be a Royal Gala in celebration of CFUW Guelph's 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Please invite former members of CFUW.

Our speaker will be Kate Dewey speaking on her challenges in becoming a Veterinarian in a male dominated occupation.

Tickets are on sale now until May 25<sup>th</sup>; please contact Linda, Sylvia Grant, Susan Anthony - phone orders will be accepted.

## **President**

Results of the CFUW National Governance Proposal:

Total Votes 45.

**Motion:** Joan Hug-Valeriotte, Virginia Gillham. In the absence of quorum, an email vote will be conducted. Yes-44, No-1, Abstained-0

**Carried**

**Motion:** Christine Chapman, Joan Hug-Valeriotte. That the CFUW Guelph members vote on all National Governance by-law changes at once. Yes-44, No-1, Abstained-0

**Carried**

**Motion:** Margaret Hull, Ann Middleton. That the CFUW Guelph members approve all National Governance by-law changes presented by CFUW National. Yes-42 No-1 Abstained-2

**Carried**

June reads out loud the CFUW Guelph by-law changes that will be voted on at the March General Meeting. For a list of these changes please see the November 2009 General Meeting Minutes.

June reads to the membership the **5 proposed resolutions of CFUW National:**

1. Chrysotile asbestos and Canada's responsibility in the international trade of hazardous substances - CFUW Oakville
2. The funding of aboriginal education. - National Education Committee
3. Mobilizing the will to intervene. - CFUW International Relations Committee
4. Prostitution of women and children - CFUW Vancouver
5. Protecting Canadians from the health hazards associated with exposure to electro-magnetic fields from high voltage overhead power lines. - CFUW South Delta, BC.

The executive is looking for volunteers to form small discussion groups in order to research and report to the membership on one or more of the above resolutions. It is important that the membership make an informed decision on how the club will vote at the CFUW National Annual General Meeting.

**Correspondence**

Chalmers Church: monthly newsletter: for those interested it will be at the back of the room for more information.

June calls meeting to a close at 10:00 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE CFUW GENERAL MEETING**  
**January 26, 2010**  
**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

June Ayrhart President called the meeting to order at 7:50pm.

The theme of this months meeting is: What do we value?

The group heard from Mary McEwen on her personal history of CFUW Guelph and some of the projects that have been worked on since its creation. Some of those projects included Scientists in Schools, the reflection garden, River Run Centre and hosting the CFUW AGM in early 2000.

June reminds everyone if they are doing any work in the community through their interest groups or in representation of CFUW, please let the executive know so that they are informed incase they are approached by media or otherwise.

Virginia Gillham from Civic Affairs announces that they have sent a letter to the Guelph Mercury expressing concern regarding the Guelph Public Library project in hopes to encourage the project to move forward with other funding alternatives.

February General Meeting: Open Meeting with Sister Christine.  
March General Meeting: Members Book Sale - \$5 and \$2 tables.

**Membership:**

Sylvia Grant reports that there are currently 191 members for 2009-2010.  
176 continuing; 2 dual; 1 honorary; 6 new; 5 returning; 1 student

Sylvia reminds everyone that the Music Appreciation group is looking for more members.

**Treasurer:**

Elaine Koopmans updates the group on our current financial situation.

Currently we have     ~\$ 2,300 in chequing  
                               ~\$25,000 in savings

Ontario dues are due at the end of January in the amount of \$1,129.00.

National dues are due in April - May in the amount of \$11,000.

If the executive stays on budget which it looks like they will, there should be a reserve fund of ~\$8,000.

**Past President:**

Carol Dilworth sadly announces the passing of Brenda Vegso's mother in December. Also recently Kay Stubbert's 24 year old Grand Daughter passed away unexpectedly; there are no additional details at this time.

As Chair of the nominating committee, Carol reminds the group that the committee draws up a slate for the next year's executive and presents the slate at the April General Meeting. The slate may include more than one candidate for a position and all executive positions are open for nominating. This year we have no VP who would normally assume the position of President. June Ayrhart is willing to serve as President next year provided that there is a VP. June would normally serve as Past President next year; Mary McEwen is willing to serve as Past President. An email with all executive job descriptions will go out to the membership.

#### **Communications:**

June reports on behalf of Carol Herrmann. CFUW Guelph is now on Facebook. For those who are on Facebook, please search and become a fan.

The newsletter crew would like to have a back up on the Communications Committee in the instance that they experience some technical difficulties or are unable to contribute. If anyone is interested please contact Carol Herrmann.

#### **Scholarship Committee:**

Ann Middleton mentions that tuition has gone up exponentially in the over the last few decades, however CFUW's contribution from membership dues has remained constant at \$5.00 since the 1970's. Ann distributed the reinstated "Birthday Box" and encouraged members to make donations to the scholarship fund - in October \$55.00 was raised.

#### **The business meeting is halted for the program presentation.**

#### **~~~ Program ~~~**

The group heard an update from Jennifer MacLeod and Lynn Bestari on the Children's Charter and the Wellington Dufferin and Guelph Report Card Coalition. The Report Card is a valuable local tool which will assist in raising the profile of children in our communities by examining and reporting on the state and well-being of children in Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph. The first statistics have been recorded and were presented to the group.

