

**Maritime UCW Executive Meeting**  
**United Church Office, 21 Wright Street, Sackville NB**  
**Monday, June 9, 2025**

**Welcome and Introductions:** Betty Ann welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made around the table. Heather MacDonald, Member at Large, was welcomed to the MUCW Executive.

**In Attendance:** Betty Ann Watts      Myra Thiemann      LeAnne Boulet  
Joanne Chapman      Anna Peters      Phyllis Munroe  
Ann Piper      Elaine Burrows      Sharon Moyse  
Debbie Hawkins      Marilyn Bubar      Joan Fraser  
Heather MacDonald

**Good News and Regrets:** *Michelle Ashby), Lois Budd, Jocelyn Langille, Liz Birch.*

**First Nations Legacy:** As we gather, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples predominately the lands of the Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy. May we live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with its people.

**Lighting the Christ Candle:** Betty Ann Watts lit the Christ candle and the Maritime UCW purpose was read in unison.

**Opening Worship:** Marilyn led us in worship based on 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, chapter 12.

**Corresponding Members:** It was moved by Anna Peters and seconded by Le Ann Boulet that corresponding members be given voting privileges. ***Motion carried.***

**Approval of Agenda:** *It was moved by Phyllis Munroe and seconded by Joanne Chapman that the agenda be accepted as circulated. **Motion carried.***

**Approval of Minutes:** *It was moved by Sharon Moyse and seconded by Anna Peters that the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as circulated. **Motion carried.***

## **Business Arising from the Minutes:**

1. 65th Anniversary Banner - *Elaine Burrows will organize the Banner and she will ask regions for fabric blocks. Each block should be 10 inch x 10 inch and she hopes to get 12 blocks. The 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated in Ottawa July 19-23, 2027.*
2. AGM venue – The 2026 AGM will be held April 24-26, 2026 at Nashwaaksis United Church in Fredericton. A Planning Committee has been struck with Betty Ann Watts, Chair; Anna Peters, Secretary; Marilyn Bubar, Ann Piper, Phyllis Munroe and Myra Thiemann. The committee was asked to start thinking about a theme.

Le Anne Boulet will be responsible for the worship service at the AGM.

The 2027 AGM will be held at Trinity United Church, Summerside, April 30-May1, 2027. The Old Convent in Summerside may be able to accommodate with breakfast.

The 2028 AGM may possibly be held in Amherst, NS.

**Correspondence:** Betty Ann provided two letters written by Moderator, Carmen Lansdowne. The first to Prime Minister Carney & Minister Anand and the second to UCW Presidents. Both letters were concerning the safety of women and children in the Occupied Palestinian Territories with requests for action. The UCW Presidents were asked to have their members send handwritten letters to their MPs and sign the petition at [Change.org](https://www.change.org).

*It was moved by Anna Peters and second by Ann Piper that MUCW encourage the individual UCWs to take part in this letter writing campaign. **Motion carried.** It was suggested that this information be included in the upcoming Newsletter.*

## **Committee Reports:**

- *Archives - Sharon Moyse will remain as the MUCW archivist. She reported that Pat Edmunds is now looking after the National Alumni.*
- *Newsletter- Ann Piper and Betty Ann Watts have taken on the responsibility of the Newsletter until a new Editor can be found. It was suggested that an Editorial Team would be a good idea.*
- *Christian Life and Growth: A program is being prepared for MUCW Day at Berwick Camp.*
- *Berwick – Ann Piper will represent the MUCW on July 30<sup>th</sup>. It was moved by Debbie Hawkins and seconded by Marilyn Bubar that Letha Mowatt's name be added to the plaque at the camp. **Motion Carried.** Cookies are being provided by the folks in PE this year and Ruth Kennedy has volunteered to coordinate this activity.*
- *MUCW Social Secretary – Members are reminded to send information on birthdays, anniversaries and obituaries to Michele Asby.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance on hand is \$5 293.84. A cheque for \$638.85 was written to the Halifax Hospice which was the offering taken at the AGM Worship Service. There are three GICs- (1) \$11 267.00 with an interest rate of 3.15 and will mature at \$11 492.80, (2) \$7 138.00 with rate of 2.75 and will mature at \$7 267.98 and (3) \$2 620.00 with interest rate of 2.75 and will mature at \$2 669.10. Phyllis Munroe moved that the financial report provided be received for information only.

**District Reports:** Reports should be emailed to Myra Thiemann at [mlthiemann@mail.com](mailto:mlthiemann@mail.com) one week prior to meeting. Reports are only expected when there is something to report and were forwarded previously with the agenda..

***Region 14 Fundy St Lawrence Dawning Waters (FSLDW)***

- Chignecto Anna Peters
- Miramichi Diane Ellis
- PEI Elaine Burrows

*Elaine reported that there will be a Fall Rally at Trinity United in Summerside on October 4, 2025. Registration is \$15.00 and Corena Bolo will be the guest speaker with a topic of Lessons from Elephants.*

- FSLDW Regional Council Rep Elaine Burrows
- Western NB Carol Mehan/Marilyn Bubar

***Bermuda Nova Scotia***

- Bermuda Marily Dyer *(It was noted that Bermuda has said that they are not disbanded but they have given their funds to a charity.)*
- Halifax Lee-Anne Boulet
- Valley/South Shore MUCW Secretary
- Cape Breton/Sydney MUCW Secretary
- Bermuda NS Council Rep Ann Piper

**Break for Lunch** Grace Debbie Hawkins

**President's Report** Betty Ann Watts

Betty Ann attended the Aylesford Rally on May 14th and the worship service was based on the inaugural service from 1962. There were about 65 women in attendance.

Betty Ann will be attending the Rally at Wilson United Church, Margaree Forks, on June 21, 2025.

## **New Business**

- AGM Debrief - Annual Meeting Review: *It was considered to be a good meeting overall; however, accessibility was in issue. The food was good and Betty Ann dealt with an issue around billing for meals. It was suggested that the members of the Church on the AGM committee should have some way to identify themselves similar to the folks in Antigonish wearing the NS tartan. If there were questions, you would know who to speak with.*
- Letter to Moderator – This was addressed under correspondence.
- MUCW Handbook Review *Set over to next meeting*
- AGM Planning Handbook Review *Set over to next meeting*
- Executive honoraria for Newsletter, Secretary, Treasurer *It was moved by Anna Peters and seconded by Lee-Anne Boulet that an honourarium of \$300.00 be paid to the MUCW Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. **Motion Carried***
- NUCW Representatives: Betty Ann Watts, Ann Piper, Myra Thiemann and Anna Peters will be attending this AGM on September 15-19, 2025 in Mississauga, ON.

**Next Meeting** - October 6, 2025 in person, (9:30am gathering for 10am start), at 190 Carson Drive, Moncton (Anna's Building) Folks are reminded to come in through the patio door.

**Worship:** *Phyllis Munroe will lead worship*

**Grace:** *Anna Peters will lead in Grace*

**Food:** *Potluck Lunch*