

RWTO Upper Canada East Minutes for Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Diana McKendry welcomed everyone to our Summer Meeting.

The President noted that the Canadian theme throughout the hall looked lovely. Diana read a poem to encourage us to think about memories of summer. We shared some memories with the teachers at our luncheon table.

Thank you was also given to all those bringing books for Morrisburg Public School Library, food for local Food Banks, including Morrisburg, Prescott, Spencerville, Cardinal and books to share with members.

The vice president was ill so Diana introduced our guest **Area 8 Director, Teresa Dorey** and introduced a new member and guests.

A reminder that fifty dollars is the amount budgeted for our four meetings each year.

There are 78 members, 2 associate members and 3 life members. Total 83.

Memorial Service by Betty Lou Casselman. She conducted a beautiful service for our members who have passed away. Ten ladies were remembered with music, flowers a minute of silence, a poem and the song How Great Thou Art.

Condolences to Marion Laton and her family in the recent loss of her husband.

Minutes from April 19th, 2017 were approved, moved by June Herriman and seconded by Annette Angus. Carried.

Business

Report from Convention by Colleen Howard and Diana McKendry. Colleen gave hers and Diana e-mailed hers to members. Highlights, Follow the Dream stories, our group given \$300.00 to use towards encouraging new membership, Resolutions 1,2,3, 5 were passed. Display of our 5 members dreams, 80 stories in total, workshops were good, presentations, great food and shopping.

Review of Canada 150th. Celebrations. Enjoyed by over 50 members.

Correspondence - Sandie received three thank you notes from Peggy Stock and Naomi Family Resource Centre for our donations.

Nominations

For the year 2017, 2018 and 2019 we need a President and a Vice President. Sandi Decker volunteered for Insurance Convener after completing 2 years as Secretary, Lynda Leader volunteered for position of Secretary.

Reports - Financial – Colleen highlighted our fiscal position.

Mary-Ellen designed new forms for the telephone conveners. These are to be completed before each meeting and given to Colleen so we will have an accurate count of those members attending and paying for their meals.

Thanks to Sue Williams and her husband for reviewing the books for the last few years. Head Office wants this job done by a variety of people so the next set of books will be checked by Betty-Lou and her husband. Moved by Mary-Ellen and seconded by Tina Serviss. Carried.

Eleven Phone Conveners reported on the status of their members.

Membership - Mary Ellen reported 83 members.

Birthdays- Joyce Millard presented carnations to those members having a birthday.

Cora Bailey Awards

Teresa Dorey gave an explanation of the Cora Bailey Award. A new pin was designed for the Recipients and it was given to all the past Award Winners. The following received pins.

Bonnie Gaylord, Sandra Shouldice, Shirley Hodgins, Betty-Lou Casselman, Marie Stephenson, Annalee Ladouceur, Maureen Robertson, Sharon Richardson, Mary Ellen Garlough, Diana McKendry.

Diana will take Freda Mellan's and deliver it to her at the Garden Villa after this meeting.

Announcements from Diana. Thanks to all those who brought in items for Show and Tell. "Thank you Plants" were given to the Executive, phone convenors, Goodwill Convenor, Flower Lady, Humour Lady and "Appreciative plants" for a job well done, were given to those leaving the Executive; Annalee Ladouceur, Brenda Millard, and Sandie Decker. Sandie thanked Diana on our behalf.

Grace by Patsy Gillis.

Lunch prepared by the ladies of the church under the guidance of Alice Laushway. Bonnie Gaylord thanked the Ladies of the Catholic Women's League St Mark's Parish for preparing, serving, a delicious pork dinner with Asian salad, variety of jellied salads and lots of homemade desserts.

Entertainment

Jean Mills introduced us to the plans for the Show and Tell portion of the afternoon. Many brought items they had made or interesting items they collected or treasures from the past. Enjoyable and educational.

Early Bird Draw was won by Brenda Millard. **Caring and Sharing** gifts were won by Bonnie, Lois, Barb. The **special draw** for Handmade quilted bags by Mary Ellen and Diana were won by Marion De Gray and Maureen Robertson.

President Diana read a closing poem and wished all the members and guests a healthy and happy summer.

The **September Group** met to plan the next meeting.

Lynda Leader, Secretary.