#### **The business meeting resumes.**

#### **Issues and Action:**

Teresa McKeeman reports that the committee is still moving forward on issues related to childcare and early learning. Joan Fuller and Teresa attended the Ontario Council meeting on January 16th to and heard from the Teachers Federation and the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care. There has been some governmental movement on the issue; however we are still facing reduced enrollment and cuts to funding.

The Issues and Action Committee will be making packages of materials to send to reporters; writing letters to the newspapers and meeting with the QCCI. There is a petition which will be at the back of the room for people to pick up and bring to their own circles; the committee also encourages members to write a letter to their MPP.

#### **Hospitality:**

Linda Hathorn thanks the Gardening Interest Group for bringing goodies to this month's meeting.

The May AGM will be on Tuesday May 25, 2010.

Tickets are \$50 with a \$10 tax receipt (donation to the scholarship fund).  
The theme of this year's banquet will be a Royal Gala in celebration of CFUW Guelph's 65th Anniversary. Please invite former members of CFUW.  
The food will be presented in marché stations with copious amounts of food for all tastes and preferences. Dessert will be served at the table. Our speaker Gil Stelter will not be able to attend. The executive is looking for another appropriate speaker for the evening.

**President:**

June updates on the group on the International Women's Day Event details:  
It will be Monday March 8, 2010 at the Ebar at the Bookshelf.  
Authors: – Jean Little, Jane Lind, Sandra Sabatini, Michelle Wan  
There will be a meet and greet and book signings.  
Artists will also present their work. Art Show and Sale by Local Artists;  
Guest Artist: Blanca Canales, formerly of Monterrey, Mexico  
Musicians will be - Violin: Carmen Evans, Cello: Charlotte Moore

Admission is \$10 and all proceeds will go to Care Canada for Haiti Relief.  
Kids and Teens Free. The event is looking for volunteers, please contact June if you are interested.

**Motion:** Joan Hug-Valeriotte, Virginia Gillham. In the absence of quorum an email vote will be conducted.

**(Yes-30 No-0 Abstained-0)**



**Motion:** Christine Chapman, Joan Hug-Valeriotte. That the CUW Guelph membership vote on all National Governance bylaw changes at once.  
**(Yes-30 No-0 Abstained-0)**

**Motion:** Margaret Hull, Ann Middleton. That the CFUW Guelph membership approve all National Governance bylaw changes presented by CFUW National.

**(Yes-28 No-1 Abstained-1)**

June presents the notice of motions for discussion at the February General Meeting and vote at the March General Meeting:

For Bylaws, please see November 2009 General Meeting Minutes or contact Christine Chapman.

June announces the CFUW National President is Brenda Wallace for the next 2 terms.

For information on what your CFUW fees are being used for, you can view online at [www.cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org) or contact June Ayrhart.

**Membership Fees**

June presents the need for more money locally in order to pay for printing, publicity, special events and to keep up with the cost of living.

Local dues were \$3.00 in 1945 which is the same as \$35.88 today using the Consumer Price Index. Currently local dues are \$24.50.

There are two options for increasing our budget amount:

1) Fundraise inside and outside the club.

It would require that all members participate in communication activities and all members take turns organizing and running events, networking and preparing materials.

2) Raise dues.

Increase dues to \$45.00 or \$35.00 and reduce reserves each year to the point of \$3,000.00.

If anyone has any other option, the executive is open to suggestions, please contact an executive member.

**Correspondence:**

Chalmers Church: thank you for your Christmas Bag donations, they were needed and used.

June calls meeting to a close at 10:00 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE CFUW GENERAL MEETING**  
**November 24, 2009**  
**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

June Ayrhart, President called the General Meeting to order at 7:45p.m.

Welcome

June welcomes the group and asks that everyone stand and introduce themselves to someone around them and ask where they were before they came to Guelph.

Celebration

Carol Herrmann shares with the membership some fond memories that she has had over the years as being a member of CFUW.

The group also celebrated the donation of the Chalmers Community Service Centre Christmas bags of which the club was able to make at least 12. Thank you to the following groups:

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hiking                    | Monday Afternoon Bridge |
| Lunch & Chat              | 2nd Thursday Book Club  |
| Scrabble                  | 2nd Monday Book Club    |
| Tea & Treasures           | Book Exchange #4        |
| Issues & Action           | International Focus     |
| Thursday Afternoon Bridge | Individuals who donated |

We apologize if we have missed any interest groups who have generously donated.

**Motion:** Carol Dilworth, Clara Marett. To approve the minutes of the General Meeting October 27, 2009

**Carried**

**Motion:** Christine Chapman, Linda Hathorn. To approve the agenda

## Carried

### Results on the President's Forum:

Currently CFUW Guelph does not clearly define when a membership year begins and ends. It has been proposed that membership be from September 1st to August 31st, and that members be encouraged to sign up in the spring so that by the first General Meeting we have a full membership list.

