

Conseil provincial du Québec des femmes diplômées des universités
Quebec Provincial Council of University Women's Clubs
2017-04-29

Minutes of Annual General Assembly held in Lennoxville
Procès-verbal de l'Assemblée générale annuelle tenue à Lennoxville

1. Ouverture de la séance

1.1 Accueil (Marie Trousdell)

Elle nous a souhaité la bienvenue et dit combien elle était contente de nous avoir pour cette réunion.

1.2 Ouverture (Dominique Racanelli)

Elle nous a souhaité aussi la bienvenue, nous redit combien la situation actuelle est difficile à gérer dû aux nombreuses questions, réactions (positives comme négatives), etc. concernant l'augmentation des frais d'adhésion à la GWI .

1.3 Nomination de la secrétaire

Devant l'enthousiasme manifesté pour cette tâche, Godelieve De Koninck s'est proposée comme volontaire.

1.4 Présences

AFDU-Québec, 2 personnes

UWCM, 7 personnes

Sherbrooke & District, 7 personnes

Montreal Lakeshore, UWC, 5 personnes

Montreal South Shore UWC, 6 personnes

La liste des personnes présentes est donnée en annexe.

1.5 Adoption de l'ordre du jour

Proposée par Liette Michaud, secondée par Anne-Lise Dupuis.

2. Approbation du procès-verbal de l'assemblée d'avril 2017

1. Introduction

1.1 Welcome (Marie Trousdell)

She welcomed us and told us how happy she is that we could attend the spring meeting.

1.2 Call to Order (Dominique Racanelli)

She also welcomed us and told us how difficult the current situation is due to all the questions and reactions (negative and positive), etc. concerning the increase of the GWI membership fees.

1.3 Nomination of Secretary

Seeing the lack of enthusiasm for the task, Godelieve De Koninck volunteered to act as secretary for the meeting.

1.4 Roll Call

AFDU-Québec, 2 people

UWCM, 7 people

Sherbrooke & District, 7 people

Montreal Lakeshore, UWC, 5 people

Montreal South Shore UWC, 6 people

The list of attending members appears in the annex.

1.5 Adoption of the Agenda

Proposed by Liette Michaud, seconded by Anne-Lise Dupuis.

2. Adoption of April 2017 Minutes

Deux corrections doivent être apportées

Point 3 : le nom de l'invitée est Helen Sami et le mot « interim » (intermim) doit être corrigé.

Point 3.2 : encore Helen Sami.

Adoption proposée par Marie Trousdell et secondée par Debbie Christiansen-Stowe.

3. Affaires découlant du procès verbal

3.1 FCFDU - Enjeux et faits saillants

À la réunion qui a eu lieu à St-Thomas, la résolution sur l'augmentation des frais d'adhésion au GWI a été défaite. Il y aura un autre vote à l'AGA 2017 à Vancouver.

La résolution dit que la FCFDU se retirera de GWI.

3.2 Rapports des présidentes des associations

Les rapports sont présentés en annexe, dans leur langue d'origine. Ainsi, ils peuvent être lus dans leur intégralité et être plus appréciés.

4. Conférencière invitée : D^{re} Cheryll Gosselin

D^{re} Cheryll Gosselin, professeure à l'université Bishop a intitulé sa conférence : « **Les droits des femmes au Canada** ». Elle avance que les droits des femmes sont des droits humains, donc universels. Nous avons donc droit à l'égalité dans tous les domaines et cela prend des lois pour l'assurer. Elle nous a aussi entretenues sur les préjugés, plus particulièrement ceux qui sont entretenus face à la communauté féminine musulmane. Plusieurs exemples ont été apportés pour mieux comprendre le phénomène. Entretien enrichissant et amenant à la réflexion.

5. Affaires courantes

Two corrections are made.

Item 3 : the name of the guest is Helen Sami, and the word "interim" (intermim) is corrected.

Item 3.2: Helen Sami again.

Adoption proposed by Marie Trousdell, seconded by Debbie Christiansen-Stowe.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 CFUW Issues and Highlights

At the St. Thomas meeting, the resolution about the increased fees for the GWI membership was defeated. Another vote will take place at the 2017 AGM in Vancouver.

The resolution proposes that CFUW will withdraw from GWI.

3.2 Club Presidents' Reports

The reports can be read in their original language in the annexes. This way, they can be read in their entirety and their thoroughness can be appreciated.

