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**CFUW Fredericton  
Annual General Meeting  
and  
Annual Report**

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# CFUW Annual Report 2024

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**CFUW Fredericton Annual General Meeting**  
**June 13, 2024**  
**Christ Church Parish Church**  
**245 Westmorland Street, parking on Charlotte Street**  
**Business Meeting 1:30pm**  
**Agenda**

**Welcome**

1. Acceptance of Agenda
2. Minutes of June 8, 2023, AGM and Business Arising
3. President's Report
4. Vice President's Report
5. Treasurer's Report: Pam Love
6. Committee Reports (See Annual Report)
  - Corresponding Secretary: Edye Besner
  - Recording Secretary: Position Empty, Volunteer Sharon Crabb
  - Education and Scholarships: Bo Miedema
  - Libraries and Creative Arts: Anne Soucy
  - Public Relations and Publicity: Ruth Holmes and Bo Miedema
  - Programme, Issues and Advocacy Committee: Wendy Johnston, Renee Davis, Wendy Gillanders, Myrna Gunter, Bo Miedema and Beth Paynter.
  - Membership and Member Engagement: Wendy Johnston and Jean Fisher
7. Special Interest Groups:
  - Book Club: Pam Love
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8. Resolutions: Sharon Crabb
9. Archivist: Jean Fisher
10. Nominations Report: Bo Miedema and Anne Soucy (acclamation or election)
11. Other Business: CFUW Fredericton 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
12. Branding
13. Adjournment

## **CFUW Fredericton Annual General Meeting**

### **Minutes**

#### **Christ Church Parish Church, June 8, 2023**

**In attendance:** Edye Besner, Rhonda Broad, Sharon Crabb, Renee Davis, Shelley Delano-Parker, Jean Fisher, Karen Flinn, Wendy Gillanders, Myrna Gunter, Ruth Holmes, Wendy Johnston, Claire Leachman, Pam Love, Paula MacQuarrie, Baukje (Bo) Miedema, Beth Paynter, Mary Priddle, Anne Soucy, Jenipher Schousboe, Heather Williams (guest).

**Regrets:** Connie Bothwell, Shirley Cleave, Gwen Davies, Barbara McMahon, Judy McPhail, Nora NiChuiv.

**The CFUW Fredericton 2023 AGM booklet contains the various documents referenced in these minutes (page numbers are indicated in brackets).**

Lunch was provided on-site at noon, prior to our AGM. Members and guests enjoyed the opportunity for a meet and greet.

Outgoing co-president Bo opened the CFUW Fredericton AGM at 12:30 p.m. and welcomed members and guests.

**1. Acceptance of Agenda (p. 3):** Moved by Pam, seconded by Edye, that the agenda be accepted with two additions under #8 – Other Business (Thank you's & National AGM).

**2. Minutes of June 16, 2022 AGM and Business Arising (p. 4-6):** Moved by Shelley, seconded by Myrna, that the minutes from the June 16, 2022 Annual General Meeting be accepted. Motion carried.

**3. Co-Presidents' Report (p. 7):** Bo outlined some of the highlights of the past year, including our move to in-person general meetings, the addition of several new members, and participation this past April in the first in-person Atlantic Regional Council meeting since 2019. Bo noted that after five years as Co-Presidents of our club, she and Anne will be passing the baton to a new President and Vice-President.

#### **4. Committee Reports (p. 8 -18)**

Bo invited the committee conveners to share some information about their activities and noted that the full committee reports are included in the 2023 Annual Report booklet.

The following comments were shared:

- Education and Scholarships: Judy could not be with us today, but Bo indicated that sixteen post-secondary scholarships were awarded this past year to students at

UNB, STU, NB College of Craft and Design and NBCC, Fredericton campus. Our club decided by membership vote in January of this year that we would not continue awarding the high school scholarships, although one deferred from the previous year was awarded in 2023.

- Library and Creative Arts: Anne shared wonderful news of the CFUW Charitable Trust national award of \$4,000 to the Fredericton Kiwanis Youth Choir, in addition to the \$1,000 Creative Arts Grant provided to the choir by our club.

Public Relations and Publicity: Ruth and Shelley spoke of the power of Facebook for sharing news of our activities and our scholarship winners. The large Firestone sign in downtown Fredericton has also been a great advertising tool for our Book Sale.

Book Sale/Fundraising: Sharon indicated that the Book Sale report included in the 2023 Annual Report is for the May 2022 sale. After two years without a sale, the 2022 event was much appreciated by our buyers and our supporters.

Programme: Wendy J. noted that we had an interesting line-up of guest speakers at our monthly meetings this past year, with opportunities to learn more about community and student initiatives.

Issues: The Committee did some awareness-raising work, organizing a public webinar featuring Martha Paynter on the plight of incarcerated women in Canada, and continued our learning on the ever-present problem of violence against women.

Membership/Membership Engagement: Wendy J. noted that we had some success in reaching out to potential new members through local e-newsletters and contacts with retiree associations, encouraging people to come hear our guest speakers at monthly meetings and join us for Book Club gatherings.

## **5. Special Interest Groups (p. 19-20)**

Group chairs were invited to present any highlights from their groups.

