**CFUW / KANATA GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 14th, 2017 11:30 AM**

Stonehaven Manor Apartments 70A Stonehaven Drive,

Kanata

Meeting started at 11:30AM

Chairperson: Wende Collins

Attendees: 45 Members (approx.)

**Presentation of Special Guest Speaker, Charlotte Gray**

Cathie Faubert introduced our speaker, award winning historian and biographer, Charlotte Gray. She spoke to us about her recent book celebrating Canada's 150th birthday, *The Promise of Canada: 150 Years - People and Ideas That Have Shaped Our Country.*  Charlotte described her vision of Canada as a place constantly reimagining itself. Her book focuses on the unique people and ideas that have shaped our country. She talked about the ideas that tie us together and the people she wrote about in her book who tied them together.

Her book was made available by Jim Sherman from “Perfect Books” and in addition we could have it autographed by her at the same time.

Charlotte was thanked with flowers and a thank you note by Hazel Pompey

A $25.00 contribution as requested will be sent directly to HIPPY.

**Business Meeting:**

1. Approval of the Agenda: Hazel Pompey

Seconded: Carol Fowler

1. Approval of the Minutes from February 14, 2017: Mary Daniels

Seconded: Martha Klump

1. Introduction of Guests: Janice Stonehouse

The President of CFUW/Perth: Sheila Stevens

Guests: Ann Sinclair, Gisela Weichert

New members: Sally Olsen, Sandra Schofield

1. Treasurer’s Report Betty Bertrand

This report is posted on the web…

1. Advocacy Carol Fowler
   1. Report on CARE Canada “Walk in Her Shoes”. Due to icy transportation conditions, the Kanata group did not participate. However there were many donations for the cause. The walk did go on downtown and about 200 people took part.
   2. Non-State Torture Issue (Update). We are still waiting for updates from Karen McCrimmon
   3. Para Transpo Issue (New). A letter was sent on behalf of CFUW/Kanata re this issue. It has also been noted that the Newspapers have published an article and an editorial as well.
   4. Carol wrote a letter to Ralph Goodale on behalf of CFUW/Kanata thanking him for providing funds to local communities supporting the recent influx of asylum seekers…
2. Report on IWD Wende Collins
   1. Wende sent out a full report and summary to all members re the International Women’s Day events to describe the success of the Mayor’s Breakfast, The IWD Centrepointe Studio Theatre Show, and Marianne Wilkinson’s Breakfast. These reports are also posted on the web.
   2. Thanks go to our super MC, Loraine Drewell, and Cathie Faubert for organizing the baskets of books which were successfully raffled off.

1. National Resolutions and April General Meeting Betty Bertrand
   1. CFUW/North York: Universal Pharmacare
   2. CFUW/Winnipeg: The right to safe, clean, accessible and affordable drinking water and sanitation on First Reserves in Canada.
   3. The Current Issues Group will work on these resolutions for the April General Meeting.
2. CFUW/Kanata AGM Betty Bertrand
   1. AGM May 9th is booked at ALE - Amberwood Lounge & Eatery, 54 Springbrook Drive
   2. There will be three Raffle baskets - Mexican cooking, Wine and Chocolate, Canada 150.
   3. Guest Speaker is Sue Garvey, Executive Director of Cornerstone, a community organization dedicated to improving the lives of homeless women. There will be a list of items we can bring to donate to this house.
   4. Tickets are $45 per person and deadline for ticket purchase April 30th. Monique Tougas is collecting cheques for this event.
3. Perth Theatre Club Fundraiser Betty Bertrand
   1. This fundraising event was very successful in 2016 and Betty is happy to organize it again this year. Tickets are $34.00 with $15.00 going to the Club.
   2. July 12th Wednesday matinee 2:00PM. - Same Time Next Year by Bernard Slade.

Canadian Comedy that has played on Broadway.

* 1. August 24th Thursday Matinee 2:00PM. - I'll Be Back Beyond Midnight by Peter Colley

Gripping Psychological Thriller.

1. Notice from National re Motion to increase National Dues Wende Collins

There has been a motion to increase the fees to GWI - Graduate Women International. Betty will be attending the National AGM. Hazel, Carol, Betty and Wende have drafted a letter to National with some questions to seek clarity on this issue.

**Other Business;**

1. Coffee House Morning: Martha Klump
   1. Saturday April 29, 2017, 9:30 – 11:30 Doors open at 9:00
   2. St. John’s Anglican Church, 325 Sandhill Road, Kanata
   3. Tickets: $15.00 each Martha Klump (613-592-0583) is the ticket convener for this event.
   4. The talented duo, Hal Whiteman and Ian Few of the group Revival will perform. This event has sold out the last two years!
2. Bijoux Bear Jennifer Rose
   1. Bijoux (in absentia) was presented by Jennifer on behalf of Helen Chambers to Martha Klump in recognition of her commitment and successful participation in multiple events over the years that she has been a member!

Adjournment: 1:35PM

Next General meeting: April 11th at Stonehaven Manor Apartments

7:00PM

**Dates to remember:**

Guitar Groovers Kanata-Carleton Cultural Festival Saturday May 27th

Coffee House St John’s Church Saturday April 29th

AGM Amberwood Lounge & Eatery Tuesday May 9th

Classic Theatre Festival Perth Wednesday July 12th

& Thursday August 24th

Enchanted Mosaic Earl of March HS Saturday November 18th TBD

Author Presentation Beaverbrook Library October

Christmas Party TBD Irish Hills Golf Club Tuesday December 5th

Submitted by Carole Baker