4. Guest Speaker: Dr. Cheryll Gosselin

Dr. Gosselin's speech was titled: "**Women's Rights in Canada**". She affirmed that women's rights are human rights and thus, universal. We therefore have the right to equality in every field and that laws are required to enforce these rights. She spoke about prejudices, especially against the female Muslim community. She gave many examples so that we could understand the phenomena better. It was a nice talk which made us all think twice before making a judgment.

5. New Business

Rapport de la présidente du conseil (D. Racanelli)

M^{me} Racanelli explique à nouveau les multiples embûches créés par le passage de la FIFDU à celle de la «GWI». Celui qui semble le plus difficile à franchir est l'augmentation importante des frais d'adhésion. S'ajoute aussi le manque de transparence quant à l'administration financière. M^{me} Racanelli avoue passer beaucoup de temps et dépenser beaucoup d'énergie sur ce dossier. Le congrès qui aura lieu en juin devrait apporter quelques solutions ou du moins des éclaircissements.

M^{me} Racanelli ajoute aussi que le sondage envoyé par la FCFDU n'a pas encore été rempli par la plupart des responsables. Elle remercie celles qui ont mis des efforts sur la consultation sur la réussite scolaire. Aucun retour encore à l'horizon.

Elle nous dit aussi que chaque club devrait avoir un plan stratégique détaillé faisant part de leur avenir. Un club mentionne qu'il préférerait fonctionner à partir d'objectifs à atteindre.

Beaucoup d'items demandent à être encore discutés : le travail du national, l'autonomie des clubs, le manque d'information pour les clubs sur l'administration des finances du national et de l'international.

Durant son exposé, une question a surgi : serait-il possible de joindre une autre association internationale ayant les mêmes objectifs que ceux que nous visons?

Une proposition de Liz Wirth : GWI pourrait déménager à Montréal. Pourquoi pas ? Cette proposition est acceptée à l'unanimité !

Rapport des directrices régionales

J. Cowell-Poitras (traduction) : « J'ai eu le plaisir de participer à 3 réunions des directions régionales cette année. Nous avons été avisées de ce qui se passait au niveau national et nous avons discuté des « meilleures pratiques » dans

Council President Report (D. Racanelli)

Mrs. Racanelli reiterated how the move from the CFUW to the GWI is difficult. What seems to be the most controversial part is the increase in membership fees. There is also the lack of transparency in financial management. Mrs. Racanelli acknowledged that she has devoted a great amount of time and energy on this issue. The Annual General Meeting taking place in June should provide some solutions.

She added that the survey that was sent by the CFUW to explore the alleged changes for women in universities concerning jobs, violence and other topics received a poorer response than expected. She thanked those who contributed to with provincial consultation on student success. To date, there has been .

She also told us that all clubs should have a detailed strategic plan for the years to come. One club said that it preferred to define objectives to obtain.

Many items have to be discussed again : the work done by the National Office, club autonomy, the lack of information for the clubs on the financial management of the International and the National federations.

During her talk, a question was raised: could it be possible to join an international organization other than GWI that has same objectives as CFUW?

Liz Wirth made a proposition : Why not move GWI to Montreal? The CFUW is the biggest group in GWI, it would be far more less expensive, etc. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Regional Directors' Reports

J. Cowell-Poitras: "I have had the pleasure of participating in three RD meetings by telephone this year. We were briefed on what was happening at the National Board and we discussed various "best practices" happening

nos clubs. En tant que membre du club Montréal Lakeshore, j'assiste à la plupart des réunions mensuelles de ce club. J'ai aussi eu l'occasion de visiter le club de Montréal et j'assisterai à l'assemblée annuelle du club South Shore en mai. Je n'ai pas réussi à visiter Sherbrooke, mais j'espère le faire l'an prochain.

« J'aimerais remercier toute les présidentes de leur réponses rapides lorsque je les ai consultée ou lorsque la CFUW avait besoin d'information. Merci d'avoir facilité mon travail.

« Tous les clubs ont travaillé très fort pour augmenter le nombre de membres et je veux souligner leurs succès. Tel que suggéré par Anne-Lise, nous devrions tenter de collaborer autant que possible pour nos levées de fonds en les diffusant dans nos infolettres pour toutes nos membres...

« Merci à toutes pour le travail investi dans vos communautés et pour les bourses offertes à des jeunes femmes méritoires ! »

Debbie Christiansen-Stowe fait un rapport qui rejoint celui de la présidente d'AFDU-Québec. Elle continue à participer aux conférences téléphoniques et sera présente au congrès en juin en Colombie-Britannique.