Book Club: Pam noted that members are welcome to join the group at any time during the year. The list of books selected by the group for 2023-24 are indicated in her report (p. 19).

Luncheons and Social Activities: Sharon was glad to report that attendance at the Luncheon Socials increased this past year as COVID restrictions eased. The monthly lunches are at different local restaurants and suggestions for new venues are always welcomed.

Archivist: Jean is liaising with the Harriet Irving Library at UNB to ensure that our club documents and photos from as far back as possible in our 75+ year history are preserved and available for consultation. Jean will be getting older materials transferred onto flash drive devices and going forward will be periodically sending in our meeting

minutes and other documents as electronic files. She encouraged members to send her photos with event/date information.

**6. Treasurer's Report (p. 21-23):** Pam presented an overview of our club's Financial Activities for the period May 1st, 2022 to April 30, 2023, along with the Assets and Liabilities as of April 30, 2023. She noted that our club is in a good financial position since the May 2022 Book Sale (the first in-person sale since 2019), as we raised over \$20,000. Our general operations expenses remain fairly low, allowing us a healthy revenue to fund activities including our scholarships, school library and other local issues grants as well as our charitable donations on behalf of our guest speakers at monthly meetings and webinars. As of April 30, 2023, we had total assets in excess of \$111,000 and no liabilities.

Pam also presented and commented on the Proposed Budget for 2023-2024 (May 1st, 2023 – April 30, 2024). She explained that some of our projected operating and fund. expenses are higher than in past, the result of meeting costs (room rentals and Zoom account), endowment of our 75th anniversary scholarship and increases in our donations to charities and local issues grants. On the other hand, the revenue from the May 2023 Book Sale (over \$21,000) was double the conservative estimate for fundraising income indicated in the Proposed Budget. This Proposed Budget was presented at the General Membership meeting held on March 23, 2023 and was subsequently accepted via an online (email) vote held from March 24 – March 26, 2023. The Treasurer asked for ratification of this Proposed Budget at the AGM. Moved by Pam, seconded by Sharon that the proposed budget be adopted as presented. Motion carried.

**7. Nominations Report (p. 24):** Jean presented the list of Nominations for Executive positions for 2023-2024 (officers and Standing Committee Conveners) as prepared with Sharon in advance of the AGM. Jean called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the entire slate was confirmed by acclamation. The Recording Secretary position remains vacant. Moved by Jean, seconded by Myrna, that this slate be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

Jean thanked the members who stepped forward to take on new roles and those who agreed to carry on with their respective positions. Shelley Delano-Parker spoke briefly about her decision to serve as President and thanked Sharon Crabb for taking on the supportive role of Vice-President.

Jean noted that all the Standing Committees and particularly the three currently led by

Wendy J. would be happy to welcome new members to enrich the discussions and share the workload. We note that after many years of dedicated leadership and service on the club Executive, Gwen Davies is stepping down as Programme Committee Convener/Co-Convener. In the year ahead, Wendy J. will be reaching out to members to work with her on the Issues, Membership and Programme Committees.

### **8. Other Business**

- *CFUW Fredericton Motions: No new motions at this time.*
- *Thank you's: Pam Love thanked our outgoing co-presidents Bo Miedema and Anne Soucy for all their work and efforts as Co-Presidents over the past 5 years. She presented each of them with an outdoor hanging flower basket as a token of our appreciation.*
- *CFUW National AGM: The national meeting will be a virtual event this year, July 7 – 9. Sharon will be our voting delegate (the number of voting delegates is based on size of clubs). Other members are welcome to attend for all or part of the meeting.*

**Adjournment:** Moved by Ruth. (1:40 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Johnston

## CFUW Fredericton 2023-2024 President's Report

My first year as President, CFUW Fredericton was a significant one for me. With COVID under management, we were able to meet regularly, in person, for our Executive and General meetings. Committees routinely came together to further our activities and through these actions, it was recognized there was the need to restructure a few of our processes. Thus, CFUW Fredericton underwent a few changes, such as the following:

- our annual open house landed in a new venue, St. Thomas University.
- the Issues Committee and Programme Committee reinvented themselves to be a more focused, streamlined group under one Committee name – Programme, Issues and Advocacy Group.
- the monthly general meetings assumed a bimonthly schedule to enable extra time to be spent on guest speakers.
- the value of Facebook was recognized and used to reach out to as many 'friends' as possible, spreading the words of the good things we were doing.
- we gained six new members, with each new member bringing their unique knowledge, experiences and passion. Welcome!

Additional highlights of our year included the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence. This National CFUW programme brought us together to solicit support from the Premier, members of the opposition parties, the City of Fredericton, UNB, STU and NBPower, one of the province's largest employers. We were unconditionally supported in our request to publicly demonstrate special lighting colours from UNB, STU and NB Power. We will continue to lobby for this important event and hope in the near future, the Province of NB and its capital city will join us in the public plea to end gender-based violence.

