

MARITIME UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

EXECUTIVE VIRTUAL MEETING - JUNE 6, 2022

The June executive meeting of MUCW was held via Zoom. Those in attendance were Marilyn Bubar, Elaine Burrows, Ruth Kennedy, Evelyn Negus, Debbie Hawkins, Ruth Rudderham, Sharon Moyse, Anna Peters, Carol Mehan, Phyllis Munroe, Lee-Anne Boulet

Regrets were received from Fran Harding, Joan Fraser, Diana MacLean, Diane Ellis for Evelyn Taylor and Margaret Ingham. No contact was received from Reta Manuel or Marilyn Dyer

We began the morning with chitchat and catching up. Ruth Rudderham indicated she has a teapot for the 60th.

The meeting was called to order at 9:58. Marilyn noted we have some regrets but "I am glad each of you are here." Everyone knew each other so there was no need for introductions.

The First Nations legacy statement was read by Marilyn. The Christ candle was lit and the MUCW purpose read. The candle will burn throughout the constitution of our meeting.

Our devotion was presented by Anna Peters. "Come Laugh, Pray and Sing". Anna spoke about "reimagining Joy". What can we do to be joyful. What is there to do today that will tip me towards being joyful.

Marilyn stated "My joy is seeing each of you on Zoom. You have become my friends, life is richer because of this." We can be joyful for being together and being well enough to attend.

It was moved by Carol Mehan and seconded by Lee-Anne Boulet the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Anna Peters and seconded by Ruth Rudderham that the minutes of the meeting February 28th, 2022 be accepted as circulated. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Phyllis Munroe and seconded by Anna Peters the minutes of the special meeting on April 19, 2022 be approved as circulated. Motion carried

Business arising from the minutes:

Ruth will insure the MUCW guidelines, annual meeting planning booklet and Berwick camp guidelines will be shared with the Archives as well as on the webpage.

Elaine reported the May 16th gathering with Janice MacLean and Prayer Bench ministries was well received. Elaine was please with the presentation. It has been recorded and will be shared with others when available. It was noted that Alice Finnamore did a presentation on the slave girl a couple of weeks ago.

The Annual meeting was discussed. Everyone felt it went well. Elaine noted if we do another virtually, the time would need to be adjusted as there was too much time between the morning ending and the afternoon beginning at 1 pm with the guest. Friday morning went well having the worship roll right into the installation of the new presidents. We hope the next will be in person.

Correspondence: An email dated April 19th, 2022 was received from Audrey Matheson, who was intended to take on the role of Vice President as of the annual meeting, resigning from her duties at MUCW and the 60th Planning Committee.

Committee Reports:

Sharon Moyse (Archives) Reports we are pleased the archives are accepting our UCW banners. They will be hanging on the back wall.

Newsletter: Fran reported via email. "Nothing new to report at this time. My last deposit was made on May 12/22 - there is \$2022.51 in the account. It was noted the any items for the next newsletter need to be sent in promptly after this meeting. Elaine has a worship to submit.

Nominating: Elaine has nothing to report. She asked that we cast our eyes upon our regions and let her know if we know of anyone suitable for the vacancies as she would welcome the help.

Christian Life and Growth: position vacant

Berwick Camp:

The cookie cottage is having trouble. Procuring the cookies does not seem to be the problem however getting hostesses is proving difficult. It is suggested we take a look at this. Valley district will provide the cookies for this year and if need be the ladies who attend camp will be hostesses. Ruth R will talk to the others who attend the entire week.

Debbie and Marilyn plan to attend, however this will be close on the heels of the 60th Anniversary. Ruth R informed us years ago the cottage started as a UCW study group, they started making tea and it eventually morphed into hosting a gathering place for cookies and drinks for the entire week. We pay \$450 as an honorarium.

It was decided there would be a message from the co presidents, worship and perhaps a slide show. Ruth Rudderham will book the pavilion and arrange the tech people. It was also mentioned perhaps some things need to come to a close. our "swan song". Ruth, Debbie and Marilyn will write the program. Ruth R will facilitate that day. It was also suggested that if we have no one in the Christian Life and Growth portfolio, this be the last time for the UCW program at Berwick Camp. Further discussion will need to happen. No motions were presented.

There was no report from the social secretary.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was presented. Prayer Bench was paid. Debbie stated the cards were sent to ordinands. Phyllis will send a donation to Mission and Service in their honour. Bank charges are based on 10 free cheques a month. Phyllis will send cheques for 60th reimbursements. Phyllis did send a donation on to recognize Elaine as she became Past President. Marilyn needs to send a receipt for reimbursement for the pin. Ruth Kennedy will provide Phyllis with the minutes of the Annual meeting so she can get new cheques ordered and change the bank account into the name MUCW rather than Maritime Conference UCW. Phyllis moved the adoption of her report for information only. Seconded by Lee-Anne Boulet. Motion carried.

