

Susan Williams began the morning with a “**Get Acquainted Activity**”

Diana opened the meeting and asked Brenda M. to **welcome** the guests present. Bonnie and Ruby Mekker were introduced. Diana thanked the group for arranging today's meeting and for bringing non-perishable items as well as plastic bags.

Sandra S. moved the acceptance of the **April 20th minutes** and Betty Lou Casselman seconded them. Carried.

The **60th Anniversary celebration's** expenses were \$706. with \$200 given by the provincial to help off-set the cost. An enjoyable time was had by all! Thanks to Rosemary Rutley, Dan Ryan and all who helped make the day a success.

Brenda then gave a report on the **60th Annual Convention**, including the resolution results and surprises for UCE. Each year the **Barbara Bain** fund designates \$1800. which is given to the top 9 branches for the largest increase in membership over the year. Our branch won top award for the second time and received a cheque for \$300. Each branch will be receiving a cheque for \$250 this year from the provincial to promote or advertise their branch. There will be no increase in the insurance premiums this year. Resolution 2 with regards to prorating membership fees was defeated. Area 8's submission for the **Connections** magazine will appear in the December issue. We will need someone to write an article about our branch.

Donations were discussed and it was agreed by the membership to donate \$1250 as suggested by the Executive: Madagascar-\$50, Rideau Hill Camp-\$100. Naomi House- \$150; House of Lazarus, Food for All and DCF Bank- \$100.each; Spencerville/South Mountain Agr. Societies each \$50 and Connect Youth- \$100. New organizations who will receive money this year are Girls Inc, Camp Erin, and an annual bursary of \$100. will be given to each of the 4 surrounding high schools, recognizing students who are furthering their studies in Education. It was also suggested that the \$250 remain in the budget in case some other worthwhile donations need to be made during the year ahead. Annette Angus moved and Sandra Shouldice seconded that the donations be accepted. Carried. Next year perhaps palliative care could be a recipient of some monies.

No **Communications person** was installed.

After giving the **financial report**, Colleen Howard moved and Bonnie Gaylord seconded its approval. Carried.

Our **bag making bee** was a success even though few attended to make the bags. These bags are much appreciated by Naomi House clients. The next one will be in the fall.

Membership dues are being collected today but will also be accepted at the Sept. meeting. To send two delegates to Convention, we need over 51 members by Nov. 30th. So it's important to get our dues in to Gloria Drake by that date. Freda Mellan will be 100 in Oct. We have 76 members, 2 Associates and 4 Life Members. Total 82

Joyce Millard gave a carnation to each lady who had celebrated a **birthday** since our last meeting.

It was decided that we'd proceed with another **Quarter Frenzy** at the Sept. 21st meeting. Betty Lou agreed to be the auctioneer.

A beneficial presentation from the **Ontario Securities Commission** on fraud awareness was brought to our attention. Their presentation is free to any group in Ont. It's about 50-60 mins and is called Protect your Money. They discuss how to become aware of red flags, how to work with a financial advisor and how to invest wisely. Any group interested should contact Gloria Drake.

Sharon Richardson brought us delightful **humour** again today. Patsy Gillis said **Grace** and a delightful dinner was enjoyed by all the members. Wanda Sloan **thanked** the Catholic Women's League of St Mark's. After Candy Alexander introduced the **Kidz Choir** from the St. Lawrence Academy, the ladies were delightfully entertained by a large group of talented children. Finally, the **gift sharing** took place as well as **Community events** announced. **Adjournment** Morrisburg/Chesterville/Winchester group remained to plan the **Sept.21st meeting**. Have a safe & healthy summer.