Our key fundraiser, our annual Book Fair, again was successful. Through the efforts of many, we can continue with scholarship funding, enabling education for women (regardless of age), to achieve their dream. We also were able to create three new scholarships, the Kingswood Turnaround Achievement Award (high school student level), one STU and one UNB part-time student award. Five existing scholarships were able to be increased by \$500.00

In reflection, it has been an honour to hold the role of President for the last year. This upcoming year will kick off with the excitement of celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a club! We will remember our beginnings and eighty years on, recognize where our efforts are still needed. We have come a long way but our journey is still one step at a time.



I want to thank every one of you for the support and humour you have each provided. As well, I am grateful for the direct support of the Executive as well as our Regional Director and Archivist, Jean Fisher. To my Vice President Sharon Crabb, thank you for your continued guidance. I appreciate your words of wisdom.

I respectfully submit this Annual Report 2023-24, as a document of our annual organizational activities.

Respectfully,

Shelley

*Shelley Delano Parker, PhD.,  
President, CFUW Fredericton*

### **CFUW Fredericton Vice President's Report**

As Vice President, one's major role is to provide support to the President and take on such duties as identified by the President. Some of those responsibilities I addressed during this 2023-2024 year included preparing and circulating the minutes of the Executive Meetings as we did not have a Recording Secretary, preparing the 2023-2024 Calendar of Events and reviewing the CFUW Fredericton website to identify all needed updates and sending any updates to our webmaster.

I worked with a great group of members and ST. Thomas University arranging and hosting our CFUW Fredericton Open House in September. I also prepared, updated and circulated the Committees and Interest Group document. This document lists all our Special Committees and Interest Groups and affords the opportunity for members to sign up for areas of most interest to them. Arranging our monthly Luncheon Socials was another fun activity. These luncheons provide the opportunity for members to come together in a social atmosphere, to experience many of Fredericton's great restaurants and enjoy both wonderful food and lively conversations.

I served on the Education and Scholarship Committee and on the Libraries and Creative Arts Committee and attended all meetings. Throughout the year, I attended webinars on CFUW Branding, CFUW Advocacy Workshop and "Plant VS Plastics". I participated in two anti-poverty marches in Fredericton and attended the Kehkeman Event hosted by St. Mary's First Nations. In December, another member and I prepared and delivered tins of Christmas cookies to some of our members.

Throughout this year, I assisted the President whenever needed. It was, indeed, a pleasure to work with President Shelley Delano Parker.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Crabb, Vice President



## **Committee Reports**

### **Corresponding Secretary Report**

The 2023 -24 duties of the Corresponding Secretary included staying in touch with several members, especially those who do not use email or Facebook as well as sending birthday, Christmas, and Easter cards and pictures of previous CFUW events. These duties are also part of being on the Membership Engagement committee and include delivering cookies at Christmas and visiting members with Sharon Crabb. Additionally, a big part of the job is writing thank you notes to the people and organizations that help us with the book sale.

Respectfully Submitted: Edye Besner

## The Education and Scholarship Committee Report

We have undertaken a number of initiatives this year:

1. We met with UNB's Jeff Wright and STU's Dionne Izzard regarding the challenges of inviting scholarship winners to our Open House and to provide some personal information for our announcements of the scholarship recipients. They will do their best, considering the privacy laws, to encourage scholarship recipients to send brief bios, photos and, if we have an Open House, to attend the Open House.
2. We had an email conversation with Kari-Jan Rose from NBCC to strengthen the scholarship description to encourage scholarship winners to attend the Open House, if possible.
3. Our discussion with UNB Jeff Wright led to the ability, due to investment gains for the endowment funds, to increase 5 scholarships with \$ 500 each: the 3 Marjorie Barberie Logue Scholarships from \$ 3500 to \$4000 each annually, the Dr. Althea Warren Macaulay Scholarship from \$ 2000 to \$ 2500 annually and the Dr. Nora Ni Chuiv Scholarship from \$ 2500 to \$ 3000 annually.
4. No change to other scholarship values.
5. We are extremely proud that CFUW Fredericton was able to create three more scholarships each with a value of \$ 1000. These are not endowed and the money comes out of the CFUW Fredericton Budget: one the Kingwood Turnaround Achievement Award (high school student), one STU and one UNB part-time student award.
6. CFUW Fredericton is still working on endowing the 75th Anniversary Scholarship, we are half-way (after June 2024).
7. CFUW Fredericton will be featured in the UNB Alumni Magazine

Respectfully submitted by the ESC Committee: Gwen Davies, Jane Nicki, Connie Bothwell, Pam Love, Edye Besner, Sharon Crabb, Ruth Holmes, Mary Priddle, Judy McPhail and Bo Miedema

## Libraries and Creative Arts

The Committee provides funding to rural school libraries and Creative Arts organizations. This year, the Committee comprising Anne Soucy, Sharon Crabb and Jean Fisher were pleased to receive 10 applications for our Rural Libraries Grants and 10 applications for our Creative Arts Grant. Six (6) grants of \$500 each were awarded to rural schools and one grant of \$1,000 to a local Arts organization.

