

**RWTO UCE Minutes from the Sept 30th,2022 Meeting**  
**Winchester United Church, Winchester, Ontario.**

Diana **welcomed** everyone and encouraged the group to discuss their favourite Autumn sounds. **Guests** were introduced and thank yous followed to the Winchester/Morrisburg group for organizing today's activities. School supplies were collected and will be distributed to House of Lazarus, the local food banks, and Naomi F.R.C. She also thanked the many individuals who wore orange in recognition of the Indigenous survivors of residential schools and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters."

**Business arising from past meetings-**

**Crisis Gowns** were welcomed along with fabric and other supplies to help create more kits at the final BEE on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to come and assist us in the creation of these kits. Positions on the **Executive** still remain unfilled. Diana explained again the need for a new President as well as the vital role of a Secretary's position. MaryEllen would also like to retire as the membership convenor so new ladies are needed. There are a few perks to being an Executive member- you get to partake in a delicious potluck luncheon at every meeting. As well you have the opportunity to get to know some of our members at a more personal level and sometimes receive little tokens of appreciation as well.

Brenda Millard was thanked for arranging the **Presenters** for Graduations at the four local high schools in June. Thanks also to all who went to the four local high schools to present the bursaries.

The May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022 minutes were accepted. Moved by Lynda Leader and seconded by Alice Laushway. Carried.

**New Business:**

Lynn Gilmour read the **thank yous** we received from many organizations who monetary donations were given and also two cards from high school graduates who received the bursaries.

Betty Lou Casselman explained how **volunteers** will be called upon to assist as Greeters and helpers in the Hospitality Room during Convention 2023. – June 6-8<sup>th</sup>. She will have more information after the Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> planning meeting in Brockville.

Ideas for **New Projects** were discussed. Suggestions were helping out residents at the retirement centers, help fund initiatives at the J.W. MacIntosh Center, collect used purses and fill them with hygiene products perhaps at the April meeting.

**For November, it was decided to give monetary donations to the local food banks.**

Jane Hume-Bain will call Carol Casselman and Karen Koivumaki will call the police about Beacon Bags and bring back info to the next meeting.

**Reports:**

Colleen Howard gave the **financial report** as well as the list of **donations** to be sent out. It was moved by Karen Koivumaki and seconded by Lois Lannin to accept the donations as read. Carried. It was moved by Colleen Howard and seconded by Annalee Ladouceur to accept the financial report. Carried.

**Committee Reports:-** Phone ladies gave a brief report about the wellbeing of their group. Jean Mills reported on the over 90's delivery of flowers and cards on their birthdays.

**Membership Report**-Mary Ellen gave the membership update. We now have 48 paid members with 4 Associates, 2 Life members and 4 Over 90's. Membership cards were given out to the paid members.

She explained that membership dues must be sent in by Sept.30th for the upcoming year 2022-23.

**Insurance:-** Sandie Decker let members know that new insurance brochures were available.

**Birthday Greetings**:-Sandie Decker presented carnations to those who had a birthday since we last met.

**Announcements from the Chair-**

Joyce Millard was wished a speedy recovery after knee surgery this week.

**Humour:** Our own MaryEllen Garlough had some great thoughts for us as well as many humourous stories to make us laugh.

Eleanor Allison-Magee said **Grace**.

A delicious **lunch** was served by the Winchester United church women.

Sharon Bell thanked the women of the Winchester United church.

Diana McKendry introduced the **Quarter Frenzy** with our own Betty Lou Casselman as Auctioneer. She did an awesome job and helped replenish some missed funds due to Covid.

**Special Gift Sharing:** MaryEllen Garlough and Diana McKendry drew four recipients of an Autumn machine embroidered tea towel, created by these two ladies. These also helped generate some funds.

**Community Announcements:** Members announced upcoming activities in their areas.

Lakeshore U.C. Bazaar and Luncheon- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 10:30-1:00.

Cardinal U.C. Lunch- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 10-2pm

Johnstown Yard and Bake Sale- Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 8-12pm

Julie's Fashion Show/Lunch- Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 11:00-2:00pm Wear a mask

**Adjournment:** Diana wished everyone a happy, healthy Autumn.