

CFUW Fredericton Annual General Meeting and Annual Report June 8, 2023

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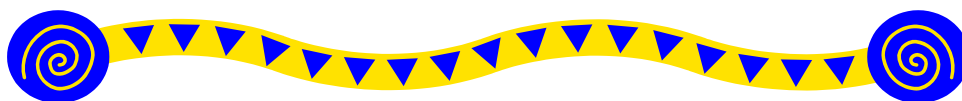
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CFUW Fredericton Annual General Meeting
June 8, 2023
Noon at Christ Church Parish Church
Agenda

Opening of Meeting

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CFUW Fredericton Annual General Meeting

Minutes, June 16, 2022, in person

CFUW Fredericton Annual General Meeting
June 16, 2022
Forest Hill United Church, 12:00 noon

Attendance: Bo Miedema, Sharon Crabb, Edye Besner, Connie Bothwell, Doreen Kissick, Claire Leech, Ruth Holmes, Shelley Delano Parker, Anne Soucy, Shirley Cleaves, Karen Flinn, Myrna Gunter, Wendy Johnston, Pam Love

Prior to our AGM, lunch was provided and members had the opportunity to meet and greet and to purchase tickets and chose from a number of items when their ticket was drawn.

The CFUW Fredericton AGM commenced at 12:25 p.m. with a welcome message from Bo.

Acceptance of the Agenda: It was moved by Connie, seconded by Myrna, that the Agenda be accepted as presented. Motion Carried

Minutes of the June 3, 2021, AGM and Business Arising from the Minutes: It was moved by Anne, seconded by Claire, that the Minutes be accepted as presented. Motion Carried

President's and Vice President's Report: This report is located on page 6 of the Annual Report. Bo reviewed some of the work of the President and Vice President. There was a brief discussion regarding the Pop-Up Book Sale held at the Brookside Mall on May 27 and 28 and previous meetings held via Zoom. **Action: The topic of meetings for our 2022-2023 year will be revisited with discussions to determine whether meetings will continue on Zoom or move to in-person.**

Committee Reports: The Committee Reports are located on pages 7-13 of the Annual Report. Members were invited to share any information from their reports. The following comments were:

- ✚ Sharon thanked all members who volunteered during the Pop-Up Book Sale, sorting, sale days and clean up days. She thanked Wendy for all the dedication, work and commitment in assisting with every facet of the Book Sale. Wendy gave a brief response.
- ✚ Regarding future a Book Sale, it was suggested we involve our scholarship recipients and invite students from UNB, STU, Community Colleges to assist.
- ✚ Shelley suggested we hold a meeting for students prior to the Book Sale and other events.
- ✚ Bo suggested we focus on student volunteers.
- ✚ It is hoped that we are able to hold our CFUW Fredericton Open House in September and suggested we approach St. Thomas University for support with this event

Special Interest Groups: These Reports are located on pages 14-15 of the Annual Report. Members were invited to share any information from their reports. Pam indicated a decision will need to be made regarding Book Club gatherings—Zoom or in-person gatherings. Jean continues to collect CFUW Fredericton materials for the Archives.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report and the Proposed Budget are located on pages 16-17 of the Annual Report. Pam presented the Treasurer's Report for May 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022. It was noted that the monies from the Pop-Up Book Sale are not included in this report as this event occurred in May 2022. The Report shows a deficit balance for our 2021-2022 year as we were unable to conduct much fundraising. It was moved by Pam, seconded by Edye, that we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion Carried

Pam indicated that the Proposed Budget for May 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023, was prepared in January 2022 and presented to members for approval in February 2022. At that time, there were identified budget items which were put on hold pending possible monetary returns from a fundraiser in our 2022-2023 year. **Action: The Finance Committee will meet in the fall of 2022 to review and recommend revisions to this Proposed Budget based on funds raised at our Pop-Up Book Sale.** Karen asked for responses specific to such items as funding allocations for the AGM, high school scholarships and library grants. Pam indicated that these budgetary items would be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting. It was moved by Pam, seconded by Edye, that any changes to the Proposed Budget would be identified at the Finance Committee and presented to the members for further discussion and approval. Motion Carried

Nominations Committee Report: This Report is located on page 18 of the Annual Report. The Committee is comprised of Jean and Sharon. Sharon presented the Nominations Committee Report noting one change. The Co-President position is changed from Bo Miedema to Bo Miedema and Anne Soucy. The positions of Vice President and Recording Secretary are currently vacant. Sharon called for nominations from the floor for each of the positions listed on the Nominations Committee Report. Hearing no nominations from the floor, Sharon moved the Nominations Committee Report be accepted as amended, seconded by Pam. Motion Carried.

Other Business: Two additional items were added to the Agenda under Other Business—CFUW National Name Change and voting delegate attending the CFUW Conference and AGM

- ✚ CFUW Fredericton Motion: The following proposed amendments to the CFUW Fredericton Constitution were presented for ratification by the members:
 - Page 4, By-Law 4—Committees—Item 1: *Removal of "Book Fair" thus Item 1 would read: "As required by the Executive Committee, Standing Committees such as Education and Scholarships, Membership, Programme, Publicity, Library and Creative Arts, Finance and Issues may be established and the appointments of their conveners ratified by the Voting Body at the next Annual General Meeting".*
 - Page 5, By-Law 7—Duties of Conveners and Archivist—Item 7: *"Removal of Item 7—thus the Items listed under By-Law would be listed from 1-8 to replace the current listing of 1-9".*

Following discussions, it was moved by Sharon, seconded by Connie, that the proposed amendments to the CFUW Fredericton Constitution be accepted. Motion Carried.

- ✚ CFUW Fredericton Voting Delegate at the August CFUW Conference and AGM:
 - At the August CFUW Conference and AGM, the slate of CFUW Board Nominations for 2022-2024 will be presented. There are two nominees for the position of VP International Relations—Barbara DuMoulin and Lynne Kent. By

consensus, it was determined that CFUW Fredericton would vote in favour of Lynne Kent.

- It was moved by Pam, seconded by Connie, that our CFUW Fredericton voting delegate at the CFUW Conference and AGM, may vote on any other motions as she deems appropriate. Motion Carried.

✚ CFUW Name Change Proposals: Bo presented some background regarding the possible change in name of CFUW National from the current CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) to an as yet unidentified name. In discussing this potential name change, the following ideas were presented "CFW (Canadian Federation of Women)" and "CFUW (Canadian Federation of United Women)". Bo will be attending the CFUW Town Hall via Zoom on June 16, 2022 where the proposed name change will be discussed. **Action: Bo will send out further information to members following this CFUW Town Hall.**

✚ Other Business: Bo spoke about the success of our two webinars presented in February and April 2022. Questions were raised whether we wished to consider offering webinars in our 2022-2023 year and, if so, what format and when (during the day or evenings). No decisions were made at this time as this will be discussed further at our general meeting in September or October.

Karen attended the Fredericton Music Festival and expressed her thanks to the members for providing her access to the tickets.

Adjournment: Moved by Edye. (1:30 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Crabb

Sharon Crabb



CFUW Fredericton President's & Vice President's Report

The last year was much better than the previous two years. We were able to meet in person and that was much appreciated by most members. We have found a lovely meeting space in the Lounge of the Christ Church Parish Church on Westmorland Street in Fredericton. The book club also met in person at this location. However, many of our meetings also use Zoom, which is convenient during storms and whenever members are unable to attend in person. Some general meetings saw a very good turnout.

We gained new members this year and are very grateful for the growth of our club; unfortunately, we also lost two active members.

In April, five of our members attended the first in-person ARC meeting in Charlottetown. It was a great conference. The previous in-person ARC meeting was hosted by us, in Fredericton, four years ago in 2019.

During our current season (2022-2023), we hosted a number of very successful and informative guest speakers during our General Meetings and we hosted a successful Webinar.

This year is the last year that Anne and I are working as the Co-Presidents of CFUW Fredericton. We were elected to these positions in June 2018 and so it has been 5 years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their hard work and support. We will stay involved in the organization but in different roles. The baton will be handed over to another President and Vice-President.

Bo Miedema & Anne Soucy, Co-Presidents



Committee Reports

Corresponding Secretary 2022-2023 (1)

For the past three years my duties as recording secretary has been to keep in touch with members who do not use email or live alone. I have sent "thinking of you cards", birthday, Christmas and Easter cards and pictures of former CFUW events

Respectfully submitted by Edye Besner.

Recording Secretary 2022-2023 (2)

We did not have a recording secretary and used a rotating secretary whom was appointed per meeting. Thank you to all who stepped forward to record the minutes.

Education and Scholarships 2022-2023 (3)

This past year, CFUW Fredericton awarded sixteen post-secondary scholarships. Eleven scholarships went to students at the University of New Brunswick, three to St. Thomas University students, one to a student at New Brunswick College of Craft and Design, and one to a student at New Brunswick Community College (Fredericton Campus). CFUW also awarded a high scholarship that the recipient asked be deferred from the previous year. The scholarship recipients were recognized on the CFUW Fredericton monthly newsletter and on our CFUW Facebook page. It was decided by the general membership on January 26, 2023, not to continue awarding the high school scholarships.

The commitment of CFUW Fredericton to supporting young women in their educational pursuits continues to be a great source of pride and accomplishment for our members.