We saw a variety of needs from the schools in the rural areas. **Chipman Forest Avenue School** had a huge weeding out of their library last year of over 200 books which had not been done since the 1990's. They requested funding to update their catalogue of books to provide recent books of interest to their grade 6 – 12 level students. **Sunbury West School** also requested funds to replace older books that had been repaired multiple times. Their students from K-8 were also looking for series and video game books. **Geary Elementary Community School** for those students from grades K-5 had a goal this year to increase their student's understanding and appreciation of other cultures. They wanted to purchase books that showcase cultures from around the world. They would include but are not limited to picture books, cookbooks with food from different countries, languages and traditions celebrated. **Gagetown School** a K-8 school wanted to purchase high interest books as well as more high-low books to appeal to older students. Gagetown was planning on restructuring their library to make the space more user-friendly and inviting for users. **Keswick Valley Memorial**, a K-8 school were looking to help prepare their students for high school and by helping to provide current literature, fiction and non-fiction to keep their students engaged in reading. These current resources can assist them with researching information for assignments, projects, science fairs and heritage fairs. **Upper Miramichi Elementary School** needed low level, non-reader picture books and those on numeracy and books on Canada and the provinces. For the older students an updated magazine section to interest those students who are interested in sports and the outdoors.

This year we were pleased to award the Creative Arts Grant to the **Charlotte Street Arts Centre**. Their application focused on activities that encourage family art engagement in the home. Their DIY Art Project series will provide downloadable art projects created by a range of local artists working across a wide range of disciplines. This project helps fulfill their mandate unregards to arts outreach, will offer something completely different to the community and can be enjoyed by the entire family for free.

## Public Relations and Publicity

**April 20, 2024**

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Our most important vehicle for publicity is our Facebook page and the Website.

We finally managed to get access to our Facebook account, somehow over the years, the passwords were lost etc. Over the months we have increased our Facebook “Friends” to almost 250. This allows spreading our messages far and wide and at last count, one message reached 5000 views. And we try to post regular messages to keep the Facebook page active.

The website has in-depth information and is update several times a year. Thanks Sharon.

Bo Miedema prepares a bi-monthly newsletter that is send to roughly 200 people. Pertinent Club information and the scholarship winners are highlighted in the newsletter. Thanks to Wendy for proofreading the drafts.

Shelley has secured again the downtown billboard sign to announce our book sale.

Thank you. Ruth Homes and Bo Miedema

## **PROGRAMME, ISSUES AND ADVOCACY COMMITTEE, 2023-2024**

The Programme, Issues and Advocacy Committee held five in-person meetings and communicated extensively via email during this period. Thank you to committee members Renee Davis, Wendy Gillanders, Myrna Gunter, Bo Miedema and Beth Paynter for all their efforts, ideas and support.

The Programme Committee and the Issues Committee began meeting jointly in September 2023 and proposed that these two Standing Committees be combined into one. We prepared Terms of Reference outlining the functions of a restructured Programme, Issues and Advocacy Committee. We also suggested the General Meeting format be changed to alternate stand-alone business meetings with stand-alone guest speaker meetings to allow for more in-depth learning and discussions. The new meeting format introduced in January 2024 has been well received.

Guest speaker presentations open to the public were organized for three of our daytime General Meetings: Joan Kingston on homelessness initiatives in Fredericton (October 26), Nhu Phuong Vo Trieu on a scholarship recipient's career journey (January 25) and Alex Boyd on efforts to address food insecurity (March 28). We also organized an evening Zoom event on April 10, 2024, featuring Dr. Suzanne Dupuis-Blanchard on "Bridging the Gaps of Aging in Place with Nursing Home Without Walls." More than half of the 41 attendees were members of the public or from other CFUW clubs across Canada.

The Committee supported CFUW Fredericton's participation in a letter-writing campaign to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, calling on local and provincial elected officials to recognize Gender-Based Violence as an epidemic. We also shared information on several gender equity and social justice events taking place in Fredericton: September 30<sup>th</sup> National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Sitansisk; October 17<sup>th</sup> March to mark the International Day for Eradication of Poverty, organized by the NB Common Front for Social Justice, Acorn (tenants' rights group) and the NB Coalition of Persons with Disabilities, with support from the NB Coalition for Pay Equity and the March 8<sup>th</sup> International Women's Day March and networking gathering organized by the NB Coalition for Pay Equity, NB Common Front for Social Justice and the Regroupement féministe du N.-B.

**Respectfully submitted by Wendy Johnston, Convener**



## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE 2023-2024

Our small Membership Committee did not hold formal meetings in 2023-24. I thank Jean Fisher, the only other committee member, and the other members of the Executive for all their efforts in organizing social, learning, fundraising and community outreach activities that attract new members and enrich the membership experience.

Our club currently includes 32 regular members, one student member and four Life members (age 90 or over). We were glad to welcome seven new members in 2023-24. Some of our new members discovered the club through our website or Facebook page, while others heard about us from friends or neighbours or saw notices about guest speakers or Book Club gatherings.

We are always keen to find opportunities to reach out to the community and to let people know who we are and what we do. On a Saturday in October 2023, club Executive members set up an information table at Leo Hayes High School for a City of Fredericton event - Connect with your Community - An Expo to Promote Healthy Aging. The event included more than fifty information booths and drew crowds. It was great visibility for our group and we were able to dispel some misconceptions about club membership being limited to women who are university or college graduates or only open to UNB alumni.

Respectfully submitted by Wendy Johnston, Convener

## Special Interest Groups

### CFUW Fredericton Book Club 2023 - 2024

For the 2023 - 24 season, Book Club was scheduled on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, running

from October to April. We continued to meet in the lounge at Christ Church Paris Church, which is such a comfortable venue, and weather did not interfere at all. We had good attendance at all the book club sessions and much lively conversation.

Though the schedule has not been set yet, here is the list of chosen books starting in October

2024.

1/ YEAR OF WONDERS by Geraldine Brooks

2/ THE LINCOLN HIGHWAY by Amor Towles

3/ HOMECOMING by Kate Morton

4/ SARAH'S KEY by Tatiana de Rosnay

5/ THE PERSONAL LIBRARIAN by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray

6/ UNSHELTERED BY Barbara Kingslover

7/ THE FORGOTTEN DAUGHTER by Joanna Goodman

EXTRA BOOK - BOOK LOVERS by Emily Henry

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](mailto:pamdawnlove@gmail.com)

Submitted by Pam Love, Book Club Convener Book Club

### **Luncheons and Social Committees**

Luncheon Socials are wonderful opportunities for members to get together for conversations and the enjoyment of great food at a number of restaurants in the Fredericton and surrounding areas. This year, Luncheon Socials were held during the months of August, September, October, November, December, February, March and April, each one at a different restaurant. The December luncheon was a celebration of Christmas and Hanukkah. In December, we also held a Happy Yappy Appetizer Social which was attended by members, spouses and friends.

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Crabb

## Book Fair Report

**Note: This report is usually held for the next fiscal year as it falls outside of the Annual Report dates. However, as the previous year's book fair report (2023) has already been published, the 2024 report will be published here.**

### CFUW FREDERICTON 2024 BOOK FAIR

#### Final Report, June 2024

The Book Fair Interest Group met in November 2023 to begin planning for the May 2024 Book Fair. Edye Besner, Ruth Holmes and Wendy Johnston joined Jean Fisher to serve as Co-conveners for this 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Fair. Shelley Delano-Parker, Myrna Gunter, Bo Miedema and Jenipher Schousboe rounded out the team. After discussion of challenges and opportunities for the 2024 sale, we developed a detailed task list with timelines to guide our work in the months leading up to the event. It was decided that we'd hold a 3 day sale at the end of May, as in the previous year, with Friday and Saturday hours 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday, noon to 4 pm.

We continued a proud tradition of organizing this very popular community event, our most important fundraiser for women's scholarships and community outreach initiatives. Our club held its first Book Fair in 1964, with the aim of starting an endowment fund for women's post-secondary scholarships. Following that successful sale and a decision to repeat the initiative, a first \$500 government bond was purchased to form the nucleus of an investment fund. The annual used book sale grew and flourished over the years, allowing our club to establish new scholarships, increase the value of existing ones and endow others.

This fundraising event and book lovers' dream would not be possible without the generous contributions of book donors, the local business community, our members as well as friends, family and other supporters who once again volunteered their time and efforts to ensure the success of the event.

Publicity for the sale was carried out via the all-important word of mouth, e-newsletters (special shout out to Marilyn Noble for the repeated donation and sale notices in her People Link e-bulletin), Facebook, hard copy posters, a PSA message on CBC radio, traditional and digital signs (thank you Firestone Service Centre and the NB Exhibition). A call for early donations went out beginning in December 2023. Edye welcomed the lion's share of advance book and jigsaw puzzle donations – by early May, she had 220 vetted and sorted boxes of books stored at her home - while Wendy J. housed another 40 vetted and sorted boxes of donated books before the opening of the Mall headquarters. Facebook posts were used to great effect during the sale to attract buyers and provide a glimpse inside our book and puzzle sorting universe.

As in previous years, Brookside Mall provided a lockable sorting space and great open space at the front end of the mall for our sale and cashier tables. The Co-conveners contacted the Mall Property and Marketing managers in November 2023 and met with them several times in April and early May to discuss arrangements for the use of an unleased store as our sale preparation headquarters. This year we were pleased to get the keys to the former Olga Moda's. The

location nearer the front entrance to the Mall than the former Prism store used in 2023 gave us more visibility and facilitated donation drop-offs. The Mall also provided onsite posters and Facebook publicity for our sale as well as most of our sorting and sale tables.

For the 2024 sale we extended our donation drop-off period at the Mall by three days compared to 2023, for a total of eleven days beginning May 9th, including two Saturdays (May 11 & 18). This paid off, as we received a significant number of superior quality books and puzzles dropped off on the Saturdays.

We also expanded the categories of non-fiction books included in our sale, some of which we added as we noticed the superior quality and quantity of donations collected in some non-fiction categories. As a result, our sale tables included books on Fishing, Birds, Nature/Science, World History, Religion, Humour, Music, Sports, Exercise, Pets and Railroads/Flight/Titanic. These categories were added to those included the previous year: Art, Biographies and Memoirs, Canadiana (including New Brunswick), Children's books, Cookbooks, Crafts (Knitting & Quilting), Fiction (General, Mystery, Westerns & Sci-Fi/Fantasy), Gardening, True Crime and War. While some non-fiction sold better than others, we notice that buyers snapped up books in many of the categories added this year (See Table at end of this Report - Boxes of Books by Category, Start and End of Sale, 2024). We were also glad this year to be able to include Larger Print books as well as a selection of Audio Books.

Our sorting team agreed to accept most book donations, while recognizing that we would need to "rehome" or dispose of some in poor condition or less saleable categories. During the Mall donation drop-off period (May 9-23), some 60 mostly small or medium boxes of books were discarded (recycling or garbage) due to poor condition, while another 115 mostly small or medium boxes of books were dropped off at local thrift stores. While many books in previous years were moved along or discarded, no statistics were recorded for 2023 or earlier years on the number of boxes of books relocated by volunteers.

Many hands were needed for the labour-intensive sale preparation and clean-up tasks. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who helped with receiving, culling, sorting, organizing books and puzzles, breaking down damaged or unused boxes, dropping off recyclables at city bins and bringing books not included in our sale to local thrift stores. Many thanks also to those who served as cashiers and "floaters" who tidied and consolidated boxes of books during the sale. In addition to those who signed up for shifts on the spreadsheets maintained by Jean, other members and friends of the sale showed up from time to time or answered our calls to offer their assistance. A huge thank you also to our club treasurer, Pam Love, who kept on top of our cash intake and deposits, as well as assisting with many other tasks.

One of the more physically challenging tasks was the retrieval before the sale and return after the sale of hundreds of empty bankers' and xerox boxes from and to the basements of several members and supporters. A huge thank you to all those who participated in the empty box work and to the dedicated group of nine volunteers who repacked the unsold books in less desirable boxes on Sunday at the end of the sale. As a result of their efforts – and thanks to one of our newer members who provided many sturdy egg carton boxes – we were able to save 540 of our preferred boxes for future use on sale tables.

We also appreciate the Mall maintenance employees who set up and removed tables before and after the sale and the movers from Bob's Trucking who transported early donation boxes of books and who moved our many sorted boxes of books out onto sale tables at the Mall on the day before the sale. Diabetes Canada provided a driver with large truck to pick up the many boxes of unsold books on May 27<sup>th</sup>, the day after the sale.

Our sorting, sale and clean-up days were happily marked by heartening camaraderie and plenty of laughter. We welcomed opportunities to chat with donors, to share our love of books and to deepen our connections with fellow volunteers at our convivial table in the sorting headquarters.

We were also very pleased with the sale results. We received an impressive quantity of high quality donations this year. At the start of the sale on May 24, we had a total of over 560 full boxes of books (up from 432 in 2023) and about 250 jigsaw puzzles. Almost 80% of these books went home with new owners, about the same proportion as in 2023. Very few puzzles remained at the end of our 2024 sale. We heard many positive comments from our happy buyers who found gems at our consistently low prices.

In May 2024, the sale raised over \$24,000 (net after expenses), up by nearly \$2,600 from the previous year. This is an impressive result for a fairly small club of some 35 members.

The table below indicates the revenues raised by our book sale since 2019. The book sale was not held in 2020 or 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. A "Surprise Bag of Books" initiative during these pandemic years brought in a modest income for the club, far below the usual book fair revenues. The after expense income for these two types of fundraising activities is presented in the table below. For comparative purposes, the revenue from the May 2019 pre-pandemic sale is included.

#### Book Fair Net Revenue, 2019 - 2024

Fiscal Year (May 1– April 30) / ACTIVITY	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-25
<b>Surprise Bag of Books</b>	--	\$3,470	\$1,981	--	--	--
<b>End May Book Sale</b>	\$30,088 (May 2019)	--	--	\$20,764 (May 2022)	\$21,498 (May 2023)	\$24,076 (May 2024)

**Source:** CFUW Fredericton, Annual Reports, 2020 – 2023 (Annual Reports presented at June AGMs include Treasurer's Report for the previous fiscal year ended April 30). Amounts indicated for the Book Sale are net revenue, after expenses.

According to past practice, expenses recorded for the Book Fair have been limited to the cost of movers for boxes of sale books or other hired help: \$571 for the 2023 edition, \$607 for the 2022

edition and \$3,300.74 for the 2019 edition. Expenses for the 2024 sale totalled \$1,022.60, as the Conveners decided this year to record some of their additional out-of-pocket expenses, mainly gratuities for movers and Mall maintenance employees at a cost of \$194.60. Their donation of \$194.60 covered the additional recorded expenses.