District Reports:

Chignecto: Anna reports hoping to have a meeting near the end of June. They are working on a city wide anniversary plans. Jean Smith continues as secretary and sends out newsletters.

Miramichi: Miramichi has decided to change their policies about meetings. They will not have a president/vice/secretary etc. Just a planning committee for one meeting per year as a fellowship gathering and memorial service. Diane Ellis is still the contact person but ONLY for sharing information. She will not be keeping minutes or doing reports. Debbie will contact via email.

St Croix/Saint John/Northwest NB: Carol Mehan reports the Kirk McColl units have come together and have started up. Units want to keep going perhaps they will have a discussion at the fall rally. At present Carol remains president of the St Croix portion and Marilyn the contact for the NWNB portion. Ruth K, will gather the contact information for all three areas and forward to Carol and Marilyn.

PEI: Elaine Burrows informed us PEI is having a gathering October 15th at Trinity United Church in Summerside, morning until about 2:15. There will be a fee. They will address the scholarship fund and what to do with it. PEI members will get

an email. Elaine mentioned an author that is a good read is Ralph Mitton. He wrote "Well Aged", "The Story Bible" and "Julian's Cell"

Bermuda: No report

Halifax: Lee-Anne reported they are slowly getting back to normal. Fall River is having a strawberry social and they are having their district meeting via ZOOM.

South Shore/Valley: Ruth R. reports people have been contacted.

Cape Breton Island: No report

Truro/Pictou/Guysborough: Nothing to report. Evelyn will send Ruth her contact list for the units. Ruth will compile a list for Evelyn so she has contact information for all the units.

Co-President's report : There was nothing to add , written report submitted.

Debbie updated us on the pins and packages sent out for the 60th.

Elaine suggested we tell everyone to have a luggage tag for their bag as the bags all look alike. Excellent idea.

Ruth gave a report on the 60th. Everything seems to be moving along. We have less than expected registered for the Atlantic Provinces, which is disappointing for the committee. It was moved by Ruth Kennedy and seconded by Ruth Rudderham that the 60th Anniversary planning committee be reimbursed for travel expenses and meals occurring outside the 60th Anniversary event. Motion carried.

It was moved by Anna and seconded by Carol that all district reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

New Business:

Berwick Camp was dealt with when receiving reports.

Phyllis reported she has received dues from 52 units. It was suggested she have a running list of all the units and who has paid so we can have some idea of who is participating.

Our National meeting is Sept 19-23 in person in Mississauga. Because we are covering 2 regions we are allowed to send 4 people. It should have been the past president, co presidents and vice president. One spot is vacant. As she is the chair of the 60th Anniversary committee it was moved by Anna and seconded by Sharon that Ruth Kennedy go as the 4th person to the National executive meeting. Motion carried.

The National handbook is now on-line.

Ruth K will write something about the 60th for this issue of Keeping in Touch.

The executive was asked if they would like to do a fall gathering via Zoom, the same as last year. All seemed to be in agreement. Elaine will contact Janice MacLean for the week of November 14th. Gather at 12:30 start at 1 p.m. Sharing time at the end. Keep the fee at \$225.

Annual meeting Spring 2023: A discussion was had should it be in Amherst, St Paul's in Riverview? Should it be one day or one with an overnight option? We need more discussion and people were asked to think about locales. Ruth will check out Nashwaaksis and Anna will check out Riverview. We will also put our feelers out at the 60th.

We were asked by our co-presidents to choose the dates for our meetings while they are in office.

October 18th 2022 in person in Sackville

February 13th 2023 via video conference.

April 29/30th 2023 Annual meeting

June 12th 2023 In person

October 17th 2023 In person

Feb 13th 2024 via video conference

Newsletter: The times when we should produce the newsletter was discussed. It was suggested the newsletter should be produced following our meetings as people will have their reports submitted and any discussed at the meeting can be relayed in the next edition. We will ask Fran to produce the newsletter End of October, end of February and the end of June each year.

Statistics: Report was sent in for information.

Ruth Rudderham was hesitant to do many things at Berwick due to abilities at present. Sharon offered to be a back up person if need be. Ruth R will look after the cake.

Our next meeting will be in Sackville , Worship – Sharon, Grace- Ruth Rudderham. Bring your own lunch.

Marilyn thanked everyone for attending. Sharon Moyse moved the meeting adjourned.

Carol Mehan thanked Marilyn and Debbie for their first meeting of many!

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Kennedy
Recording/Media secretary