6. Réunions du Conseil.

La réunion automnale sera tenue par AFDU-Québec, le 21 octobre 2017, à l'Université Laval.

La réunion du Conseil provincial sera tenue par le club Lakeshore, le 21 avril 2018.

7. Clôture de la séance

La levée de l'assemblée a eu lieu à 14 h 35.

in our clubs. As a member of the Montreal Lakeshore University Women's Club, I attend most of their monthly meetings. I have had the opportunity to visit the Montreal Club and I will be attending the annual general meeting of the South Shore University Women's Club in May. Sherbrooke has proven more difficult to visit, but I hope to get down more often next year.

I would like to thank all the Presidents for having responded so quickly when I was asked to consult them or when the CFUW required information. Thank you all for making my job easier!

All the Clubs have worked really hard at trying to improve membership and I commend them for their successes. As Anne-Lise suggested, we should try and collaborate as much as possible on our fundraisers by advertising them in our newsletters to all our members...

Thank you for all the work you do in your communities and the scholarships you offer to deserving young women..."

Debbie Christiansen-Stowe corroborated the report of the AFDU-Quebec president. She continues to participate in the conference calls and will be present at the Annual General Meeting in June in BC.

6. Council Meetings

The autumn reunion will be held by AFDU-Québec on October 21, 2017, at Université Laval, in Québec City.

The Quebec Provincial Council meeting will be held by Lakeshore, on April 21, 2018.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 14:35.

Annexe 1

Rapport annuel d'AFDU-Québec

Le club compte 24 membres. L'année 2016 a été difficile, mais lors de l'assemblée générale, un nouveau conseil d'administration a été mis sur pied et des comités ont été formés pour que les tâches soient mieux réparties : comité des bourses, comité des communications et comité responsable des femmes autochtones.

- Le voyage bénéfice estival a rapporté 3 000\$
- Le brunch de Noël a été un succès : une trentaine de personnes ont participé.
- Pour la journée internationale des femmes le 8 mars, cinq anciennes boursières sont venues parler de leur cheminement professionnel et aussi de l'importance que la réception d'une bourse a eu sur leur motivation à poursuivre des études avancées. Ce fut un réel succès.
- Le 10 mars a eu lieu la remise traditionnelle des bourses. Un souper entrecoupé par les présentations des projets des boursières a été apprécié. Une soixantaine de personnes étaient présentes. La somme de 27 000\$ a été répartie entre 19 boursières dont quatre jeunes femmes autochtones de niveau collégial.
- Le 26 avril, à titre de présidente, j'ai assisté à un événement organisé par le GFPD (Groupe Femmes, Politique et Démocratie) qui signalait la signature l'an dernier par Pauline Marois et Jean Charest de la Déclaration **En marche pour la parité**. Il y a maintenant, après un an, comme partenaires, 491 organismes représentant 1 334 000 personnes engagés! AFDU-Qu.bec en fait partie! Godelieve De Koninck propose à la rencontre que les autres clubs de la province signent aussi leur adhésion.

Une résolution à cet effet peut se lire ainsi :

Que le Conseil provincial du Québec des femmes diplômées des universités participe avec le groupe GFPD au programme En marche pour la parité et devienne ainsi *Partenaire pour la parité*.

L'adoption de la résolution est proposée par Godelieve De Koninck et secondée par Jane Cowell. La documentation nécessaire sera acheminée à Dominique Racanelli.

Annexe 2

Sherbrooke and District, ANNUAL REPORT May, 2017

Introduction:

In September, 2016 the Executive Committee set ten main objectives for the year ahead. They include: 1) promote the Aboriginal Student Project, 2) continue with the Syrian Refugee project, 3) introduce committees to assist the functioning of the Executive Committee, 4) stimulate member engagement in club activities, 5) increase awareness of the mission, services and activities of CFUW, 6) encourage the membership to grow and retain with the club, 7) explore new fundraising activities, 8) update the Club history, 9) reactivate and update the CFUW S&D website, 10) develop partnerships with other CFUW Clubs. These ten areas have been the focus of our energies since September and we are proud of what we have achieved. At each of our General Meetings the membership received an update on each of the objectives.

