**MINUTES** General Meeting Date: January 16, 2024

Call to Order: 6:18 pm

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Linda Ford

Welcome to Members and Guests: Linda Ford

**AGENDA**

Approval of Agenda

* + Moved by Iris Diegel
  + Seconded by Amanda Graham-Rowe

Approval of November 21, 2023 Minutes

* + Moved by Angela McKinnon
  + Seconded by Iris Diegel

No business arising from Minutes

| **Chair** | **REPORT** |
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| **President’s Report**  Linda Ford | Chaired meeting |
| **Treasurer Report**  Pat Dowling | Sent out the Treasurer report. Linda read out Pat’s report.  2024 Community Partners:   1. Ste. Louise Food Bank, 2. Honeychurch (Women's Shelter), 3. Hope 24/7 (formerly Peel Rape Crisis/Sexual Assault Centre), 4. Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Support Centre, 5. Victim Services of Peel. |
| **Special Events**  Pat Dowling | Euchre Spring Event: April 19, 2024, Scottish Centre   * Funds to go to Hope 24/7 * Attendees would like a catered dinner; more meatballs required. * Door prizes welcome.   Golf Tournament: June 17, 2024, Glen Eagle Golf Course   * Funds to go to HoneyChurch, Wellspring, VSOP   Euchre Fall Event: November 15, 2024, Scottish Centre  Funds to go to Ste. Louise  Renate Thompson announced a $5,000 cheque to Ste. Louise Food Bank. |
| **Membership /**  **Secretary /**  **2025 Provincial AGM**  Barb Hore | Sent regrets.  Membership to-date is 37.  Member Recognition & Initiation to take place at the February 2024 general meeting. |
| **First Vice President /**  **Programs & Projects**  Angela McKinnon | January Meeting: Sharing Unique Experiences   * Keri Percival, President, Downtown Brampton BIA – *unable to attend this evening.* * Sandra Sharpe, Community Development Liaison, ﻿Community and Human Services, Town of Caledon   February Meeting: International Night, Focus on Tanzania, Africia   * Speaker: Jill Knowles, CFP, CIM, CFDS, Senior Wealth Advisor, Portfolio Manager for Scotia Wealth Management.   March Meeting: The Aging Brain and How to Keep it Healthy   * Speaker: Dr. Justine Blainey-Broker   April Meetings:   * April 16, 2024: Provincial Resolutions Meeting, online * April 19, 2024: Euchre Spring Event   May Meetings:   * May 7, 2024: Federal Resolutions Meeting, online * May 21, 2024: Club Annual General Meeting at Fanzorelli’s Restaurant   June Meetings:   * June 4, 2024: Social event, Glen Eagle Golf Club * June 8, 2024: BPW Ontario Virtual AGM * June 17, 2024: Annual Golf Tournament, Glen Eagle Golf Club |
| **Second Vice President /**  **International Affairs /**  **Bursary Chair**  Amanda Graham-Rowe | International Affairs  **BPW International Congress 2024 in Mar del Plata, Argentina, November 17-21, 2024. The** XXXI BPW International Congress theme is**New Actions Through Cooperation.**  A new international BPW video has been launched and is now on the BPW Brampton website under the International Tab. Congress details can be found on  <https://www.bpw-international.org/events/bpw-international-congress-argentina-2024/>  February 2024: International Night  BPW International President has posted her message on the BPW International website. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9tQ-sm6-1ig>  2024 Candle lighting ceremony link:  <https://www.bpw-international.org/candlelightingceremony2024/>  KIVA  Loan 1: USD$500 – **Nazava Water Filters Indonesia:**   * First repayment expected in March of 33% with full repayment scheduled by May 2024   Loan 2: USD$500 - **Sustainable Artisan Development Project:**  First repayment expected in July 2024 of 5.5% with full repayment scheduled by Dec 2025  Bursary Update  Cheque has been cashed.  Sheridan Representative to confirm details on the bursary recipient.  Student and representative to attend a future meeting. |
| **Publicity & Public Affairs / Newsletter / Dinner Convenor**  Sheila Walker | No report. |
| **Correspondence Secretary & Fellowship**  Pat Tiveron | Sent regrets. |
| **yBPW**  Rianna Ramesar | yBPW   * Created a new Google classroom to connect yBPWs. * Followed up with BPW Canada First Vice President Shan McEwing regarding connecting with other yBPW in Canada. Still waiting for a response. * Reached out to yBPW Kelsy Gill, London, Ontario. * Had a zoom meeting with yBPW Yasmin Knight, London, UK next week. * Connected with BPW Caribbean connection, yBPW Natalie Baldwin. * yBPW Google Classroom in progress. If you would like to contribute, let me know and I will add you as an instructor.   Resolutions Committee   * Continue to participate in various resolutions meetings with Mina * Continue to participate in the Reproductive Rights and Justice meetings |
| **Resolutions/By-Laws Public Affairs /**  **Website**  Mina Di Domenico | ONTARIO RESOLUTIONS  We are partnering with Victim Services of Peel (Sarah Rogers and Bonnie LaVine) on three provincial resolutions:   1. Funding for Bail Court Notifications to Victim Services Agencies. 2. Expansion of Funding to Increase Options for Women who are Victims of Violence to Live Safely in Their Community 3. Funding Programs on Preventing and Dealing with Gender Based Violence for the Immigrant Community   Once we have fine tuned the above resolutions, the Resolutions Committee will partner with Sheila Walker and share the information with members.  Our deadline to submit Ontario resolutions is January 31, 2024.  NATIONAL RESOLUTIONS  The Resolutions Committee is researching information for one national resolution on the Inclusion of Femicide into the Criminal Code.  This resolution will be shared with members in mid-February. Our deadline for BPW Canada is March 1st.  2024 CALL FOR COMMENDATIONS  Please forward your nomination to Mina by Friday, January 19, 2024. |

**OTHER BUSINESS**

BPW International video shared with members. The video can be located on the BPW Brampton website, under the Advocacy tab in the International tab.

Meeting adjournment: 6:45 PM EST