### Submitted by

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Conveners, 2024 CFUW Fredericton Book Fair

### Boxes of Books by Category, Start and End of Sale, May 2024

CATEGORY	Start of sale	End of sale
Art	6	0
Biographies & Memoirs	37	10 (27%)
Birds	2	0
Canadiana	18	5 (28%)
Children's books	19	2 (11%)
Cookbooks	18	8 (44%)
Crafts (Knitting & Quilting)	8	3 (38%)
Exercise (yoga, pilates, etc.)	1	1/3 box (33%)
Fiction - General	185	42 (23%)
Fiction - Mystery	166	43 (26%)
Fiction - Westerns	2	0
Fiction - Sci-Fi	28	5 (18%)
Fiction - Inspirational	2	1 (50%)
Fishing	1	0
French - adult (various)	1	1/3 box (33%)
Gardening	5	1 (20%)
Goose Lane donated books	1	0
History (world)	4	0
Humour	1	0
Music	1	0
Nature/Science	2	0

<b>New Brunswick</b>	21	2 (10%)
<b>Pets</b>	1	1/3 box (33%)
<b>Railroads/flight/Titanic</b>	4	0
<b>Reader's Digest Today's NonFiction Best</b>	1	1 (100%)
<b>Religion</b>	10	3 (30%)
<b>Sports</b>	2	1/3 box (17%)
<b>War</b>	11	2 (18%)
<b>True Crime</b>	3	0
<b>Larger Print</b>	2	0
<b>Audio Books</b>	1	½ box (50%)
<b>TOTAL - 2024</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>125 (22%)</b>



## Resolutions

**Resolution #1** (Advocacy Standing Committee): [Archiving Select CFUW Adopted Resolutions I / Archivage de certaines résolutions adoptées par la FCFDU I](#)

Selected Resolutions on Child Care; Employment Equity; the Environment; Finance and Pensions; and Justice and the Legal System are recommended for archiving because

- The goal has been achieved; or
- Recommended programs have been sundowned or eliminated; or
- A superseding resolution has been adopted.

**Resolution #2** (Advocacy Standing Committee): [Archiving Select CFUW Adopted Resolutions II / Archivage de certaines résolutions adoptées par la FCFDU II](#)

Selected Resolutions on Food and Security; Government; Health; Indigenous Issues; Peace, Security and Trade are recommended for archiving because

- The resolution was based on faulty science; or
- The goal has been achieved; or
- Recommended programs have been sundowned or eliminated; or
- A superseding resolution has been adopted.

**Resolution #3** (Advocacy Standing Committee): [Archiving CFUW Adopted Resolutions Identified for Combining / Archivage des résolutions adoptées par la FCFDU identifiées pour être combinées](#)

Selected Resolutions on Education: Health Care; Poverty; Violence and Exploitation; and Pornography and Sexual Violence on the Internet are recommended for archiving because of duplication. Superseding resolutions that combine and consolidate resolutions are proposed for adoption through Resolution 4.

**Resolution #4** (Advocacy Standing Committee): [Combined CFUW Adopted Resolutions / Résolutions adoptées par la FCFDU à combiner](#)

Superseding resolutions to combine and streamline content are proposed on Adult Literacy; Nutrition and Education; Post-Secondary Education Funding; Health Care Standards; Homeless Youth; Prevention of Violence against Women; Protecting Children from Exposure and Access to Pornography and Sexual violence.

**Resolution #5** (CFUW North Delta/Surrey): [Restore and Preserve Peatlands in Canada / Restaurer et préserver les tourbières au Canada](#)

**RESOLVED**, that CFUW urge the Government of Canada to work with provincial and territorial governments to:

- implement legislation/policies to protect and restore degraded Canadian peatlands,
- take immediate concrete steps to prevent further destruction of Canadian peatlands,
- adhere to the Ramsar Convention principles, and

- designate funding for empirical research to identify all peatlands in Canada and study how peatlands benefit our earth and inhabitants.

**RESOLVED**, that CFUW urge the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments, and universities to:

- educate the public to protect Canadian peatlands using the rationale that the efforts:
  - mitigate climate change
  - improve food and water security
  - reduce forest fire severity
  - enhance coastal security
  - decrease ecological concerns regarding peatlands' flora and fauna
- develop relationships with industry to find sustainable agricultural and horticultural alternatives to peat in order to protect, conserve and restore healthy peatlands.

**Resolution #6** (CFUW Georgetown): [National Database for Documenting the Impact of Unsafe Drinking Water on Indigenous Communities / Base de données nationale pour documenter l'impact de l'eau potable insalubre sur les communautés autochtones](#)

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to establish a national database that tracks and documents the relationship between unsafe drinking water and health outcomes in First Nations communities living on reserves.

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to make the data easily accessible to health organizations, First Nations communities, all levels of government, and the public.

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada and the provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to use the data collected on health outcomes to inform decision-making regarding funding, building or repairing of infrastructure, additional

research, and/or policies.

**Resolution #7** (CFUW Nanaimo): [Preserving Deep Sea Ecosystems / Pr servation des  cosyst mes des grands fonds marins](#)

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to extend the current temporary moratorium on deep seabed mining in Canada’s coastal waters.

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to press the International Seabed Authority to develop and implement, without delay, seabed mining regulations that protect the deep sea environment, and conserve and restore global oceans and their resources.

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada to fund and support short- and long-term research on deep sea ecosystems and preserving their biodiversity.