Below are the pros and cons which have currently been discussed.

| PRO                                                                                                                           | CON                                                                                                                                                   |
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| The membership list will be complete and the blue book can be made available at the September meeting.                        | It will be difficult to get people to send in their cheques while they are away at the cottage or traveling for the summer.                           |
| This timeline coincides with the executive changeover which occurs in June.                                                   | A grace period may be needed until at least September 30th. in order to make sure that those who wish to be included in the blue book are.            |
| Membership forms can be handed out at the May AGM which saves postage.                                                        | If you have some members who are used to the traditional timelines there will be some confusion. The new dates will have to be properly communicated. |
| When interest groups begin in September all the people attending will be members, reducing chasing them down during the year. |                                                                                                                                                       |
| We can accrue interest longer on the money before having to pay National dues.                                                |                                                                                                                                                       |

Please think about your own pros and cons and bring them to the January meeting for discussion.

### Advocacy:

Teresa McKeeman represents the Issues and Action Interest Group and updates membership on the letter which was sent to our Provincial representatives. A letter was received from Ted Arnott who passed it along to Dalton McGuinty; shortly thereafter the group received a letter from Mr. McGuinty responding to some of the concerns addressed by the club. Issues and Action is always looking for new members so please feel free to contact any Sylvia Grant if interested.

Mary McEwen Status of Women Committee is once again holding the December 6 memorial lunch which will be held in Kitchener.

The guest speaker is a young lady Jessica Yee who has experience with the Highway of Tears. Transportation is available.

Tickets are \$50 with a tax receipt for half. If you cannot attend and would like to make a donation, you will receive a full tax receipt. All proceeds go to the 1989 Ecole Polytechnique Commemorative Award.

Please see Heather Bailey, Margaret Hull, Joan Fuller or Mary for tickets.

### CFUW Intents for Resolutions

Each year CFUW looks at several resolutions which it can use to support action within the organization. Each club votes for or against the resolutions going forward. We will be voting at the April General Meeting.

The 2010 intents for resolution are as follows.

1. Aboriginal Education Funding from the CFUW Education Committee.
2. Canada 's Policy on Asbestos & Other Hazardous Substances from CFUW Oakville.
3. EMFs and Overhead Power Lines: Residential and Community Health Hazards from CFUW South Delta.
4. Human Trafficking & Prostitution of Women & Children from UWC Vancouver.

5. Mobilizing the Will to Intervene from CFUW Education Committee.
6. United Nations Security Council Resolution #1820, Eliminate All Forms of Violence Against Women & Girls as a weapon of War from CFUW International Relations Committee.
7. United Nations Security Council Resolution #1888 on Sexual Violence & Armed Conflict from CFUW International Relations Committee.

### **8:15 p.m. break for Program**

#### **~~~ Program ~~~**

Carol Dilworth introduced the speaker. Mary Howlett Nero (CFUW Guelph Member) gave an engaging talk about adoptions in Ontario. She was thanked by Carol Herrmann.

### **9:20 p.m. resume Business Meeting**

#### **Executive Reports:**

##### **Past President:**

Carol Dilworth has received lots of positive feedback from the Westminster Library Branch Art Show & Sale and wants to compliment everyone involved in making this a successful event.

Carol also sends the clubs condolences to Grace Evans on the death of her Mother. Carol encourages those who have sympathy news to please contact her as she is not always aware of maiden names or member's families.

##### **Membership:**

As of the date of this meeting Sylvia Grant has received dues from 188 members. The Blue Book (membership list) is now available and can be picked up at the back of the room – please pick up for anyone who is in your interest group as it will save in mailing costs.

If there is anyone who signed up for an interest group and has not received a call, please contact Sylvia.

The new Interest Group Music Appreciation has been started by two new members, Jill Dick and Mary Woodside and is looking for members.

##### **Treasurer:**

Elaine Koopmans presented a budget report.

The following trends are being seen for 2009/2010:

Interest rates are down more than projected.

We have retained \$182 from the 2008/2009 May AGM as the Holiday Inn did not charge the full amount for Bar Staff.

Membership is down, currently at 188; budget based on 200.

Newsletter ad revenue is down.

In total Revenues are short ~\$500.

Expenses are on budget so far.

If you would like to see a detailed report, please contact Elaine.

##### **Hospitality:**

Linda Hathorn thanks the Quilting Interest Group not only for the yummy cookies they shared with the group but also for JoAnn Oldridge's beautiful table runner.

Past President Carol Dilworth hosted a new member's Dessert Party on November 18th.

New members present were:

Jill Dick

Mary Woodside

Joan Hug-Valeriotte

Lucy Keukens

And from last year:  
Jo Ann Hayter  
Teresa McKeeman

The AGM on May 25, 2010 will be the 65th anniversary of CFUW Guelph, in celebration we will be hosting a Royal Sapphire Gala as a fundraising event where all past members of CFUW are invited. Details to follow soon.

**President:**

June Ayrhart explains that members were under the impression at the May AGM that if we didn't produce a blue book we could save money. Over the summer it was discovered that the costs in producing the book are in the database management not necessarily in the printing. Therefore the Exec decided to go ahead and print it and try to offset the costs in other areas.

In January, we will vote on the motion to adopt the CFUW National Governance changes as presented at the October meeting.

June read out the nominations and bios for CFUW President.

**Motions:** Mary McEwen, Carol Herrmann. That CFUW Guelph nominate Marylea Burt for CFUW President.

**Carried**

**Bylaw Changes:**

June presents the proposed bylaw changes for 2009/2010 to be voted on in February.

The following two bylaws have been instituted as they have been passed at the National AGM 2009:

**BYLAW I - Membership**

1. The membership of the Club shall consist of women who are in agreement with the purposes of CFUW, pay the prescribed dues and are included in one of the following categories:

Bylaw I section 1 to add:

b. Associate Member – a member who does not qualify for regular membership, as stated in By-law I. 1a. She shall support the objectives and purposes of CFUW and shall pay full CFUW per capita dues.

Associate Members shall not exceed twenty-five per cent of the total number of members.

**BYLAW II - Membership Dues**

2. The membership dues shall include levies as follows:

Bylaw II section 2 to add:

b. Associate Members - CFUW, CFUW Ontario Council and CFUW Guelph.

The following bylaws will be discussed and voted on at the February General Meeting:

**BYLAW I – Membership**

Bylaw I to add:

2 The membership year is September 1 to August 31st.

**BYLAW II - Membership Dues**

3. Membership dues are to be paid on or before October 31.

**Bylaw II section 3 to read:**

3. To be a member in good standing, membership dues are to be paid on or before August 31st.

4. New members joining the Club after February 1 shall pay the annual membership dues less the CFUW levy.

**Bylaw II section 4 to read:**

4. New members are women who have never belonged to any CFUW club. Those new members joining the Club after February 1 shall pay the annual membership less the CFUW levy for this year.

**BYLAW VII - Meetings**

1. General Meetings.

f. A quorum for a general, annual or special meeting shall be 20% of the members eligible to vote.

Bylaw VII section 1.f. to read:

A quorum for a general, annual or special meeting shall be 10% of the members eligible to vote.

**Marketing & Outreach Committee:**

Activities in the community:

Chalmers Christmas Bags

Quilting Group quilt donation to a different charity each year.

International Women's Day Event

March 8, 2009

Bookshelf – downtown Guelph

Tickets will be \$10 or \$15 (if food is available)

Cash Bar

Enjoy female authors, artists and musicians.

The group is looking to link with other clubs in Guelph to help in becoming more involved in the community. Perhaps there are events which are already happening in which CFUW Guelph could be involved or have a presence at.

Other activities include tracking down Scholarship winners for a photo opportunity. Also, CFUW Guelph will be producing business cards which will be available for members to hand out at other functions or networking groups that you may be involved in.

**Other Business:**

Clara Marett announced that Saturday, November 28 afternoon at the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church from 10-3 there will be a display of Crèches from around the world. There is no charge for admission.

**Motion:** Christine Chapman. To adjourn at 10:05 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE CFUW GENERAL MEETING**

**October 27, 2009**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

June Ayrhart, President, called the pre-meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. This meeting was called to address changes at the National level. The changes being proposed must be voted on at the January General meeting. There will be a method by which National will be gathering information from Clubs and Club members.

For more information regarding these changes please contact June Ayrhart.

June Ayrhart called the General Meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

**Motion:** Kay Stubbart, Susan Grant.

To approve the minutes of the General Meeting September 23, 2008

**Carried**

**Motion:** Ann Middleton, Shirley Bilanski

To approve the agenda with the addition of stopping for the speaker at 8:30 p.m.

**Carried**

Mimi Hamilton outlined the history of the Letter of Concern which was signed by 28 members outlining their concern of the stress that the National dues put on local clubs funds. The letter was drafted to the executive after the November 2008 general meeting. 3 executive members as well as 3 concerned members met to re-draft a letter which was presented to the membership and asked that another draft be made.

The final draft was sent to members on October 14, 2009 via email.

**Motion:** Mimi Hamilton, Christine Campbell

That the "Letter of Concern" as summarized in the notice of pre-meeting, sent to members by email on October 14, 2009 be sent to the National CFUW by means of the official process.

**Carried**

The General Meeting was stopped to allow for our speaker.

**~~~ Program ~~~**

Jane Galbraith talked to the group about our current society's acceptance of grief. Traditionally it is expected that those who experienced loss were not expected to explore their feelings. One should instead think of their grief as a journey and learn to validate their feelings. She made note that especially the Baby Boomer generation has difficulty with the grief process. A very informative look at the human condition.

**The General Meeting resumed at 9:05 p.m.:**

Teresa McKeeman reported on behalf of the Issues and Action Committee whom has drafted a letter in support of the Ontario Government's Early Learning Report. Teresa read the letter to the membership which outlined the actions and next steps which are being taken. If you would like a copy of the letter, please contact Teresa McKeeman. The Issues and Action Committee met with both Liz Sandals and Ted Arnott to bring their attention to this issue.

**Executive Committee Reports:**

**President:**

By-law Changes – June presents the proposed By-law changes to the membership which will be voted on in January 2010:

The following proposed By-Law changes require a membership vote.

