**MINUTES** General Meeting Date: February 20, 2024

Call to Order: 6:25 pm

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Linda Ford

Welcome to Members and Guests: Linda Ford

**AGENDA**

Approval of Agenda

* + Moved by Angela McKinnon
  + Seconded by Amanda Graham-Rowe

Approval of January 16, 2024 Minutes

* + Moved by Snigdha Malik
  + Seconded by Renate Thompson

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. Barb Hore read out Pat’s report.  CRA corporate taxes completed, no issues arising, zero money owing  Upgrade the Website WordPress was made this month |
| **Special Events**  Pat Dowling | Spring Meat Drive   * Announcement to be made shortly on when the drive begins.   Euchre Spring Event: April 19, 2024, Scottish Centre   * Tickets go on sale on March 18th * Funds to go to Hope 24/7 * Confirming a catered dinner; more meatballs are required. * Door prizes and donations are welcome.   Golf Tournament: June 17, 2024, Glen Eagle Golf Course   * Funds to go to HoneyChurch, Wellspring, VSOP * Door prizes and donations are welcome.   Euchre Fall Event: November 15, 2024, Scottish Centre   * Funds to go to Ste. Louise   Renate Thompson presented a $5,000 cheque to Ste. Louise Food Bank’s Catherine Revira.  Honeychurch Director Wendy Butler thanked the club for the $3,000 donation. |
| **Membership /**  **Secretary /**  **2025 Provincial AGM**  Barb Hore | Barb confirmed the membership to date is 36.  Membership renewal notifications are to be sent out in March. |
| **First Vice President /**  **Programs & Projects**  Angela McKinnon | 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   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 |
| **Second Vice President /**  **International Affairs /**  **Bursary Chair**  Amanda Graham-Rowe | International Affairs  **BPW International Congress 2024 in St. Kitts, Marriott Resort, November 17-21, 2024. The** XXXI BPW International Congress theme is**New Actions Through Cooperation.**  Amanda shared highlights from the BPW International President’s message.  KIVA  To date, no updates have been provided.  Bursary Update  Sheridan Representative to confirm details on the bursary recipient.  Student (STEM program) and representative to attend a future meeting. |
| **Publicity & Public Affairs / Newsletter / Dinner Convenor**  Sheila Walker | No report. |
| **Correspondence Secretary & Fellowship**  Pat Tiveron | Sent regrets. Barb Hore presented the report.  Pat has sent out 50 cards to members.  Two thank you letters from the Honeychurch and Ste. Louise's organizations were received.  Both letters are posted on the bpwbrampton.com website. |
| **yBPW**  Rianna Ramesar | yBPW   * Connected with the yBPW Provincial Chair.   Resolutions Committee  Continue to participate in:   * various club resolution meetings with Mina * participate in Reproductive Rights and Justice meetings * participate in the BPW Canada and BPW Ontario Resolutions Meetings |
| **Resolutions/By-Laws Public Affairs /**  **Website**  Mina Di Domenico | ONTARIO RESOLUTIONS  Three provincial resolutions were submitted to BPW Ontario on behalf of the club:   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   NATIONAL RESOLUTIONS  Next week, members of the club will have an opportunity to review and provide feedback on the Prioritization and Inclusion of Femicide into the Criminal Code. Our deadline for BPW Canada is March 1st.  Thank you to Rianna Ramesar for her partnership and thank you to the members who provided feedback. |

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Meeting adjournment: 6:45 PM EST