Committee consisted of Edye Besner, Sharon Crabb, Gwen Davies, Ruth Holmes, Pam Love and Jayne Nicki

Respectfully submitted, Judy McPhail, Convener

CFUW Fredericton Scholarship Recipients 2022-2023

NEW BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE

CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$1000.00)

BAYLEE CRAIN, Beechwood, Carleton County, NB, Y2, Administrative Professional: Health Services

NEW BRUNSWICK COLLEGE OF CRAFT AND DESIGN

CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$1000.00)

LISA-MAUDE AUBIN-BERUBE, Fredericton, NB, Y2, Wabanaki Visual Arts

ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY

CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$2000.00)

ARABELLA LEBLANC, Colpitts Settlement, NB, Y3, BA, Philosophy

CFUW-Fredericton Adult Learner Scholarship (\$2000.00)

LAURA FORRESTER, Fredericton, NB, Y4, BA, International Relations

CFUW-Fredericton Entrance Scholarship (\$2000.00)

HANNAH SQUIRES, Fredericton, NB, Y1, BA

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Bea Phillips CFUW-Fredericton Entrance Scholarship (\$2000.00)

CARYS JACOBSON, Fredericton, NB, Y1, BSc

CFUW-Fredericton 4 year Renewable Scholarship (\$2000.00 each year, \$8000.00 total)

JULIA ST. PIERRE, Durham Bridge, NB, Y1, BN

CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$4500.00)

VICTORIA MATTHEWS, Fredericton, NB, Y4, BSc.PSYC

Charlotte Van Dine CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$2000.00)

SAGE WALKER, Fredericton, NB, Y3, BA.POLS

Jean Campbell Argue Memorial CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$6000.00)

REESE MOAR, Miramichi, NB, Y3, BN

Marjorie Barberie Logue CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (3 awarded, \$3500.00 each one)

MALLORY MACKAY, Fredericton, NB, Y3, BBA

RILEY MARTIN, Woodstock, NB, Y2, BBA

KRYSTAL SOCK, Elsipogtog, NB, Y4, BED4.WEDU

CFUW-Fredericton 75th Anniversary Scholarship (\$2000.00)

ROWAN LITTLE, Fredericton, NB, Y1, BEd, Elementary Education

Dr. Althea Warren Macaulay CFUW-Fredericton Graduate Scholarship awarded in Fall 2021 (\$2000.00)

MELISSA GARRETT, Fredericton, NB, PhD. (Education)

Dr. Nora Ni Chuiv CFUW-Fredericton Graduate Scholarship awarded in Fall 2021 (\$2500.00)

NICOLE HUGHES, Fredericton, NB, PhD. IDST

OROMCTO HIGH SCHOOL (scholarship was deferred from 2021-2022 year)

CFUW-Fredericton Scholarship (\$1000.00)

BLAKE DICKSON will attend UNB

Libraries and Creative Arts Report 2022-2023 (4)

The Committee was comprised of Anne Soucy, Convener, Sharon Crabb and Jean Fisher. Our CFUWF invitation letters for the Library applications were sent to Education offices in both Fredericton and Oromocto. These were distributed by the Education offices to schools in their districts with a deadline of March 17th, 2023. Eleven grant proposals were received by the deadline. We were very pleased with the number of applications this year as it has been a very difficult year for the schools.

The Committee decided that six (6) grants of \$500 each would be awarded. All members of the Committee were forwarded the 11 grant proposals. The Committee then met on March 28th to discuss the grant proposals. The unanimous decision was the following schools would be awarded grants: Nashwaak Valley School, Lincoln Elementary Community School, Minto Elementary and Middle School, Geary Elementary, Harvey Community Library and McAdam Elementary. Letters of congratulation with a cheque for \$500 from CFUW were sent out to the selected schools. A letter was also sent to all the other schools who had submitted applications thanking them for their application and encouraging them to apply again next year.

This year we were pleased to offer a Creative Arts Grant in the amount of \$1,000.00. Invitations to apply were sent to 4 organizations. One application was received from the Fredericton Kiwanis Youth Choir. The Committee agreed that that Creative Arts Grant would be awarded to the Fredericton Kiwanis Youth Choir. A letter of congratulations was sent.

We were pleased to submit an application for the CFUW Library Award for the Fredericton Kiwanis Youth Choir. This \$4,000.00 is awarded biennially alternating between Library and Creative Arts and is set the CFUW Charitable Trust. We were extremely pleased that our submission for the Fredericton Kiwanis Youth Choir was approved by CFUW Charitable Trust

Thank you to Committee members, Sharon Crabb and Jean Fisher for all your work throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted, Anne Soucy, Convener

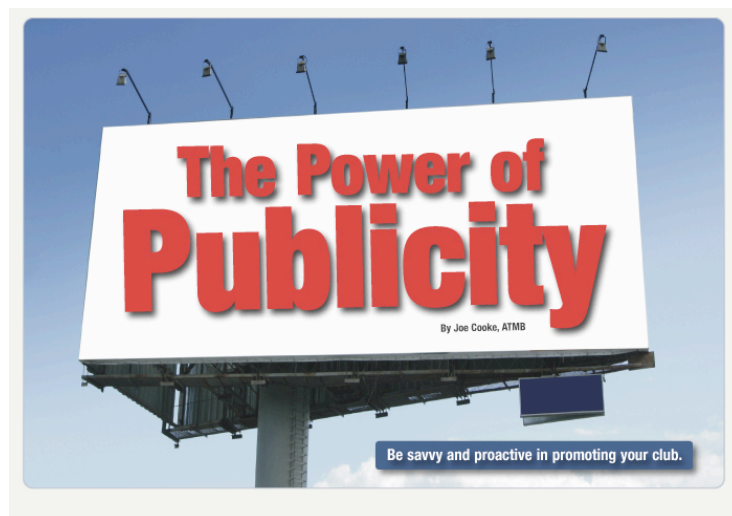


Publicity Report 2021-2022 (5)

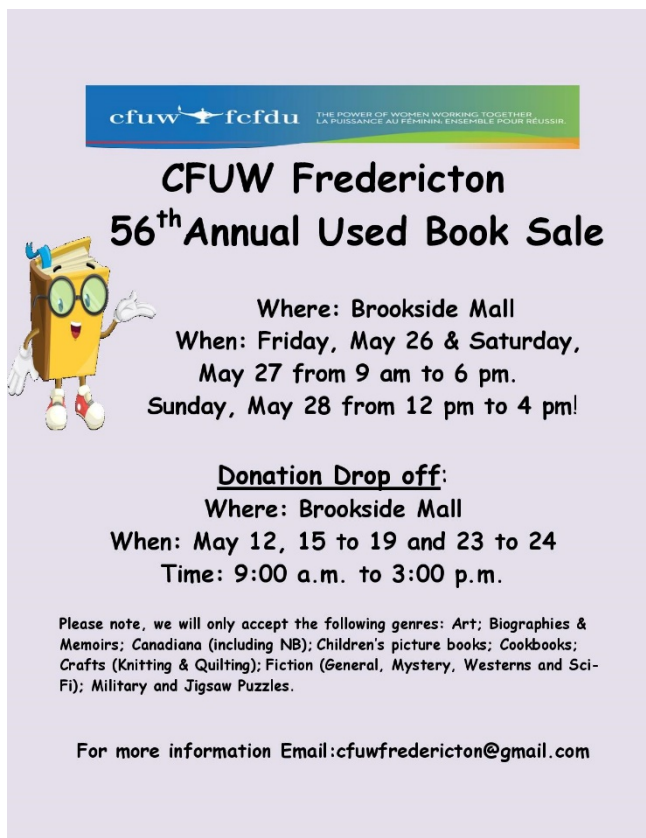
Facebook: Bo Miedema prepares all the publicity that is used for Facebook and Ruth Holmes places it on Facebook. Facebook continues to be very successful in informing FB users of CFUW events and information. This social media platform has resulted in CFUW information being seen by thousands

Other Publicity: Our webinars and book sales are also an indirect way to create publicity for the Club. The following venues have been consistently used to promote CFUW Fredericton events: UNB Alumni website; UNB Student News Site; UNB Faculty News Site; STU Faculty Website. Events also have been publicized on CBC, CFUW Fredericton Website, NB Power Employee Watts Up site, the Fredericton Public Library Bulletin Board as well as general poster placements throughout downtown Fredericton coffee shops and info boards

Respectfully submitted, Shelley DeLano Parker, Ruth Holmes and Bo Miedema



Book Sale/ Fundraising Report 2022-2023 (6)



The poster for the CFUW Fredericton 56th Annual Used Book Sale features a cartoon book character with glasses and a bow tie. The text is as follows:

CFUW Fredericton
56th Annual Used Book Sale

Where: Brookside Mall
When: Friday, May 26 & Saturday, May 27 from 9 am to 6 pm.
Sunday, May 28 from 12 pm to 4 pm!

Donation Drop off:
Where: Brookside Mall
When: May 12, 15 to 19 and 23 to 24
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please note, we will only accept the following genres: Art; Biographies & Memoirs; Canadiana (including NB); Children's picture books; Cookbooks; Crafts (Knitting & Quilting); Fiction (General, Mystery, Westerns and Sci-Fi); Military and Jigsaw Puzzles.

For more information Email: cfuwfredericton@gmail.com

The Fundraising Committee met four times during 2022-2023, June, October, December and April. The focus of the June meeting was a debriefing specific to our May 2022 Book Fair. This Book Fair was a huge success as we had not been able to hold a Book Fair for the past two years. People were happy to see the Book Fair return after COVID and we were delighted to see them and to accept their most generous donations of books as well as their attendance at the Book Fair.

At the October meeting we identified two potential fundraisers, a Book Fair in May 2023 and a yard sale in October 2023. At the December meeting, many of the details relevant to holding our May 2023 Book Fair were clarified. The April meeting centered on very detailed discussions of the necessary preparations for our May 2023 Book Fair. As the potential yard sale will be held in October 2023, any discussions of that event were tabled until August 2023.

Thank you to the Fundraising Committee members, Bo Miedema, Wendy Johnston, Edye Besner and Shelley Delano Parker for all your work and support.















Respectfully submitted, Jean Fisher and Sharon Crabb, Co-Conveners

CFUW Fredericton Fundraising Committee Pop-Up Book Sale Fundraiser, May 2022

During September and October, 2021, the Fundraising Committee commenced plans for a Harvest Book Sale. Unfortunately, those plans had to be put on hold because of an increase in COVID restrictions. In April 2022, the Committee again commenced plans to host a Pop-Up Book Sale to be held May 27 and 28, 2022.

Arrangements were made with Brookside Mall where we were assigned a donations and sorting location which we accessed from May 12-30 for the purposes of receiving and sorting book donations from 9:00-3:00, setting up in the lobby in preparation for our Book Sale, hosting our Book Sale and cleaning out the sorting location after the sale.

Some of the major tasks in hosting this Pop-Up Book Sale were:

-  Identifying the book categories we would accept for this Book Sale
-  Preparing a poster and Facebook posting announcing our Book Sale
-  Advertising our sorting and sale days
-  Hiring a trucking firm to pick up boxes of books stored in three locations and delivering these boxes to our sorting area
-  Preparing and emailing volunteer time sheets for both the sorting days, the sale days and the cleanup days
-  Picking up stored empty boxes and delivering them to the sorting area
-  Arranging with Brookside Mall to set up tables in the lobby
-  Hiring a trucking firm to move the boxes of books from the sorting area to the tables in the lobby
-  Hosting the Book Sale, including volunteers serving as floor walkers and cashers
-  At the end of the Book Sale, removing remaining boxes back to the sorting area and preparing these boxes for pick-up by volunteers from St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Lincoln
-  Preparing a number of empty boxes for storage
-  Preparing and delivering “thank you” notes to the Brookside Mall, Firestone, Fredericton Exhibition Centre and other businesses/people as identified
-  Packing boxes of books and delivering them to the Salvation Army
-  And sundry other items


Thank you to all our volunteers for giving their time and energy as without them we could not have held this Book Sale fundraiser. The “thank you” letter sent to all volunteers is included at the end of this report. Thank you to our CFUW Fredericton treasurer, Pam, for all her work associated with preparing and monitoring the floats/cash, making deposits and all other financial work associated with hosting a Book Sale. The Book Sale Financial Report is included at the end of this report. Thank you to the CFUW Fredericton Fundraising Committee, Jean, Wendy, Edye, Bo and Shelley, who saw the merit in holding our Pop-Up Book Sale and worked tirelessly in carrying this fundraising idea to fruition. Thank you to CFUW Fredericton members for your support and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Crabb and Jean Fisher







Thank you letter sent to volunteers:

After 3 years without a CFUW Fredericton Book Fair, we were finally able to host our CFUW Fredericton Pop-Up Book Sale fundraiser on May 27 and 28, 2022!

This happened because of YOU—all our fabulous volunteers!!!!

-  On May 16-20 and May 24-25, volunteers worked in the sorting centre at the Brookside Mall, accepting donations, sorting books into our identified categories, filling and stacking boxes, identifying books which we could not use at our Book Sale, but could be forwarded to another non-profit charity, such as the Salvation

Army; volunteers filled their trucks and cars with empty boxes and delivered these boxes to the sorting area; volunteers prepared the various signage need for posting at various locations in the Brookside Mall and prepared and monitored the volunteer work schedules for both the sorting days and the Book Sale days

-  Further, on May 25, volunteers worked arranging tables in the Mall lobby in preparation for the transfer of boxes of books from the sorting area
-  On May 26, all the boxes of books were transferred from the sorting areas to the tables in the lobby by Bob's Trucking and volunteers then arranged the boxes, removed box lids, covered the boxes with table cloths, put up appropriate signage, arranged the cash tables, completed all other work in preparation for our Book Sale days and "books sat" the boxes until the Mall closed
-  On May 27 and 28, volunteers staffed the cash tables and handled all the work associated with the purchases of books and puzzles, served as floor walkers and assisted people as needed, tidied up the boxes of books throughout the day as needed, removed empty boxes from the tables and filled in and helped wherever needed; at the close of our Book Sale, volunteers assisted in the moving of all remaining boxes of books back to the sorting area, removing all signage and all other items in the lobby so that Mall employees could dismantle and remove all the empty tables on May 29; prepared the floats for the cash boxes and completed any associated banking business
-  On May 29, volunteers assisted in the repacking of the boxes of books in readiness for their removal by members from the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Lincoln; there were a number of boxes which needed to be cut and removed to the recycling bins and volunteers did this
-  Throughout May 26, 27, 28, 29, volunteers removed the empty boxes and delivered them to a storage location; volunteers delivered boxes of books to the Salvation Army; some books needed to be recycled and volunteers took these books to the recycling areas; volunteers cleared the sorting area of all items except for those items going to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
-  On May 30, volunteers, along with 2 members from the Church, assisted in the removal of boxes of books, puzzles, and empty bags from the sorting area out to their truck; any remaining empty boxes were either taken for storage or cut down for recycling and volunteers did this work; by the end of the day, all work was completed and the sorting area was empty.