By-law II section 3 to read:

To be a member in good standing membership dues are to be paid on or before August 31.

By-law VII section 1 to read:

g. A quorum for a general, annual or special meeting shall be 10% of the members eligible to vote.

June announces the two candidates for CFUW National President: Marylea Burt and Brenda Wallace.

June gave a 3 minute bio for each candidate.

**Past President:**

Carol Dilworth thanked all of those members who made the October 16, 2009, Persons Day Event a success.

Liz Sandals and Cate Dewey were fabulous speakers. We had one new member sign up on the spot as well as 2 other members who showed interest in joining.

Carol announced that this was the last week for the Art Show and Sale at the Westminister Library. To date there have been 2 sales, 15% of which goes toward the club.

**Scholarship Committee:**

Ann Middleton gave a report on the current donations to the scholarship fund. As of the date of this meeting, 163 members have joined for 2009/2010, with a donation of \$4,168.00. This is a close number to the nearly \$5,700 in scholarships that CFUW Guelph gives away. In order to continue to raise funds, the Scholarship Committee will be reinstating the "Birthday Box" tradition. Members who celebrate a birthday will give one cent for ever year they are celebrating. For instance, if you turned 50 in March, at the March General Meeting you would drop in 2 quarters. The box was passed around and members donated change.

**Treasurer:**

Elaine Koopmans ran down the budget and expenses for the year as of the date of this meeting. Currently the executive is on track with their projected budget.

**Hospitality:**

Linda Hathorn thanks the Monday Scrabble group for bringing in the treats.

**Communications:**

Carol Herrmann lets the group know that due to technical difficulties the minutes and newsletter were delayed in being posted. Thank you for your patience.

**Other Business:**

Mary McEwen, Chair of Status of Women Committee

Status of Women Committee is once again holding the December 6 memorial lunch which will be held in Kitchener. This is its 7th year and is featuring a young lady speaker Jessica Yee. Please see Heather Bailey, Margaret Hull, Joan Fuller or Mary for tickets.

**Motion:** To adjourn at 10:00 p.m.

**MINUTES OF THE CFUW GENERAL MEETING**  
**September 22, 2009**  
**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

June Ayrhart, President called the meeting to order at 7:45.

June began with a quote on Friendship and asks that the group think about the changes that CFUW Guelph makes as it moves through this year.

June asks that all new members and guests stand; the club welcomed individuals with applause.

June introduces the 2009-2010 Executive and asks that everyone take a moment to introduce themselves to their neighbours.

June takes a minute to acknowledge the work of the Guelph Chapter in the three CFUW initiatives:

**Fellowship**

Our club has broad and inclusive interest groups.

**Education**

Over \$5000 in scholarships are raised from 200 members of our club.

**Advocacy**

Through the Civic Affairs and visits to the MP and MPP offices as well as our club's contribution to help support National in Ottawa and Provincial in Toronto.

June finishes introductions with a quote on Taking Action.

**Motion:** Kay Stubbert, Joan Fuller

To approve the April 28, 2009 General Meeting Minutes

**Carried**

**Correspondence:**

Edward Johnson Music Foundation: Thank you for your donation of \$500.

Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis: Annual report which will be available at the back of the room for viewing after the meeting and program.

The Guelph Club was invited to the Ontario West Fall Gathering on November 7th in Kitchener. If you are interested in attending please contact June Ayrhart.

One of the topics of discussion will be Marketing CFUW in the 21st Century.

**Reports:**

**President:**

June reports on the 2009 National AGM:

CFUW Guelph received 2 awards:

First, for membership increase in 2009, and second for the Go Green without Pesticides Speaker Series.

June also presents a spreadsheet on Ontario Council Advocacy which outlines what dues are being used for, and feedback on how their initiatives made a difference.

The five resolutions which were discussed at our April General Meeting were voted on.

June spoke out against the resolution to lobby for a National Department of Peace. She received feedback from other clubs that they also agreed with her and because of that, voted the resolutions down. The resolution did not pass.

Another resolution of interest was the resolution on financial literacy. After listening to discussion on the topic, June voted in favour, opposite to the Guelph club's instruction. June believed that with new evidence it seemed that there were measurable and attainable goals in place which warranted a change in vote.

**The Marketing and Outreach Committee:**

The committee met a few times throughout the summer and developed an outreach brochure which was hand-distributed to professionals in the community. Other activities the committee worked on to promote the Membership Tea and September Open General Meeting were:

Emails to club members to represent CFUW in their professional circles

Requests for links to the CFUW Guelph website from professional organization's sites

Publication in Coming events in Puslinch Pioneer and Wellington Advertiser

Press Releases to Guelph papers and Rogers Cable

The committee plans to promote the following activities for 2009-2010 year:

Persons Day Event – Friday, October 16, 2009

International Women's Day Event. – Monday, March 8, 2010

Invitations to MPs, MPPs and Mayor

Additional Press Releases for Open General Meetings

Next month there will be a Pre-Meeting at 7:15 p.m. before the General Meeting on Tuesday October 27th. June calls this meeting to present the membership with the opportunity to provide feedback to National with regards to the National Board structure of CFUW. She believes that through the channels presented by National that CFUW Guelph may want to rethink sending the Letter of Concern which was developed late in the 2008-2009 year.