Membership-Bilan des Membres:

We are pleased to report that as of February 5, 2017 we have a total of 104 members including **10 new members**. We continue to encourage everyone to bring a friend to our meetings with the aim of increasing the community's awareness of CFUW and to eventually attract new members. By publishing our events in the local newspapers in both languages we reach out to the community and hope to encourage interest and participation.

Program and Activités- Le programme et les activités :

Once again this year we have varied the format of our general meetings. The September and October meetings were held at 7pm followed by a speaker beginning at 8pm. The November and March meetings were very successful breakfast meetings. In February we had our first afternoon team meeting when we discussed CFUW's involvement in Advocacy processes. We continue to call each member prior to our meetings and we believe that this has increased greatly participation at meetings. Participation has varied between 30 and 50 people in attendance.

The following is a summary of our activities since May 26, 2016:

- **June 25, 26, 2016 CFUW AGM in St Catherine's Ontario.** Two members attended the meeting in St Catherine's Ontario.
- **June 25, 2016 Piggery benefit in North Hatley featuring Craig Morrison**
- **August 26,27, 2016 Summer Sale, Raffle and Antique Treasures**
- **September 9, 2016, General Meeting. October 20, 2015, General Meeting.** Judy Hopps , Vice President of the club presented information on CFUW, the mission, activities and what it means to belong to this organization.
- **October 12, 2016, General Meeting.** The theme of this special meeting was a presentation by three CFUW members on Woman and Finance. Since this presentation, workshops on financial issues have been offered free of charge to those expressing an interest.

- **November 8, 2016, General Meeting.** This breakfast meeting was well attended by both members and community representatives. The speakers were Mr. John Proveda-Martinez and Diana Velasquez-Ortiz who spoke on Sustainability in Agriculture.
- **December 07, 2016, Christmas Party** As in the past, the Lampe Foundation presented scholarships to five students. This activity was followed by Christmas party with great food and celebration of the season.
- **February 15, 2017, General Meeting.** The theme of this meeting was Advocacy. Our objective was to introduce the notion of Advocacy and to provide information on the various activities conducted at the national and local level. The film “Where to Invade Next” by Michael Moore was shown to the group. This was our first afternoon meeting and the format of tea and discussion was appreciated by the participants.
- **March 14, 2017, General Meeting.** This breakfast meeting occurred on the same day as a major snow storm. As a result our speaker, Wanda Bedard from the 60 Million Girls Foundation was unable to make the trip to Sherbrooke. In her absence, we encouraged all participants to share information on their community involvement and to ask the Executive any question concerning CFUW. This format was appreciated and members asked that each year we have one meeting where there is open discussion between members and no planned speaker.
- **April 29, 2017, Provincial Council Meeting.** CFUW Sherbrooke and District hosted this event held at the St Andrew’s Presbyterian Church. Approximately 35 attended this meeting. The guest speaker was Dr. Cheryl Gosselin who spoke to the group on Women and Rights in Canada.
- **May 8, 2017, Special Meeting.** This meeting will be held to present our members with information from CFUW on fee increases and on the ongoing discussion concerning our affiliation with GWI. A vote will be held by secret ballot on these two issues with the aim of providing our voting delegate to the AGM with the mandate to vote according to the wishes of the club.

Fundraising-Levées de fonds:

The Club has concentrated efforts to raise funds through the following measures:

- **Annual Book, Food Sale and Silent Auction.** This is the main fund raising activity of the club. The money raised goes to the affiliated Lampe Foundation, the Public Speaking contest awards and various other club activities. This year the sale was held on August 26, 27 2016. In order to plan for the sale and to identify new fundraising activities the Summer Sale and Fund Raising Committee was formed for the year 2016-2017. As a result, it was decided to include three different raffles of articles donated to the club. Another addition was Antique treasures. Both of these additions were a success resulting in an increase of \$1600 and a total of over \$6000 in returns. It must be noted that the food sale was very popular but sales were down the book and silent auction category.

