

RWTO UCE Minutes of May 20th, 2022.

St. John's United Church- 10:30 Social Time- 11:00am: Business Meeting
12:00 Lunch, 1:00 Entertainment



Welcome and thank you: Diana McKendry welcomed everyone and invited anyone with a guest to stand and introduce them to us.

Nancy Bell, the Provincial President brought greetings from the Provincial Board of Directors.

Business Arising from Previous meetings-

1.Wendy Dale and Linda Foster were thanked for **reviewing our books**

2.Kelly Hess showed some of **the crisis gowns** that she created, and Mary Ellen explained how we got started making kits and creating the gowns. It was discussed that perhaps we should make shorts for little boys at our next bee. Mark your calendars **for July 26th at MaryEllen's** for a bee to cut and package kits of all sizes to be handed out in Sept.

3.**Executive Members are needed** to bring forth new ideas and alternative ways of moving UCE forward. We need a **President, Secretary and a Membership Convenor.** Please consider joining the Executive and give back to your branch.

4. Brenda Millard requested volunteers to attend the **graduations at the four local high schools** to present the **bursary money** we donate each year. **Brenda will attend Seaway, Colleen will go to North Dundas, Pat Stewart offered to attend North Grenville** and we'll ask **Jean Mills or Alice Laushway to go to South Grenville.** Thanks to all for participating in these important events.

5. The Nov.20,2019 Minutes were discussed and moved by Lynn Gilmour and seconded by Annalee Ladouceur. Carried.

New Business:

1.**Correspondence:** Colleen had thankyou's from The Madagascar School Project and the Food for All in memory of Patsy Gillis. MaryEllen and Diana had several thankyou's from members for the bookmarks and cards sent at Valentine's Day and Easter. Thanks to the Executive for writing and mailing these out for our members enjoyment.

2.**Convention 2022- June 7-9th in London- UCE Delegates** will be Colleen Howard and MaryEllen Garlough. They will represent us well. Thanks to both ladies for volunteering to attend on our behalf.

3.**2022 Resolutions-** Members were asked to read the resolutions that were in the March Connections and if they have any questions or concerns, to contact the delegates before June 6th.

4.**Stone Crop Acres and a Picnic or two** could be organized during the summer months since we aren't meeting until Sept.

Reports:

1. Colleen Howard took us through **the financial statement, the budget and the Donations**. It was moved by Linda Leader and seconded by Pat Stewart that the financial statement be accepted. Carried. Colleen moved and Annalee seconded the acceptance of the budget. Carried. After an explanation of **the First Responder's Project** here at St. John's, Sandie moved, and Lynn Gilmour seconded to give \$100. to the cause. Carried. There was a discussion about other donations we usually support. We'll wait until Sept. to finalize this list. If you have any other charities that you feel are worthy of a donation, please bring them forward at the Sept.

2. MaryEllen brought a report of our current membership. **We have 55 paid, 2 Life Members, 3 Associate members and 2 over 90's. Total 60. 28 ladies paid today for 2022-23.** Membership cards will be given out at the Sept. meeting.

Three **Cora Bailey** awards were given out. **Brenda Millard presented Sandie Decker's, Kelly Hess presented one to Colleen Howard and Sandie Decker presented the last one to Lynda Leader.** These ladies are all fine examples of Caring and Sharing and certainly have given freely of their time and talents so are very much deserving of this award; given to a member who has given outstanding service to her branch. Thanks Ladies.

3. Joyce Millard gave out carnations to all those ladies who had a **birthday** since Dec.1st. We sang Happy birthday and photos were taken.

4. Joyce Millard said **Grace**.

5. A delicious quiche and salad **Lunch** was enjoyed by all. Dessert was a yummy trifle.

6. Brenda Millard **thanked the ladies** of St. John's United for the delicious lunch.

7. Sandie Decker introduced **Karen Koivumaki** and her quartet group who are a part of the Thousand Island singers.

"Karen Koivumaki and group" sang a variety of delightful songs and even had an interactive segment with all joining in. Sandie thanked the ladies for coming.

8. MaryEllen brought some humour to our meeting with some delightful and funny jokes.

9. Gift Sharing—Sandie had winners draw the next winner. Thanks to all who donated these lovely gifts.

10. Diana announced the **Reunion at the South Mountain Agricultural Hall on July 16 & 17th**. She gave others an opportunity to talk about upcoming events in **their communities**.

11. In Closing, Diana recited an **Irish blessing** that was given to her at **Sandra Shouldice's Celebration of Life, May 13th**.