**Past President:**

Carol Dilworth extends the club's sympathies to Terry Belyea for the passing of her Mother over the summer; Carole Stewart for her husband's passing in July; the family of long time member Gary Collins who passed in August at the age of 93.

There is an opportunity for CFUW artists to display their work at the Westminster Public Library Branch through the Westminster Public Library Branch Art Show and Sale throughout the month of October.

If anyone is interested please contact Carol Dilworth.

Also, CFUW Guelph will be hosting a Persons Day event on October 16, 2009 from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at Diana Downtown, with speaker Liz Sandals. This year will mark the 80th anniversary of women being considered persons under British North America Act. The executive encourages everyone to come out and support this outreach event.

Carol reports on behalf of the Nominating Committee, that there will be some vacancies on the Executive for 2010-2011 year and reiterates the Club's need for those members in the 50-60 year range to volunteer their time.

### **Scholarship Committee:**

Ann Middleton gives an outline of beneficiaries which receive funding through the CFUW scholarship committee:

\$3,500 to the University of Guelph for academic achievement in science, fine art and nutrition

\$1,200 to Conestoga College for financial need

\$500 to Kiwanis Music Festival

\$500 to Edward Johnson Music Foundation

This program would not be possible without the donations of individual members. Ann thanks all those who continue to contribute each year. If you have any questions or would like to donate to the fund, please see Ann Middleton.

### **Treasurer:**

Elaine Koopmans reports the final totals for the Go Green Without Pesticides Speaker Series:

Revenue        \$756.50

Expenses       \$122.73

Profit            \$633.77

Scholarship Fund Received    \$350.00

Balance of                        \$283.77 donated to Fundraising and Outreach for the 2009-2010 year.

### **Hospitality:**

Linda Hathorn thanked the Hiking Group for sharing with the group delicious cookies and squares. She also reminded everyone that although there are reusable mugs and Styrofoam cups available, people are encouraged to bring your own liquid transportation device.

### **Membership:**

Sylvia Grant announced that as of the present meeting she has received 115-120 membership forms and dues.

### **New Business:**

Carol Herrmann sends out a call for photos, as many as you have in the highest quality that you have. She also asks that anyone who might be able to assist her in identification of members in photographs stored in the Guelph Public Library Archives (which can be accessed from [www.cfuwquelfh.on.ca](http://www.cfuwquelfh.on.ca) under "Guelph Public Library Archives'), there are many unidentified faces which require identification.

December 6th Lunch will be held on Sunday December 6, 2009 in Kitchener. Car pooling will be available. This is the annual lunch to remember the 14 women who were murdered at Ecole

Polytechnique in Montreal, Quebec. Tickets are on sale at General Meetings or contact Mary McEwen.

June closes the meeting with a quote on Action.

