**MINUTES** General Meeting Date: November 21, 2023

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Linda Ford

Welcome to Members and Guests: Linda Ford

**AGENDA**

Approval of Agenda

* + Moved by Barb Hore
  + Seconded by Iris Digel-Nava

Approval of October 17, 2023 Minutes

* + Moved by Mina Di Domenico
  + Seconded by Wendy Humphreys

No business arising from Minutes

| **Chair** | **REPORT** |
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| **President’s Report**  Linda Ford | Chaired meeting |
| **Treasurer Report**  Pat Dowling   * Barb Hore presented | Sent out the Treasurer report. |
| **Special Events**  Pat Dowling   * Barb Hore presented | The BPW Brampton Club members wants to thank everyone that attended our 29th progressive charity euchre event that we held this past Friday November 10, 2023.  It was a night filled with much fun, good food and prizes with proceeds going to Ste. Louise Foodbank.  We are happy to announce that we raised **$2,200.00** for Ste. Louise – a valuable community partner.  This time around we had a different format with providing a catered meal.  We are sending out a survey to determine what our players would prefer, a catered dinner or just dessert.  **Up Next:**  The annual Cookie Drive is underway. Orders need to be in by December 8, 2023.  Next Euchre Event to be on held on Friday April 19, 2024.  Confirming June 17th is our annual Golf Tournament taking place at Glen Eagle Golf Course. |
| **Membership /**  **Secretary /**  **2025 Provincial AGM**  Barb Hore | Confirming we have 35 members.  Member Recognition & Initiation to take place at the February 2024 general meeting.  BPW Brampton is hosting the 2025 Provincial AGM. Barb Hore and Pat Dowling to co-chair the event. Angela and Mina to be part of the committee. |
| **First Vice President /**  **Programs & Projects**  Angela McKinnon | Sent regrets. |
| **Second Vice President /**  **International Affairs /**  **Bursary Chair**  Amanda Graham-Rowe | The Club’s International Project this year is KIVA.  KIVAis an international nonprofit with a mission to expand financial access to help underserviced communities thrive. Kiva provides fair access to capital to create economic opportunity and financial stability for themselves and their families. Through Kiva's work, women and girls can pay for tuition, women can start businesses, farmers are able to invest in equipment and families can afford needed emergency care.  While individual lenders are repaid the money they contribute to a borrower's loan, they do not receive any additional interest on the loan. It is a philanthropic effort, though the potential to relend after a loan has been repaid has far more impact than a donation.  This year, BPW Brampton Club has chosen two projects:   * An Indonesian safe drinking water project with Naza Water Filters. With a 4-month payback. * A Peruivan sustainable art project with a 26-month payback period.   Each project will receive $250.00 each  This year, the club has selected Sheraton College with a $1,000 bursary to be given to an eligible candidate. |
| **Publicity & Public Affairs / Newsletter / Dinner Convenor**  Sheila Walker | Sheila has published a very nice club membership roster.  Up next: A special Christmas Newsletter. |
| **Correspondence Secretary & Fellowship**  Pat Tiveron | Sent regrets. |
| **yBPW**  Rianna Ramesar | Rianna was just appointed to the yBPW role.  She is currently reaching out to other yBPW members across Canada. |
| **Resolutions/By-Laws Public Affairs /**  **Website**  Mina Di Domenico | Confirming Rianna has been recruited to the Resolutions and By-Law committee. She has already edited the Club By-Laws!  **2023 BRIEFS**  The provincial and federal briefs are available on the BPW Brampton website under the Advocacy tab.  **2024 RESOLUTION**  The Resolution Committee is conducting research on the “Inclusion of Femicide to Canada’s Criminal Code.”  **2024 CALL FOR COMMENDATIONS**  Please forward your nomination to Mina by December 14, 2023.  **CLUB BY-LAWS** approved by the Board and Members. Currently being reviewed with BPW Canada. Updated regulations posted on the website. |

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Linda reminded everyone that the Holiday Party is taking place on Tuesday, December 12th at Iris’s home. This year we are collecting food for the food bank along with gifts for children and seniors. Bring a gift to participate in the Secret Santa game.

Meeting adjournment: 6:50 PM EST