Again, all this work happened because of YOU—our fabulous volunteers!!!!

I have outlined all the work done by you, our fabulous volunteers, as every job you did and every hour you spent volunteering played a significant role and resulted in an

YOU, our fabulous volunteers, played a most important role as without you we would not have been able to prepare for and host our Book Sale!!!!

CFUW Fredericton Book Sale/ May 2022/ Financial Report






TOTAL REVENUE [Net]	20,698.00
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Programme Report 2022-2023 (7)

We are pleased to present the Programme Committee report for 2022-2023. Thank you to all the members who suggested speakers and topics for our monthly membership meetings. Your suggestions are always welcome.

We enjoyed thought-provoking presentations on a wide range of subjects, including Indigenous language education, emergency food services and guaranteed livable income, public art and period poverty. Our first two talks took place via Zoom. The others were held in-person at the Christ Church Parish Church Lounge with the Zoom option for those unable to attend in-person. Our guest speaker list is presented below.

-  November 24, 2022: “Inside Council: Reflections of an Activist”, Margo Sheppard, Fredericton City Councillor, Ward 1.
-  January 26, 2023: “Kehkimin”, Lisa Perley-Dutcher, Director, Kehimin Wolastoqey Language Immersion School.
-  February 23, 2023: “Better Late than Never”, Laura Forrester, multidisciplinary artist, winner of the CFUW Fredericton Adult Learner Scholarship, STU graduate, Honours in Interdisciplinary Studies, with focus on Visual Arts.
-  March 23, 2023: “Poverty and Food Insecurity in New Brunswick”, Cassandra LeBlanc, Executive Director, Fredericton Community Kitchens and Fredericton City Councillor, Ward 10.
-  April 27, 2023: “UNB Menstrual Health Society”, Victoria Lockhart, Sheridan Hamilton and Nour Ahmad, Student volunteers with UNB Menstrual Health Society.

Respectfully submitted, Gwen Davies and Wendy Johnston, Conveners



Issues Committee 2022-2023 (7A)

At the end of my first year as Committee Convener, I am pleased to present this report for 2022-2023.

Awareness-raising has been the major focus of our efforts during this period. In late March 2023, we organized a Webinar on a timely and important topic, shedding light on the plight of incarcerated women in Canada. Featured speaker Dr. Martha Paynter from the UNB Faculty of Nursing spoke about the appalling situation of reproductive health and parenting conditions still experienced by a largely invisible population. Dr. Paynter is a founding member of Wellness Within, a Nova Scotia based non-profit organization that serves and advocates for women and transgender/non-binary people who have experienced criminalization and are pregnant or have young children. The Webinar attracted a large number of non-members, including some from Elizabeth Fry Society New Brunswick, and sparked questions about what individuals and groups can do to provide aid and support change. Thank you to committee member Bo Miedema, for suggesting this compelling topic and arranging for this powerful speaker.

Violence against women is an issue that has mobilized women's energies world-wide for decades. The recent inquiry into the 2020 mass shootings in Nova Scotia called it a "national epidemic" that requires "a meaningful, whole of society response." In late 2022, we marked the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, an international campaign launched more than 30 years ago, by sharing information and action suggestions with our members. For each of the 16 days from November 25 to December 10, we emailed quick facts from the CFUW National toolkit along with New Brunswick specific statistics and policy information from a variety of sources. Some members offered thoughts on legislative change, policy and prevention initiatives.

We continue to learn about new and longstanding issues and make efforts to promote awareness beyond our group. Our club has also at times participated in advocacy, that can be defined as "any action that speaks in favour of, recommends, argues for a cause, supports or defends, or pleads on behalf of others." In recent years, for example, the club has sent letters

supporting health care reform and pay equity for care sector workers. We could use our group voice in other focused ways to endorse calls for action of non-partisan or research organizations dedicated to shared goals, such as the Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research, the NB Common Front for Social Justice or the NB Coalition for Pay Equity.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Johnston, Convener



Membership and Membership Engagement Committee 2022 - 2023 (8)

Membership:

On behalf of the Membership Committee, I am pleased to present this report for the year 2022-2023.

Our membership currently stands at 34, including 31 Regular Members and three Life Members (age 90 or over). We were happy to welcome three new members in 2022-2023: Barbara McMahon, Mary Priddle and Beth Paynter. We miss stalwart member Doreen Kissick, who died in March 2022.

The return in early 2022 to in-person Book Club gatherings and General Meetings, along with our monthly Luncheons, has been helpful in making and sustaining connections. Like other CFUW clubs across Canada, however, we continue to look for new ways to increase and diversify our membership and connect with the community. This year, we attracted some new and prospective members through notices posted on our Facebook page, our website, in our monthly newsletter and in a widely distributed community events e-newsletter. Notices provided information about who we are and what we do and invited non-members to come hear our guest speakers at General Meetings and to participate in our Book Club gatherings.