**Motion:** Ann Middleton

To adjourn meeting at 9:40pm

~~~ **Program** ~~~

Beverley Boudreau was welcomed by Joan Fuller. Beverley blew the members away with her ability to overcome what would seem for most people very difficult barriers. She spoke about her experiences being a completely deaf person growing up in Canada. She informed the group about her work at Brock University regarding the new Ontario accessibility legislation which goes in to effect January 2010 with the goal of having Ontario an accessible province by 2025. This inspirational speaker touched all of our hearts and was thanked by June Ayrhart.

MINUTES OF THE CFUW GENERAL MEETING
April 28, 2009
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

Carol Dilworth, President called the meeting to order at 7:45.

Carol asked that scholarship winner Jennifer Munk stand to be recognized by the club.

Motion: Joan Fuller, Marion Manning

To approve March 24 General Meeting Minutes

Carried

Correspondence:

Liz Sandals MPP: Invitation for a representative to attend the Post-Budget Debriefing Breakfast

Martha MacKinnon: Thank you for being invited to speak to at the February General Meeting

Reports:

President:

Carol announced that the electronic votes counted for the motions passed at the March 24th General Meeting cannot be counted towards a quorum to convene the meeting. Carol feels that the business conducted in March could not be postponed.

Motion: Mary Britton, Heather Bailey

That all business from the March 24, 2009 General Meeting be ratified

Carried

Motion: Elizabeth Taborek, Shirley Ann Holmes

That this General Meeting proceed, despite lack of a quorum

Carried

The final Go Green Without Pesticides workshop will be held on May 13, 2009, at 7:00pm at the Turfgrass Institute.

CFUW AGM Bylaw Motions:

Motion: Joan Fuller, Elaine Koopmans

That CFUW Guelph support the following By-law change at the 2009 National AGM:

Proposed Amendment to BY-LAW IV œ FISCAL YEAR so that it reads:

—"The fiscal year of CFUW shall close on the thirtieth of April of each year."

Carried

Motion: Irene MacCrimmon, Christine Chapman

That CFUW Guelph support the following By-law changes at the 2009 National AGM:

6.1: —Associate Members shall support the objectives and purpose of CFUW."

6.2: —Associate members are entitled to all the privileges and responsibilities of membership in CFUW."

6.3: —Associate members shall pay full CFUW per capita dues."

6.5: Strike out the existing wording.

Carried

Motion: Margaret Hull, Heather Bailey

That CFUW Guelph support the following By-law change at the 2009 National AGM:

Proposed Amendment to STANDING RULE D.11.5 æ Director of Resolutions

Submitted by the CFUW Resolutions Committee

Proposed Amendments:

In 11.5.1 change the date from November 1st to October 15th

In 11.5.2 change the date from December 1st to November 15th

Carried

Carol Dilworth presents the Ontario Council AGM Motions:

Motion: Christine Chapman, Kay Stubbart

That Ontario Council membership dues for student members be waived for the 2009-2010 term

Carried

Motion: Elizabeth Taborek, Mimi Hamilton

That Carol Dilworth be allowed to determine the Guelph club's vote on the Ontario Council budget at the

Ontario AGM

Carried

Past President:

Joan will extend the club's sympathies to the family of Ken Blair, husband of Helen Blair, who passed away on April 25, 2009 in Guelph at the age of 95.

Joan reports on behalf of the Nominating Committee, the 2009/2010 Executive/Scholarship volunteers will be:

Past President: Carol Dilworth

President: June Ayrhart

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Elaine Koopmans

Secretary: Christine Chapman

Hospitality: Linda Hathorn

Member Services: Sylvia Grant

Communications: Carol Herrmann

Program: Kay Stubbart

Nominating: Carol Dilworth, Margaret Hull, Diane Squires

Database: Margaret Hull

Webmaster: Carol Herrmann

Archives: Carol Herrmann

Scholarship: Ann Middleton, Heather Bailey, Margaret Hull, Terri Belyea, Jennifer MacKenzie

Also, the focus of the Issues and Action Committee will be directed to early learning and child care services.

Joan presents the CFUW Resolutions for the 2009 CFUW AGM:

Motion: Joan Fuller, Margaret Ahlers

That CFUW Guelph not support the resolution to address climate change and greenhouse gas emissions at the 2009 National AGM as it is a broad goal that is not specific to women's issues; it does not set out specific, measurable and achievable goals; there are other organizations who would be more suitable to fight for this cause.

Carried

Motion: Joan Fuller, Kay Stubbart

That CFUW Guelph not support the resolution to create a Department of Peace at the 2009 National AGM as it is a broad goal that is not specific to women's issues; it does not set out specific, measurable and achievable goals; would result in another government bureaucracy requiring financing.

Carried

Motion: Teresa McKeeman, Dale Gerrard

That CFUW Guelph support the resolution to reform employment insurance at the 2009 National AGM.

Carried

Motion: Christine Chapman, Elaine Koopmans

That CFUW Guelph not support the resolution to promote financial capability and financial literacy in Canada at the National AGM as it is a broad goal that is not specific to women's issues; it does not set out specific, measurable and achievable goals; the Federal Government is not responsible for education; it would be one more thing that provincial governments would have to mandate in high school where there is no time left in the timetable to teach it to students who are not developmentally ready to implement it in their lives; the end customer who would benefit from this education could not be forced into it unless it was a requirement to receive any government funding.

Carried

Motion: Joan Fuller, Aileen Campbell

That CFUW Guelph not support the resolution to protect the health of Canadians by reducing environmental toxins at the National AGM as it is a broad goal that is not specific to women's issues; it does not set out specific, measurable and achievable goals; there are other organizations who would be more suitable to fight for this cause.

Carried

Motion: Joan Fuller, Margaret Hull

That CFUW Guelph give the delegate to the National AGM delegate a discretionary vote when amendments or debate warrant it or in case of an emergency.

Carried

Treasurer:

Motion: Elaine Koopmans, Kay Stubbart

That CFUW Guelph membership dues and scholarship contribution for student members be waived so that they are only responsible for paying 50% of their National dues as well as Provincial insurance for the 2009/2010 term.

Carried

Motion: Kay Stubbart, Heather Bailey

To temporarily adjourn the business portion of the meeting.

Carried

~~~ **Program** ~~~

Dr. David Sills, who has many passions, spoke to the group specifically about his current position as Co-chair of the Guelph Chapter of the Council of Canadians. David talked about how the Council of Canadians takes part in local initiatives related to issues that are of national or provincial interest. Major campaigns include the fight for non-profit health care, the protection of our water, fair

trade/energy policies, and publicly owned/locally controlled infrastructure. He was welcomed by Marilyn Crooks and thanked by Joan Fuller.

**Motion:** Chay Robinson, Liz Cooney  
To resume the business portion of the meeting  
**Carried**

**Treasurer (continued):**

Elaine presented the 2009-2010 budget, based on 200 members and showing a deficit of \$670.00. The Executive intends to use reserves to cover this shortfall. Cost-cutting and revenue-generating measures were suggested such as altering the blue book and a 50/50 draw at general meetings. The budget will be voted on at the AGM.

