

WHITBY/BROOKLIN PROBUS CLUB

General Meeting #11

Westminster United Church, Whitby

August 27th, 2014

Chair: Bob Ashdown, President

Secretary: Dorothy Ferguson

Agenda: The president called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and reviewed the agenda.

Introductory Remarks by the President:

- The president thanked to-day's greeters: John & Judy Bowring.
- New member present was introduced: Joanne Ashley, Kaja Batinic, Helen Griner, Gary Hudson.
- Guests present were welcomed.
- Our first Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the September meeting. The president referenced the general communication that had been distributed July 24, 2014 and identified the following AGM agenda items: 1) election of the Management Team (the slate was included minus a nominee for House), 2) revision to the by-laws (revised by-laws were also included) and 3) notice that the 2013-14 financial statements will be reviewed during September and the results presented at the AGM.
- Regarding the role of House Co-ordinator, we are still without a volunteer for this position. The president noted that we can arrange for a team from the the UCW to serve coffee, there would be a monthly fee plus the cost of the coffee/tea & refreshments. To assist the Management Team in determining the way forward, the president asked for advice from members present. Results showed about half of the members present would be OK with eliminating coffee/tea & refreshments, very few wanted a fee for everyone at each meeting and still others would prefer that funding for snacks during the social time come from annual dues. There will be refreshments at the AGM in September, so any change will occur in October.

Treasurer's Report:

- Pauline Ordanis reviewed the annual financial income/expenses for 2013-14. Income came from dues, 50/50 draw and refreshments while expenses included rent, insurance, refreshment supplies, speaker fees, office supplies. Overall the club is in a positive financial position at year-end. These statements will now be forwarded for a financial review.
- 2014-15 Membership Renewals, \$25, are due by September 30th. Please make cheques out to PROBUS Club of Whitby Brooklin.

Interest Groups:

- Trudy Semeniuk shared information related to the next 'Walks in the Toronto Area' on September 13th – Chocolate Tour in Yorkville, 20 members only.
- Jane Brown invited members to join the Music Appreciation group,
- Jack Cadan indicated to-day is the last day to sign up for Marathon Bridge group. Schedule will be circulated within the week.
- Nancy Lucas invited members to come out for 5-pin bowling, next planned for September 30th.
- Please see newsletter for other activities.

Social Events:

Pat Caple & Carol Cadan updated the group:

- The year-end BBQ will be held on September 16th at Trillium Trails, cost is \$15 each.
- Legends at the Regal Theatre, September 27th, \$40 each.
- Tickets for the Oshawa Little Theatre event on October 3 are available, cost \$20.
- A wine & cheese holiday party is being planned for December 3rd.

Pat thanked Carol for her assistance with implementing the Social program, and invited members to join the planning group.

House Co-ordinator:

Jackie Finn will not be continuing with this responsibility next year, and thanked her team for their assistance this year – Barb Shaw, Diane & Les Robertson, Gail Heffernan, Alice Davis, Brian & Val Fredenburgh, along with Brian Jepperson from the Oshawa Club.

50/50 Draw:

Speaker Ken Brown drew the 50/50 ticket, \$40.50 was won by Joanne Ashley.

Guest Speaker:

Russ Caple introduced our guest speaker, Ken Brown. Ken is a well-known author, horticulture judge and frequent guest speaker at gardening events. To-day he gave an entertaining and enjoyable presentation related to autumn gardening - 'Putting your Garden to Bed'. For more information, advice, updates and his newsletter, visit Ken's website: www.gardening-enjoyed.com. Russ thanked Ken for sharing his knowledge and expertise with us.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 25th, 2014, 10:00 am. Greeters: Theresa Watson & Mary Betteridge .

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm