

**Quebec Provincial Council of CFUW Clubs  
Annual General Meeting, Saturday April 20th, 2013  
Dufferin Heights, Stanstead, QC**

**Minutes**

**1. Present:**

Liette Michaud: CFUW VP Quebec

CFUW S&D: Carol Mooney, Heather Bowman, Beverley Taber-Smith, Dorothy Duncan, Claire Holt, Lee Sullivan-Lapp, Joanne Craig, Mary Rhodes, Elizabeth Cope, Janet Angrave, Wendy Durrant, Yvette Voisard.  
PM session: Eva Scheib, Louise Chartier

UWCM: Dominique Racanelli, Brenda Shanahan  
PM: Alice Holman, Elizabeth Wirth, Michaela Faciu

Lakeshore UWC: Gilda Martinello

South Shore UWC: Patricia Couture, Edna Ouellette, Gretchen Chung, Liette Michaud

Quebec AFDU: Judith Sanschagrin, Godelieve De Koninck

**2. Call to order:**

Liette Michaud called the meeting to order at 9:30. Carol Mooney, Past President of CFUW S&D, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She praised the venue, Dufferin Heights, for its excellent views and thanked the hostesses, Claire Turcotte, and Ashley Mills and Dian Cohen for her biscotti.

The quorum was verified and all the clubs were represented. Yvette Voisard agreed to record the minutes.

Edna Ouellette was presented with a certificate of recognition for her years of service as Regional Director – Quebec English clubs in the CFUW.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda:**

It was moved by Dominique Racanelli and seconded by Gilda Martinello that the agenda be approved. CARRIED.

**4. Adoption of the minutes of April 2012:** It was moved by Pat Couture and seconded by Carol Mooney to adopt the minutes of April, 2012. CARRIED.

**5. Business Arising:**

a) CFUW Issues and Highlights:

i) Brenda Wallace, outgoing CFUW President, at the 2012 AGM in Victoria B.C., spoke of a fee increase for the year 2013-2014, as recommended by the VP-Finance, Carol Hare. After debate, this was passed by the Clubs' delegates and the increase will be in effect this Fall.

ii) Susan Murphy, former VP – British Columbia is the CFUW's new President for 2012-2014.

b) Constitution and By-laws of the Quebec Council: These have been approved in English only. The approval of the French text is to be done by email. The Presidents of the clubs are asked to read and vote on the issue by May 15th, by email. All the information is on the website.

It was moved by Godelieve De Koninck and seconded by Dominique Racanelli that the Presidents approve the proposed translations. CARRIED

c) Club History: Each club is asked to give a brief history of its association, using the headings; stories of the club, advocacy, financial history. Pictures could be included. A deadline of June 15th was chosen.

d) Advocacy: Two areas were presented.

i) Brenda Shanahan discussed Financial Literacy and the booklet which was developed by the UWCM and used in many workshops throughout Canada will be presented at the IFUW in Istanbul, Turkey in 2013. The Financial Literacy resolution was adopted at the IFUW Triennial in Mexico City in 2010.

ii) Aboriginal education. (Guest speaker Dr. Jean Manore)

e) Membership: Each club presented figures, with a total of 532 members in Quebec. National Office did a survey of young members. The results are not available yet. Different proposals were given, such as Friends of CFUW (men) and corporate sponsorships with companies that deal with women's issues, such as Avon, Dove etc.

### **Guest Speaker**

Dr. Jean Manore, Bishop's University History Professor, was introduced by Joanne Craig. Dr. Manore spoke about Bill C-45 which will take away some of the environmental protections of First Nations lakes and rivers, which are protected fishing grounds. Dr. Manore gave a brief history of the treaties and agreements that have been signed over many years. The Aboriginals have respected social justice for all nations. The oral and cultural activities play a major role in the histories of First Nations. Today, the Aboriginals believe that it is time for a more proactive approach for both individuals and First Nations to bring about change. Thus, "Idle No More" was started to bring about self-government and resolution to the many land claims that are in the treaties.

A handout was provided as a guide to the discussion.

Lee Sullivan-Lapp thanked Dr. Manore.

## **6. New Business**

a) Reports

i) President of Provincial Council, Liette Michaud, expressed disappointment concerning the Council website stating that more work will be required; translation of CFUW documents is proceeding based on a three-year action plan; she is continuing as the

CFUW representative on the Canadian Commission for UNESCO; associate membership for the Council in Femmes autochtones du Québec Native Women and Fédération des femmes du Québec would ensure more publicity, and could contribute to sustainability, and increased membership. There has been loss of funding for many women's group and partnerships could be made. There is a general consensus that Liette Michaud pursues further involvement with other women's groups in Quebec as Council President.

ii) Regional Director: Judith Sanschagrín explained that she enjoyed the experience but the post required someone who is completely bilingual.

iii) Treasurer's Report: Brenda Shanahan presented a report. All the fees have been paid and a budget for the year 2013-2014 was presented. (Please see attachment)

It was moved by Brenda Shanahan and seconded by Pat Couture that the report be accepted. CARRIED

There was a discussion about the website and recommendations were made to improve the site.

It was moved by Brenda Shanahan and seconded by Judith Sanschagrín that a budget of up to \$1200 (with a breakdown of expenses) be used to update the website, domain name, logo, colour, font, contents and bilingual translation. CARRIED.

iv) Brenda Shanahan has resigned her position as Treasurer of Provincial Council as a new appointment carries certain restrictions.

It was moved by Godelieve DeKoninck and seconded by Dominique Racanelli that Brenda Shanahan be interim Regional Director, until the CFUW AGM in July. CARRIED  
Dominique Racanelli volunteered to be the Treasurer for the Provincial Council.  
CARRIED

iv) Club Presidents' Reports.  
Please see attachment

v) CFUW 100th Birthday 2019

It was moved by Pat Couture and seconded by Dominique Racanelli that a special \$1 fee increase be donated, by individual club members, and deposited in trust until 2019 and then donated to the CFUW Charitable Trust in 2019 for the 100th anniversary. CARRIED

## **7. Education Forum Ad Hoc Committee**

This committee has had brainstorming meetings but has not formed a position on any one item. In the fall, AFDU Québec will play host to the fall meeting and a planning committee (Godelieve De Koninck, Judith Sanschagrín, Liette Michaud and Brenda Shanahan) will prepare this forum.

Liette Michaud will continue to explore communications with other women's groups.

## **8. Council Meetings**

a) Provincial Council 2014, April 26, hosted by UWCM

b) Upcoming CFUW AGM's: 2013 in Saskatoon and 2014 in Kitchener-Waterloo. It has been proposed that the 2015 AGM be held in Québec. Through a show of hands, Club

presidents indicated that they were ready to take on the challenge. However, each club will discuss this and report back in the fall. Preparations must be started soon.

**9. Adjournment.** Carol Mooney and Gilda Martinello moved adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Voisard  
Secretary