- **Interest Groups and fund raising.** The **CFUW Sherbrooke and District Grannies** group continue to fund raise for the Stephen Louis Foundation. On September 28th a 5 à 7 was held at Uplands Museum to celebrate 10 years of contributing the Foundation. On October 14, 15 the Annual Gently Used Clothing Sale was held. To date the Group has donated a total of \$90,000 to the Foundation. **The Book Group** annually collects approximately \$800 and distributes monies to local and school libraries. **The Bridge Group** decides on a yearly basis how the monies collected monthly will be distributed. The \$2 contribution at each weekly bridge gathering results in approximately \$1000. **The Walking Group** chooses a different charity each year to support.
- **Collection of Funds at Christmas Party.** These funds are used to buy food cards that are distributed to the Aboriginal students studying at the Champlain College in Lennoxville who are experiencing financial difficulty.
- **Fund script.** The Fund Raising committee has investigated the use of Fund script as a mechanism to support our Aboriginal Scholarship that will be our contribution to the 2019 CFUW 100th Anniversary and to raise additional funds for club activities. We are encouraging everyone to sign up including anyone who wishes to support the CFUW club. As long as our code is used, funds will be directed to our club.

Scholarships/Fellowships-les Bourses:

The Lampe foundation has had a very successful year:

- Using part of the funds from the generous donation of a former CFUW Sherbooke and District member, three Dr. Roberta Cameron Aboriginal awards were granted to three Aboriginal students at Champlain CEGEP. These awards will be given annually in February. They are given to students demonstrating leadership and perseverance and who intend to return to their communities.
- Another portion of Dr. Cameron's donation increased the endowment for the One Room Schoolhouse Award. A Bishop's University 3rd year Elementary Education student now receives \$1000 annually.
- The donation from the Quebec Council has been partially used to fund food cards and craft activities for the Champlain Aboriginal students. The number of Champlain Aboriginal students is now over 30 and is growing each year.
- 28 awards were given this year for a total of \$30,000. These were given at all levels, secondary 5, Vocational centers, CEGEP and Universities.
- The Theatre Benefit Evening at the Piggery Theatre in North Hatley raised \$1600.
- The Sherbrooke Hospital Ladies Auxiliary Argyll Pavilion made a generous donation to the Lampe Foundation to endow a Scholarship in Health Care.
- By September 4, 2017 all Lampe applications will be on line.
- The project "Where are they now?" that involves written pieces on past winners is ongoing.

Advocacy-Defense d'intérêts:

- **CFUW Resolutions.** A new Advocacy Committee was formed this year. Workshops were organized to study the two resolutions on the Right to Safe, Clean, Assessable and Affordable Drinking Water and Sanitation on First Nations Reserves in Canada and on Universal Pharmacare. Our proposed revisions were forwarded to CFUW as requested.
- **Champlain College Aboriginal initiative.** Our club continues to support this group of students. The number of students has grown to 30. The \$1000 donation from the Provincial Council has been used to purchase \$250 worth of food cards, \$250 for craft activities and \$500 was set aside to meet next year's needs. On January 31, 2017, a Potluck supper was held at the College for the students. 13 food cards were distributed and 3 Dr. Roberta Cameron Scholarships were awarded. Assistance by members to write letters to INSPIRE is ongoing.
- **Syrian Refugees.** Our club has been involved in the arrival of Syrian Refugees to our city by collecting items such as furniture to furnish apartments being prepared to receive an ever increasing number of families. A group of CFUW members are offering English classes, one at the beginning level and another at a more advanced level.
- **Support for Grannies in Africa** through the Stephen Lewis Foundation.
- **Participation in a study on violence and sexual harassment in Universities in Canada.**
- **Letter of support to education groups requesting changes to our provincial secondary history program.**
- **Assistance to students to remain in school through the Lampe Foundation Scholarships.**

Communication and Publicity-Communication et la publicité : CFUW Sherbrooke and District activities are published in four of our local newspapers. The CBC English language radio station announces coming events. Additionally posters in local establishments are used to advertise CFUW Sherbrooke and District events. We are increasingly using Facebook as a way to share information and pictures. We are gradually updating our website with the help of Anne-Lise Dupuis. Information coming from the CFUW National Office is shared with the Executive Committee on a regular basis. This year our goal to work with our French language newspaper to publish events has been met.

Links with other groups and CFUW-Liens avec les autres clubs et FCFDU: We participate in Provincial CFUW meetings in April and in the Fall. We hosted the provincial meeting in April 2017. Representatives are present at the Annual General Meeting of CFUW. We appreciated the donation of books for our sale by the South shore group this past summer.

Sustainability and Governance-La viabilité durable et gouvernance :

- A Nominating Committee is in place. A new slate of officers will be presented for approval at our Annual General Meeting on May 27, 2017.
- The present Vice President will assume the role of President for the coming year.

- We introduced the concept of Committees with heads reporting to the directors at the Executive Committee meetings. Committees include: finance, fundraising, secretarial, 50th anniversary, publicity, program, advocacy and public speaking. All committees are functioning on a regular basis.
- Planning is done on a yearly basis with the setting of objectives for the coming year. The Lampe Foundation has a strategic plan.

Other Comments-Autres Commentaires:

It was brought to our attention by the City of Sherbrooke Council of our need to provide proof of being holders of liability insurance if we are to use the Amédée Beaudoin Community Center for our meetings. Following a review of options available to us we have proceeded with the purchase of insurance through BFL Canada, a firm providing insurance for non-profit organizations.

Our Interest Groups continue to be very popular. We have 10 different groups. Recently the Health and Wellness Group was reinstated and a new travel group was formed.

I would like to thank everyone for the amazing support that I have received during the last two years while I served as President of CFUW Sherbrooke and District. I appreciate having had this opportunity that permitted me to meet and work with some amazing women in our club and in our sister clubs in Quebec. I am convinced that our new president, will provide the necessary leadership to guide our club forward as we deal with the issues of possible fee increases and affiliation with Graduate Women International. I wish the new president and the Executive Committee the very best.

Respectively submitted,

Marie Trousdell , President, CFUW Sherbrooke and District
May, 2017

Annexe 3

South Shore University Women's club – SSUWC Report as of April 29th, 2017

Membership-Bilan des Membres

- 63 paid members and two honorary members (an increase of ten members over last year)
- We are attracting more new members (thirteen this year) but some members from last year have not renewed.
- Our recruitment strategy is word of mouth and we have tried different strategies to attract members for example, inviting non-members to work with us on the preparation of our fundraising activity. Our general meetings are open to the public and are advertised on social media.
- We have business cards to give to potential members with contact information.
- Our club is now an accredited regional organization of the city of St-Lambert. A link to our website is now on the city's website and a description of our club will also appear in their periodic program of activities.

Program and Activities-Le programme et les Activités

- Monthly meeting attracts over thirty members for a full program of speakers on topics such as: Culture of Honour, Life in the theater, Elder abuse, Moisson Rive-Sud.
- All of the seven active Interest Groups are meet regularly. Almost all members belong to at least one interest group. The Financial Literacy Group has moved on from the case studies from the MUWC and is studying other topics.
- Our interest groups are well-attended especially the financial literacy group.

Fundraising-Levées de fonds

- The 42nd Annual Book Sale netted \$6,592 for the scholarship fund.

Scholarship/Fellowships- les Bourses

- There have been five scholarships awarded so far this fiscal year with one left to be awarded, for a total of \$6,000. (We also gave \$400 to the CFUW Charitable Trust).
- One of our founding members and past-president, Mary Cyr, celebrated her 100th anniversary this year. In her honour, we have created a one-time scholarship for the amount of \$1,000.
- Lorraine Doucet Walker, a past member, deceased this spring and her family asked for donations to SSUWC In lieu of flowers. A scholarship totalling \$1,000 will be given in her name this year towards vocational studies.

Advocacy-Défense d'intérêts

- The Executive makes special efforts to publicize advocacy issues and CFUW/GWI news in the Newsletter.
- We have sustained CFUW's educational mission by providing bursaries for women at the CEGEP and university levels, and voting in two in vocational education.
- We have supported CFUW's commitment to lifelong education by organizing monthly conferences for members at which the general public is invited.

- The Financial Literacy group has held regular meetings at which friends and family were invited.
- Some members participated in a letter-writing campaign to city councillors asking for clarification with respect to the apparent threat to the Council for seniors' headquarters which is rented from the city.
- A dozen members attended a Quebec Council meeting last fall which served as a consultation prior to the Council's submitting a Brief to the Quebec Education Department on future directions. A member co-authored the Brief.
- The members honoured a charter member of the club on her 100th birthday by agreeing to provide 1,000\$ in bursaries in her name to high school students pursuing studies in English Literature.
- We have increased our club membership to 63 which means that we are attracting women who share our interest in education.
- A member attended the GWI Triennial AGM in South Africa last August as a CFUW delegate
- We held a meeting on Advocacy (Issues meeting on October 25) and how we can be more active as a Club.
- We have an Issues sub-committee which is studying resolutions from CFUW and their impact in our local communities.

Communications and Publicity-Communications et la publicité

- Our bilingual website is updated regularly and email is the most effective means of communication with members.
- The club now appears on the city of St-Lambert's website.
- A detailed description of SSUWC will appear in the city of St-Lambert's program of activities along with contact information.