We also contacted various alumni organizations with information about our goals and activities. Thank you to committee members Sharon Crabb and Jean Fisher for all their support and efforts over the past year.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Johnston, Convener

Membership Engagement:

Throughout the last year, we have stayed in touch with members who have been unable to attend in person or virtual meetings. The Committee has sent out “thinking of you” cards and birthday cards; made contact via telephone, emails and some one-on-one in-person visits as

appropriate; prepared tins of cookies and cards and delivered them to members' homes during the December Holiday season, and provided books and puzzles to members requesting these items.

Respectfully submitted by Edye Besner, Convener.



Special Interest Groups

Book Club 2022-2023 (9)

For the 2022-2023 season, the Book Club was scheduled on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, running from October to April. Wendy Johnston and Bo Miedema found a lovely space for in-person meetings...the lounge at Christ Church Paris Church.



Our initial thought was to alternate in-person meetings with Zoom meetings, so for October we met in-person and in November we met via Zoom. Thereafter, we abandoned Zoom meetings because we were very pleased with the lounge at the church. It allowed for good spacing between people, and comfortable seats as a bonus! We had good attendance at all the book club sessions and much lively

conversation.

The books have been chosen for next year and here is the schedule:

- 1/ Tuesday, October 10, 2023 - RULES OF CIVILITY by Amor Towles
- 2/ Tuesday, November 14, 2023 - THE ROSE CODE by Kate Quinn
- 3/ Tuesday, December 12, 2023 - OLIVE KITTERIDGE by Elizabeth Stout
- 4/ Tuesday, January 9, 2024 - FIVE LITTLE INDIANS by Michelle Good
- 5/ Tuesday, February 13, 2024 - SMALL GREAT THINGS by Jodi Picoult
- 6/ Tuesday, March 12, 2024 - THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY by Matt Haig
- 7/ Tuesday, April 9, 2024 - MAJOR PETTIGREW'S LAST STAND by Helen Simonson

New members are welcome at any time during the year. If you wish to have your name added to the Book Club list, please email me: pamdawnlove@gmail.com

Submitted by Pam Love, Book Club Convener

Luncheons 2022-2023 (10)

We were able to again enjoy our Luncheon Socials throughout 2022-2023. A luncheon social was held in September, October, November, January, February, March and April, each month at a different restaurant. In December we held a Christmas/Hanukkah Luncheon Social. It was wonderful to again get together for laughs and conversation after having to postpone these outings during COVID. Unfortunately, we were unable to host any Happy Yappy Appetizers gathering during 2022-2023.

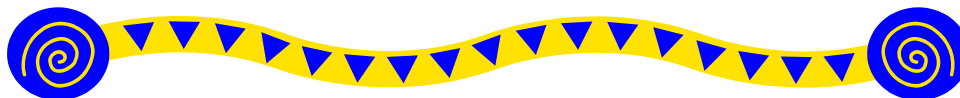
Respectfully submitted, Sharon Crabb

Archivist 2022-2023 (11)

In late August of 2022, several years of minutes, reports, newsletters and photos were taken to the Archives at the Harriet Irving Library. At that time, the Archivist there indicated that they are accepting archival material electronically on a flash drive device. Therefore, while I continue to save minutes and other documents in hard copy form, this will be for reference only and I will create electronic files to send maybe every two years.

Photos of our club members and guests while at our many events will be one of our most important memories, so please feel free to forward any you have taken. In the past, we have not always been careful to enter the event/date on the back of photos submitted, so, for the coming year, please send this info and I will “edit” the photo so a small title is included.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Fisher, Archivist



This Proposed Budget was presented at a meeting of the General Membership on March 23, 2024. Subsequently, the vote on the proposed budget was held online [via email] from March 24, 2023 to March 26, 2023 with the following results: 22 in favour, none against, and no abstentions. Therefore, the CFUW Fredericton Proposed Budget for May 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 is accepted. The Treasurer will ask for ratification of the Budget at the CFUW Fredericton AGM on June 8, 2023.

Nominations Committee Report (13)

Nominations for Executive Positions 2023-2024

Executive Position	Names of Candidates
Past President	Baukje (Bo) Miedema & Anne Soucy
President	Shelley Delano-Parker
Vice President	Sharon Crabb
Recording Secretary	vacant
Corresponding Secretary	Edye Besner
Treasurer	Pam Love
Education and Scholarships	Baukje (Bo) Miedema
Membership & Issues	Wendy Johnston
Library and Creative Arts	Anne Soucy
Program	Wendy Johnston
Public Relations and Publicity (Co-Conveners)	Shelley Delano Parker and Ruth Holmes

Submitted by Jean Fisher and Sharon Crabb



Notes on the May 26, 27 and 28, 2023 Book Sale



Sorting Book

Book Sale



\$ 21,000 for

volunteers, and the staff of the Brookside Mall who made this possible.