**Resolution #8** (Long Term Care and Seniors’ Rights Study Group): [Aging in the Right Place: Equitable Resources for all Canadians to Age at Home and in their Community Settings](#)

**RESOLVED**, that CFUW urge the federal government to:

1. Increase targeted funding to provincial and territorial governments for high-quality, accessible, affordable, and equitable services for seniors to enable aging in place in home and community settings.
2. Ensure funding is allocated equitably, allowing communities to build seniors’ services specific to their context.
3. Clearly articulate the parameters of funding and ensure accountability in the appropriate distribution of resources.

4. Promote funding models that encourage collaboration among all levels of government to develop, fund, and utilize a variety of options in home and community care that allow seniors to age in the right place.

**RESOLVED**, that CFUW urge the federal, provincial, and territorial governments to:

1. Ensure that research and practice address the current and emerging needs of seniors in a manner that allows continuous support in home and community settings.
2. Continue to engage with the National Seniors Council to ensure their work provides up-to-date research and best practices from the health professional point of view.

**Resolution #9** (Long Term Care and Seniors' Rights Study Group): [Incentives to Adopt New Service Standards for Long Term Care](#)

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the federal government, in collaboration with the provincial and territorial governments, to support the adoption and implementation of provincial and territorial Long Term Care strategies, based on the work of the Health Standards Organization and the Canadian Standards Association, specifically HSO's 2023 Long Term Care Service Standards.

**RESOLVED**, That CFUW urge the federal government to provide incentives to the provincial and territorial governments for the development of Long Term Care strategies that incorporate the HSO's 2023 Long Term Care Service Standards.

## Archivist Report

### Archivist's Report

There were no files taken to the Archives at UNB during 2023-24; however, all the minutes, lists of members, newsletters, posters and reports of events etc. were sorted into electronic files, which will be exported to a zip drive to deposit in our Archives. Our photos over the year are also being held in electronic files and will be placed on the zip drive. Also created was a physical file of some hard copy documents (invitations, thank yous etc.). It is expected that a deposit to our Archives will be made at the end of August 2024.

Respectfully,

Jean Fisher

Archivist

## Nominations Report

<b>Nominations for Executive Positions 2024 - 2025</b>	
<b>Position</b>	<b>Status</b>
Past President	Bo Miedema
President	Shelley Delano Parker
Vice President	Sharon Crabb
Recording Secretary	Linda Aitkin
Corresponding Secretary/Membership Engagement	Reoffer: Edye Besner
Treasurer	Reoffer: Pam Love
Education and Scholarship	Reoffer: Bo Miedema
Issues/Programme/Advocacy	Rene Davies
Libraries and Creative Arts	Reoffer: Anne Soucy
Membership	Deb Pyne-Young
Public Relations/Publicity	Reoffer: Ruth Holmes and Bo Miedema (Facebook, posters. Newsletters, etc.)

Submitted by: Bo Miedema and Anne Soucy

**Other Business**

**CFUW 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Logo Suggestion**







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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – CFUW launches new brand and website

**OTTAWA, January 5, 2024** – CFUW is delighted to announce the launch of our new brand and website, the culmination of a two-year process that involved significant consultation with Club members across the country.

Going forward, CFUW has made the decision to work under and be known by our acronym, rather than our historic name “Canadian Federation of University Women - La Fédération Canadienne des Femmes Diplômées des Universités.” By removing the focus on the word “university,” this decision aims to be more inclusive, reflecting the fact that a university degree is not required to be a welcomed and equal member of the organization. At the same time, continuing to use our acronym maintains and honours CFUW’s rich historical legacy.

CFUW’s new look also entails a new tagline—“Realizing potential. For all women. Le pouvoir par le savoir.” —and a new logo. With its opening book and flame, the logo encapsulates what CFUW has stood for throughout its 100-year history, and what it continues to stand for today: The opening book represents our foundation in learning and education, which is always open and expanding. The unfolding pages symbolize our long history with its many achievements and diversity of members. Finally, the center flame recalls the “lamp of learning” of our previous logo, representing our legacy and lighting the way upward and forward.

Alongside our new brand, CFUW has launched a modernized [website](#), full of up-to-date details about our story and work as a national organization. With information about our Clubs, Committees, and National Office, the website is designed for prospective and current members alike. It also contains a wealth of resources and campaign materials for our many advocacy endeavours, centered around CFUW’s three national priorities: Education, Equity and Social Justice, and Safe and Healthy Communities.

CFUW encourages our members, partners, and allies to familiarize themselves with our new [brand](#) and [website](#), and to reach out with any questions. We look forward to continuing to pursue our mission of achieving equality and social justice through continuous learning and empowerment.

### About CFUW

CFUW is a non-partisan, self-funded organization with 94 clubs across Canada and over 6,600 members. Since the founding of CFUW in 1919, our mission has been to achieve educational and economic equality and social justice through continuous learning and empowerment. Our vision is that women and girls are educated and empowered to make transformative change in the world.

For more information, please contact CFUW’s Executive Director at [execdir@cfuw-fcfdu.ca](mailto:execdir@cfuw-fcfdu.ca)

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Thank you.

We had a great 2023-24. Our upcoming 2024-25 Anniversary Year will be one we can talk about with great fondness for many years to come.