Links with other groups and CFUW-Liens avec les autres Clubs et FCFDU

- Maintain CFUW liaison and attend Provincial council meetings as well as CFUW AGM.
- Our monthly newsletter is being sent to the Provincial council

Sustainability and Governace- La viabilité durable et gouvernance

- Updated bylaws were published in September
- Financial situation is stable
- Full slate of officers for 2016 -2017 but difficulty recruiting a fundraising chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Lise Dupuis

President South Shore University Women's Club

April 29th, 2017

Annexe 4

MONTREAL LAKESHORE UWC

Report as of April 28th 2017

We have approximately 188 members (3 dual, 4 lifetime members)

The MLUWC holds monthly meetings with Speakers. This year topics included Beekeeping and sustainability, Hospital Architecture (Royal Victoria), Role of Nurse Practitioner's. We will be celebrating our 60th anniversary and our 60th AGM in May 2018

The Fundraising objective for this year was \$10,000. A musical tribute to the Beatles was held in October - \$11,000, Spring Trunk Show with Stylist - \$3,000 - a great success, 50-50's and a combined book/bake sale. For a combined result of over \$14,000, plus donations.

Scholarship/Fellowships : Three scholarships (\$2000 each) tenable at a Quebec university and 22 bursaries (\$3200) for Adult Education & \$600 for John Abbott Bursary. Objective, \$9800 total. One time additional \$2000 scholarship to celebrate our club's 60th anniversary. Bursaries increased to \$200 from \$150

Advocacy – Local Outreach: Christmas fundraiser raised \$1305 for the Dorval Omega Centre, a local charity and a collection was held for the victims of the Mosque shooting in Québec. Letters sent on behalf of the MLUWC to women who are making a difference today. We are hoping to join forces with a local group helping young women transitioning from foster care.

Communications and Publicity-Communications et la publicité

We continue to work with local community groups; including the City of Beaconsfield and other local groups such as the Kiwanis (Xmas train in December)

Social Media: We use our website (to be updated), twitter, Linked-In and Facebook Page (including Events pages) as well as free and paid advertising offered by the local media.

Networking group open to members and non-members – great outreach to younger new members.
Introduction of Paypal

Respectfully submitted, Linda Sestock

Montreal Lakeshore UWC

Annexe 5
UWCM Inc.
REPORT: Provincial AGM April 2017

- Membership is still declining. It has been a challenge to attract but more so retain members. If we look at past numbers:
 - o 87 in April 2017
 - o 99 in October 2016
 - o 97 in April 2016
 - o Prior to that, we were over 100 ++ members...
- The positive side , is that we are attracting a different type of members as the Women's issue group is now our most popular and active Club! This is a huge in contrast to the Wine Tasting Group which had been the most popular up until now with a waiting list and at some point even had the possibility of creating two groups. This new turn of interest demonstrates that energy and focus of the new members and is also in line with the Strategic Plan (5-year look ahead plan started in 2015) and the aligning of the Club's members to its mission and *raison d'être*.
- Website is going on strong with the arrival of a Blog post which can also lead to Social Media activity as we can now point to new and updated content on a regular basis. Years after its first implementation, our online presence is still not as strong as it should be although the Board is very supportive of the efforts and investment needed to create momentum and prosperity.
- Dinner with a variety of speakers are still our most popular event, with April group dinners at members' homes.
- Advocacy & Community Affairs Chair has remained a good addition to the Board composition some of the activities over the year are : Centraide walk, Aboriginal women's walk, FB posts – we did experience the same as last year with little to no participation.

- This year is our 90th anniversary of the Club!!! 1927-2017 So we will be having special activities to celebrate and support this.
- Foundation AML Cruise around the island of Montreal June 3rd
- Contact with Concordia University to have visibility on the Scholarship recipients so that we can invite them to a dinner. This has been difficult and perhaps we should include this as a “soft clause” for the acceptance of such a Scholarship. This way we can see our work in action, build a data base of recipient that could potentially participate in future fundraising activities to give back to others.
- Change in Presidents is coming: Maya's turn is up and Saode (currently VP) will take on the role. A strong VP candidate has also been identified. These positions will be ratified at our May AGM. This should pave the way to a strong year for the UWCM. Maya is set to take on the Presidency of the Public Foundation division of the UWCM.