This year was again a successful book sale! We raised just over scholarships! Thanks to all the

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Malmberg

Mrs. Elizabeth Lawton Malmberg died on Friday, July 15th, 2022 at Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton, NB. Elizabeth was born February 25, 1938, in Grand Harbour, Grand Manan, N.B. She was the only child of the late Ross and Maud (Guptill) Cronk.

She was a graduate of Grand Manan High School. As a Beaverbrook Scholar, she attended the University of New Brunswick BA, BEd (Class of 1960).

Elizabeth was an avid reader, a nature enthusiast, a keen gardener and enjoyed playing bridge. She was a longtime member of the Canadian Federation of University Women.

Anne Lowe

She is survived by her brother, Gerald "Gerry" Lowe of Saint John, her niece Allison Lowe and great-nephew William Kiely of Ottawa. Ann will also be missed by her aunts, cousins and friends.

Ann graduated from St. Vincent's High School in 1958 and continued her studies, obtaining Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education from the University of New Brunswick, where she would later become a professor in the Faculty of Education. She taught at several schools in Saint John, including St. Vincent's, Forest Hills and Simonds. She lived and worked in Mexico as a researcher, and there she found her beloved dog "Pierre" who she brought home to Saint John.

In her retirement, Ann volunteered as a docent at the Beaverbrook Art Gallery and in her leisure time explored her talent as a painter, producing many lovely watercolours. Ann did extensive research on the New Brunswick artist Anthony Flower culminating in the publication of a book of his art work. A world traveller, she enjoyed cruising and spent winter vacations in Barbados and Florida where she made many friends. She always took care to find special gifts from her trips for Allison and William. Ann was proud of her Irish heritage and visited Ireland on several occasions to research her family history. Ann was a music enthusiast and a devoted fan of Oscar Peterson.

Elizabeth Ann Belyea



Banny Belyea, a long time member of CFUW Fredericton, passed away on Friday September 24, 2022. She was 78 years old.

Banny attended Netherwood School for Girls (now RCS – Netherwood), Mount Allison, and the University of New Brunswick (BA, Honours English) and a MA(English Literature).

the Neufchâtel junior college instructor of English at of her students over the Switzerland in the early St. Mary's home, a beautiful seven wooded acres on the there, in that lovely setting,

Banny loved animals and Her love of nature and family of origin. The family Robertson's Point, where particularly cherished her paddled quite literally all over

Banny especially loved the home over the years, all of Standard Poodle), Boyce (a dog of uncertain breeding and unique appearance), Biscuit (a Labrador and retired hunting dog), and lastly, D'Arcy (a very handsome if somewhat irascible Papillon).

Banny died after recent years of increasingly failing health. She was predeceased by her parents, Abner and Helen Belyea and her older brother, Kevin. She is survived by her younger brother, Eldon, her nephew and nieces and other extended family.

Written by Nancy Nicholson and Ruth Holmes



Banny had wonderful memories and stories to tell from her teaching at in Switzerland and also as an UNB. She kept in touch with many years. Upon her return from 1980s, Banny had bought her Lower old house with signature gables and St. John River. She loved living close to her parents and friends.

appreciated all aspects of nature. natural spaces was fostered in her had dogs and a summer place at entire summers were spent. She father's chestnut canoe, which she Grand Lake - by herself.

dogs with whom she shared her whom lived to great ages: Simon (a

Doreen Kissick

We are very sad to lose a very long time CFUW member: Doreen Kissick. Doreen was devoted CFUW members for many years and she had assisted CFUW in numerous ways. The family of Doreen Kissick announces her passing at Hospice House on Wednesday, March 8, 2023,



surrounded by her family. Born in Toronto, ON, on October 26, 1927, she was the wife of the late Norman L. Kissick. Doreen leaves behind her daughters, Barbara Kissick of Charlottetown, PE, and Maureen Kissick of Sackville, NB. She also leaves behind her granddaughter, Shuanglian Kissick. In addition to her husband, Norman, Doreen was predeceased by her parents, Sidney and Florence (Hicks) Rogers; daughter, Kathleen Kissick; brothers, Gordon and Jack "John" Rogers; sister, Joan Lloyd. She was the last surviving member of her immediate family. Doreen worked at UNB as an International Student Advisor until her retirement in 1982. She was generous with her time and was a member of several organizations, many dedicated to helping refugees, especially women. Doreen was a Life Member of the New

Brunswick Multicultural Association, the National and International Council of Women as well as a member of the Girl Guides of Canada, IODE and CFUW. Doreen was also very active in her church. She was a 30 year member of the Woolastook Presbytery, campus ministry life member and participated on an interchurch refugee committee. A memorial service will be held at Forest Hill United Church on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 2 pm with Rev. Ian Manson officiating. For those who are unable to attend in person a livestream of the service will be available at the following link: <https://vimeo.com/event/3159284> Interment will be in Toronto at a later time. For those who wish, donations in Doreen's memory may be made to the UNB Norman L. Kissick Memorial Scholarship, United Church of Canada Global Outreach or Hospice Fredericton. (Picture was taken during the 2022 CFUW Fredericton AGM in June 2022).