MINUTES – GENERAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 16TH, 2016

1. Call to order, Moments of Reflection, Grace and Toast – 6:05 PM
2. President Janet Brousseau welcomed all visitors and guests.
3. Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve by Angela McKinnon, seconded by Pat Dowling. **CARRIED.**
4. Approval of Minutes from the January 19th meeting – Motion to approve by Camilla Bignell, seconded by Pat Bonello. **CARRIED.**
5. No outstanding business arising from the previous minutes.
6. REPORTS
7. Treasurer’s Report – Wendy Humphreys has e-mailed this to all members.
8. Programs – Angela McKinnon – In March, Linda Ford will speak on “Breaking Barriers”, April is our Resolutions Review month with Camilla Bignell and May is our AGM and elections. Our June Social will be held on the 21st of June at the Terra Cotta Inn.
9. Membership – Linda Barker reported that we currently have 46 members. She also reminded membership that we once again are offering our “Membership Special” whereby anyone joining now will pay only for the 2016/2017 year giving them a few months free.
10. Corresponding Secretary – Karen Armstrong – Read a letter of thanks from Hope 24/7 for our donation to their organization from our November guest speaker.
11. Publicity and Public Relations – Sheila is hopeful that we will be up and running with Constant Contact within a month.
12. Website – Donna Sauve – No report
13. Special Events – Pat Dowling – Pat reminded us of our annual Golf Tournament coming up June 15th. The registration forms will be out next month. We are looking for prize donations from our membership as well as sponsorships. Pat also mentioned that our next euchre tournament is on March 4th and is sold out.
14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
15. Membership Forms – Linda Barker reminded members that annual fees are due by May 1st in order to vote at our election.
16. Provincial Conference Update – Registration forms will be available on the Provincial and Brampton websites and in addition all Brampton members should have received an email with the form earlier today. There will be a conference meeting on February 22nd at the home of Pat Dowling to discuss the next stage of the conference. We need some volunteers now to come forward to help out. Also a reminder that the hotel has blocked a number of rooms for us but members who plan to stay over must commit and book the room directly with the hotel by April 22nd since there is a very large convention in the area and whatever rooms are not commited by that date will go to the other group.
17. Bling Shirts – will be available to anyone wishing to purchase them for a cost of $35.00. We have until the end of March. Anyone interested should contact Sheila Walker or Pat Dowling.
18. Donation to United Way- Snigdha Malik will be spending one night sleeping in her car along with other United Way personnel in order to raise awareness of the 220,000 people in Peel Regions who are either homeless or living below the poverty line. BPW Brampton presented her with a cheque for $100.00 to support this cause.
19. Presentation to Canadian Women for Women Afghanistan – Janet Brousseau presented Liz Watson and Elaine Scott from this organization with a cheque in the amount of $800.00 to cover the cost of 2 teachers of young girls in Afghanistan. Liz then spoke briefly to thank us and talked about the work that they perform.
20. Provincial Conference 2017 – The date has been confirmed for Sept. 30 – Oct 2, 2017 being hosted by BPW Niagara in Niagara-On-The-Lake as voted on by the clubs.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM