**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 19, 2024**

Call to Order: 6:12 pm

Land Acknowledgement Statement: Linda Ford

Welcome to Members and Guests: Linda Ford

**AGENDA**

Approval of Agenda

* + Moved by Amanda Graham-Rowe
  + Seconded by Nelia DeSousa
  + Carried

Approval of October 15, 2024 Minutes

* + Moved by Sue Perlman
  + Seconded by Sheila Walker
  + Carried

No business arising from Minutes

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| **Chair** | **REPORT** |
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| **President’s Report**  Linda Ford | Linda welcomed special guests, including:   * Our panelists: Lynn Kiernan, Sandra Sharpe, and Anne Thompson   Linda suggested all our members tell a friend about BPW Brampton Caledon.  We will approve the club’s AGM minutes and annual reports at our November meeting. Information will be circulated before this meeting and posted on the club’s website for your reference. |
| **Immediate Past President**  Carol Kollar | Sent regrets |
| **Treasurer Report**  Pat Dowling | The Treasurer’s report was emailed to members before the meeting and posted on the club’s website in the Members Area.  All is clear with the CRA filings. |
| **Special Events**  Pat Dowling | The 30th Annual Euchre Fall Event was canceled due to venue issues.  Food from this event was donated to several organizations, including the Food Bank, the Fire Hall, and other appreciative recipients.  Annual Cookie and Cake Drive, a partnership with the Progress Club, is underway.  Details are available on the club’s website.  BINGO: The club is in the process of registering to participate in the Delta Bingo Hall. The application will request weekends and during the week – during daylight hours.  The club wants to hold two events a month. Everyone who wants to participate will require training. The dress code includes black shoes, black pants, and a black top. More information will follow. |
| **First Vice President /**  **International Affairs /**  **Bursary Chair**  Amanda Graham-Rowe | KIVA Micro Loans Projects**:  $129.84 available to lend**     * Sustainable Artisan Development project (Peru / providing training, market access, and higher incomes for 250+ artisans in Peru – enables Peruvian artisans to gain access to markets)   + Loan amount: US$250 - $27.77 repaid   + The first two payments were finally made.  September, October, and November payments are delinquent; however, there is an Irregular repayment schedule.  No comments or updates were received. Will continue to monitor.   + Full repayment expected by Dec 2025      * Gotitas De Esperanza 1 Group (Nicaragua / helping members buy supplies for business. Empowering women through community support and financial training) -   + Repayment on track   + Loan amount US$125 -  **100% repaid.**   + Full repayment expected by Dec 1, 2024      * Kana Group (Congo DRC / helping member to buy wholesale boards to supplement initial capital – serves entrepreneurs in conflict-affected areas with few opportunities)   + Repayment on track   + Loan amount US$125 – 82% repaid   + First scheduled repayment expected August 1st, 2024   + Full repayment expected by Dec 1, 2024 * Madina from Tajikistan (New in September 2024 – Loan amount USD$125   + Madina is an X-ray specialist in a nearby village seeking a loan for an updated X-ray machine. There is a high demand for her services, which she wants to expand with an updated machine, so radiographs will be more precise, providing better results and treatment for the community.   + Loan term: 26 months, with monthly repayments - first repayment scheduled for December 2024. |
| **Second Vice President / Personal Development**  Nelia De Sousa | * We have two virtual events coming up: One in February centered around a federal resolution and another virtual event in the spring on improving our mindsets. |
| **Membership /**  **District Director /**  **2025 BPW Ontario AGM**  Barb Hore | Membership Update   * The club has 41 members.   BPW Ontario Conference  The 2025 BPW Ontario AGM will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025, at the  Brampton Golf Club. Our club is sponsoring this event. The club is looking for sponsorship.  District Director, Golden Horseshoe, and Southwest Ontario  The Golden Horseshoe and Southwest Ontario Meeting was held on Saturday, November 16th, from noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Duke and Duchess Pub in Cambridge. Seventeen members from four clubs attended. Our speaker, Geraldine Stafford, was fantastic! It was a fun and informative event. Our next District meeting is on Saturday, October 25, 2025, in Niagara Falls. |
| **Resolutions/By-Laws Public Affairs /**  **Website /**  **Secretary**  Mina Di Domenico | **International Update**  In 2023, the BPW Brampton Caledon Club submitted a federal resolution on Women’s Access to Health Services and Health Education through Technology. Our club’s resolution was unanimously passed today at the BPW International Congress in St. Kitts & Nevis. Go Team!  **Federal**  We are hosting a free educational Canada-wide virtual event on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, on Federal Tax Fairness for Single Seniors.  Another federal resolution is underway on Bill C332, regarding Coercive Control. An upcoming communication to provide more information on this bill. |
| **Correspondence Secretary & Fellowship**  Sue Perlman | Sue shared three thank-you letters from Victim Services of Peel, Honeychurch, and Wellspring.  The letters are posted on our website in the Community Corner area. |
| **Publicity & Public Affairs / Newsletter / Dinner Convenor**  Sheila Walker | * If current members would like an updated Brampton Caledon badge, the cost is $20. * A winter newsletter is underway. |
| **yBPW**  Rianna Ramesar | Sent regrets. Rianna continues to work through her role on the BPW Canada board as Vice President, yBPW on the following:   * Leading a project on missing Indigenous women and girls – creating a petition. * BPW International: Young BPW is registering a project with BPW International. The project is an open letter addressed to the Government of India asking that they declare violence against women and girls a national crisis. |
| **Programs & Projects**  Angela McKinnon | 2024-2025 Program   * December 10: Holiday Social at Iris’s home. * January 21: Lisa Post, Mayor of Orangeville, Caledon Villa Inn * February 18: International Night with Uzma Aziz Ifran, TBD * March 18: Speaker to be confirmed. Caledon Villa Inn * April 15: Social: Paint Night, Keltic Rock Pub, $40 pp + food & drinks + tip + HST * May 20: Annual General Meeting with speaker Tina Haller, Caledon Villa Inn * June 26: Social Dinner: To be confirmed   Visit our website for details and updates. |
| **Bursary Chair**  Amanda Graham-Rowe  Angela McKinnon | A bursary has been awarded to a recipient. We hope the recipient will attend a meeting in January or February. |

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Linda Ford & Barbara Hore presented Sheila Walker with a Certificate of Recognition for 20 years of service. Congratulations Sheila!

Four new members were installed: Sandra Sharpe, Lynn Kiernan, Geraldine Aguilar, Rayissa Palmer, and Nancy Kuemper.

Announcement: On December 5th, the club members are invited to attend Kim McDermott’s Wellspring event. Please see Linda for details.

Next month’s meeting is on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at Iris’ home. Our Christmas celebration will be a catered event with games. Please bring a $25 gift for the Secret Santa game. We are collecting money for the Food Bank and items for seniors.

Meeting adjournment: 6:46 PM EST