**Hospitality:**

Susan Anthony thanked the Novel Women Book Group for bringing goodies to the meeting.

Also tickets to the AGM banquet will be available from Susan and Carol Dilworth May 12. Anyone is welcome to join for the meeting and program portion of the AGM banquet which will commence at approximately 7:30pm.

**New Business:**

Carol presented the group with a draft letter prepared by the ad hoc committee composed of three members of the executive: Joan Fuller, Carol Dilworth, June Ayrhart and three members of the Committee of Concern: Elizabeth Taborek, Chay Robinson, and Mimi Hamilton. The document was presented to the club and after discussion amendments were suggested.

**Motion:** Chay Robinson, Aileen Campbell  
That the letter drafted to National be sent back to the ad hoc committee with the amendments proposed and submitted to National.  
**Defeated**

**Motion:** Mary Britton, Joan Goddard  
That the letter be sent back to the Ad hoc Committee to be rewritten with the above amendments and distributed to members for approval  
**Carried**

**Motion:** Chay Robinson, Christine Chapman  
To adjourn the meeting at 10:20pm

**MINUTES OF THE CFUW GENERAL MEETING**  
**March 24, 2009,**  
**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

Carol Dilworth, President called the meeting to order at 7:45.

Carol asked the group if there was anyone present who was not a member of CFUW Guelph. Joan Goddard then volunteered to help Carol count those members who would be voting on the motions that evening.

**Motion:** Virginia Gillham, Elaine Koopmans  
To approve the agenda  
**Carried**

**Motion:** Mary Britton, Helen Brimmell  
To approve the minutes of the February 24th General Meeting

## **Carried**

### **Correspondence:**

Myra Willis and Lynne Woolstencroft have been invited as guests of honor at the May AGM Dinner. Lynn Woolstencroft has been asked to speak at the Stratford Festival AGM so will not be able to attend, Myra is honored and will not be charging mileage.

Chalmers Community Services Center Newsletter: will be at the side table for members to see.  
Guelph Wellington Women in Crisis Newsletter will be at the side table for members to see. Please note the Silent Auction fundraiser.

## **Reports**

### **Past President:**

We all love parts of this club be it the advocacy or interest groups. Please consider helping the club run by joining the Executive. There are still positions open for the 2009/2010 year. Please contact Joan Fuller if you are interested.

Joan has extended the sympathies of the club to the families of Cathy Eller and Mary Alicia Dimock. Joan has also sent condolences to Rosemary McCallum on the death of her father.

**Motion:** Joan Fuller, Shirley Bilanski

That the discussion of each of the three motions be ten minutes, to be extended twice by five minutes with majority approval

**Carried**

Liz Cooney and Jalene Lumb volunteered to time the discussion.

### **President:**

Voting on the open motions from the February 24th, 2009 General Meeting

**Motion:** Elaine Koopmans, Joan Fuller

That By Law I. Membership Section I be amended to add 1d Student Members are full-time university or college students enrolled in a degree, diploma or equivalent program that could lead to graduate studies

**Carried**

**Motion:** Elaine Koopmans, Joan Fuller

That By Law II. Membership dues, Section 2 be amended to add:  
Student Members. CFUW, CFUW Ontario Council and CFUW Guelph

**Carried**

**Motion:** Christine Chapman, Sandra Sharp

That the discussion for the Club name change be extended 5 minutes

**Carried**

**Motion:** Kay Stubbert, Margaret MacKinnon

That CFUW change its name from CFUW Guelph to CFUW Guelph Wellington

**Defeated**

### **Vice President:**

June gives a run down on the speakers for the 3 part series on zero pesticide use being held this spring:

April 1 Karen McKeown, Healthy Landscape Technician, City of Guelph

April 8 Rob Witherspoon, Guelph Turfgrass Institute & Environmental Research Centre

May 13 Thelma Kessel, B.Sc. Agriculture (Horticulture), Lacewing

Karen and Rob have graciously volunteered to speak for free. Rob has also donated the Turfgrass Institute free of charge.

Please help this fundraiser by forwarding the email containing posters and information to friends and family, or place a poster at other club/church/work locations. June thanks the Executive and the club for the support in this fundraising effort.

**Hospitality:**

Liz Cooney on behalf of Susan Anthony thanked the International Focus interest group for bringing goodies to the meeting. Also, the AGM banquet will be held at the Holiday Inn on May 26th with a ticket price of \$35; tickets can be purchased from Jocelyn Anderson at the membership table or between meetings from Liz Cooney, Susan Anthony or Carol Dilworth.

**Further Business:**

Chay Robinson sent the message that the hiking group will resume on April 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

**~~~ Program ~~**

Norma Fear acquainted the group with the 28 students which she and her husband Ben support in going to secondary school and college in Uganda. Norma has an overwhelming wealth of information on the lives of each of these students. The Club extends their gratitude to both Norma and Ben for making such a difference in peoples' lives across the world. Carol Dilworth briefly updated the group on her sponsored student who has just completed secondary school and hopes to train as a nurse. Carol is discussing the possibility of studying African Theology in Uganda with Reverend Job Masba.