Annex 6

Debbie Christiansen Stowe – Regional Director Québec francophone

Report, Provincial Council AGM Spring 2017

AFDU Québec, is the only French language club in CFUW/FCFDU. It functions quite differently from other CFUW clubs in that there are no interest groups or monthly meetings.

I am happy to report that Godelieve DeKoninck has agreed to continue to chair the '*Conseil d'Administration*' and keep the title of club president.

The club's bursary-granting wing, Fondation AFDU issued \$24,700 to deserving women at their annual bursary ceremony at Université Laval on March 10, 2017.

- Membership
 - We attracted three (3) new members to AFDU in 2016-2017
 - There are currently 23 paid members

- CFUW Visibility
 - A communication committee has been formed to increase the visibility of AFDU in the Québec City area
 - Club president, Godelieve DeKoninck has publicized AFDU through interviews with local print media and radio interviews
 - AFDU maintains a website and publicizes its activities at local events and through word of mouth
 - A very successful IWD event raised the visibility of CFUW/FCFDU at Université Laval.

- Bursaries issued by Fondation AFDU Québec
 - Fondation AFDU Québec held their annual bursary evening on March 10, 2017 for students at Université Laval. The event provides excellent visibility for AFDU and CFUW/FCFDU within the community.
 - We continue to promote education for young native women through our *Indigenous women's project*

- Advocacy
 - AFDU does little advocacy outside of working to improve access to education programs in aboriginal communities

- Viability
 - Godelieve DeKoninck and Debbie Stowe participated in the Fall 2016 (Montréal) and Spring 2017 (Sherbrooke) provincial council meetings and maintain links with the other Québec clubs.

Annexe 7
États financiers - Mrs. Chitra Chopra

Quebec Provincial Council of University Women's Clubs

Financial statement for the year ended April 30, 2017

		C/R	C/D	
Opening Balance	as at May 1, 2016			5,323.94
Revenue				
	C/R Membership dues 2016-2017 (5 Clubs; 466 members)	932.00		
Expenses				
13-Oct-16 cq# 32	CFUW Sherbrooke and District/Aboriginal Student Project		1,000.00	
15-Oct-16 cq# 33	Fondation de l'AFDU Quebec Donation in memory of Judith Sanschagrin		100.00	
15-Dec-16 cq# 34	Jonathan Addleman - Website		118.33	
30-Nov-17 C/D	Bank of Montreal - maintenance charges		2.50	
30-Dec-17 C/D	Bank of Montreal - maintenance charges		2.50	
Closing Balance	as at April 30, 2017	932.00	1,223.33	5,032.61
	Booked for CFUW 100th Anniversary Fund	1,441.00		
	Add 50% of 2016-2017 dues	466.00		
	TOTAL booked to date	1,907.00		
Balance available				3,125.61

Annexe 8
Présences / Attending

<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Club</i>
Angrave	Janet	Sherbrooke & District
Annesley	Liz	UWCM
Bander	Dr. Elaine	UWCM
Belanger	Linda	Sherbrooke & District
Bergeron-Metivier	Maya	UWCM
Bourgeois	Marie	SSUWC
Bowman	Heather	Sherbrooke & District
Chopra	Chitra	MLUWC
Christiansen-Stowe	Debbie	AFDU Quebec
Cope	Elizabeth	Sherbrooke & District
Couture	Patricia	SSUWC
Cowell-Poitras	Jane	Regional Director
DeKoninck	Godelieve	AFDU Quebec
den Hertog	Jill	Sherbrooke & District
Duncan	Dorothy	Sherbrooke & District
Dupuis	Anne-Lise	SSUWC
Durrant	Wendy	Sherbrooke & District
Duval	Patricia	MLUWC
Frizzell	Sue	Belleville, ON (guest)
Gaudreau	Johanne	SSUWC
Hopps	Judy	Sherbrooke & District
Jensen	Donna	UWCM
McGurk	Geraldine	Sherbrooke & District
Michaud	Liette	SSUWC
Mooney	Carol	Sherbrooke & District
Racanelli	Dominique	Vice Pres, QC
Robinson	Ruby	Sherbrooke & District
Savary	Soade	UWCM
Sestock	Linda	MLUWC
Sullivan-Lapp	Lee	Sherbrooke & District
Szabo	Irene	SSUWC
Taber Smith	Bev	Sherbrooke & District
Trousdell	Marie	Sherbrooke & District
Voisard	Yvette	Sherbrooke & District
Wirth	Elizabeth	UWCM