

M I N U T E S

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:00 p.m.

June 19, 1986

At Women's Resource Centre

315 Main St.

Antigonish, NS B2G 1C2

Present Were: (28)

Helen Sinnett

Marina Parsons

Sr. Mary MacLeod

Lucile Sanderson

Janet Smith

Oona Landry

Diane MacKinnon

Mary Foshay

Avon Burkholder

Janey Humphreys

Janice Landry

Donna Woolaver

Grace MacKinnon

Delores Burton

Janet Tremblay

Judy Whitty

Star Levatte-O'Neill

Lorraine Reddick

Beth Parker

Elizabeth Ormond

Margje Barter

Vicki Golling MacLean

Lucy Falconer

Joan Corsten

Sachi Shimotakahari

St. Michele MacMaster

Melanie Smith (from Bangladesh)

Angela Miles

Avon Burkholder, Co-chair, welcomed those present.

Diane MacKinnon, Co-chair, read the minutes of last year's Annual General Meeting. Janice Landry moved the minutes be accepted, Diane seconded, all approved.

The President's Report was read by Avon. Avon moved the Report be accepted, Vicki Golling seconded, all approved.

Helen Sinnett, Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report (attached). Joan Corsten moved it be accepted, Diane seconded, all approved.

Joan Corsten, in charge of Membership Report since the beginning of the Antigonish Women's Association there have been 190 members. Of that 190, 22 have left the Antigonish area. Up to May, 1985 there were 84 renewals and up to May, 1986, 69 renewals.

(There was a brief pause in the meeting for each person to introduce the person to their left and say something about that person.)

Joan moved the Membership Report be accepted, Helen seconded, all approved.

The Management Committee of Avon, Diane and Janet Tremblay went over a paper that evolved from a meeting with the staff of the Women's Resource Centre (Star Levatte-O'Neill and Vicki Golling). The paper dealt with staff/management relations and guidelines for staff of Centre. The paper was discussed and tabled for study.

Star Levatte-O'Neill presented an excellent comprehensive report of the functions and activities of the Women's Report since her tenure last August. (attached) The report was read and points discussed were:

- Not too many volunteers were used in the Centre and an effort should be put forth to use more in the coming year.

- Films were not well attended. Perhaps next only films shown would be those specifically requested.
- Bibliography is needed for library.
- There was a lengthy discussion of the meetings dealing with Social Service Department in Antigonish.

Janet moved the Co-ordinator's Report be accepted, Grace MacKinnon seconded, all approved.

The Nominating Committee, Diane and Avon, gave their report.

At present the Board consists of:

Avon Burkholder
Diane MacKinnon
Peggy MacNeill
Janice Landry
Grace MacKinnon
Madeline MacGowan
Joan Corsten
Helen Sinnett
Janet Tremblay
Ricky Stuart
Star Levatte-O'Neill

Resigning are:

Avon Burkholder
Diane MacKinnon
Peggy MacNeill
Janice Landry
Grace MacKinnon
Madeline McGowan

Nominated for the Board were:

Margje Barter

Delores Burton

Mary Foshay

Dorothy Gilson

Carol Kell

Sr. Mary MacLeod

Angela Miles

Sachi Shimotakahari

PLUS:

Grace MacKinnon and Madeline McGowan to stay on as Honorary Board Members.

All nominees agreed to be on the Board.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Diane moved the Report be accepted, Janet seconded, all unanimously approved.

The new Board will consist of the following members:

1 - Joan Corsten

9 - Carol Kell

2 - Helen Sinnett

10 - Sr. Mary MacLeod

3 - Janet Tremblay

11 - Angela Miles

4 - Ricky Stuart

12 - Sachi Shimotakahari

5 - Margje Barter

HONORARY MEMBERS

6 - Delores Burton

13 - Grace MacKinnon

7 - Mary Foshay

14 - Madeline McGowan

8 - Dorothy Gilson

RESOURCE CENTRE STAFF

15 - Star Levatte-O'Neill

Items discussed under Other Business were:

- 1 - Angela Miles brought up the difficulty of members of Antigonish Women's Associations to become involved in the Association, other than just coming to events, if they were not on the Board. She discussed the beginnings of a group (or collective) of Antigonish Women's Assoc. women. There has already been one meeting at Angela's where the decision on her tenure at St. F. X.'s and the Antigonish Women's Assoc. was discussed with the inclusion of a pot-luck supper. The Group is looking to meet on a regular basis just to keep in touch and to dialogue on social and political issues concerning women.

Donna Woolaver said she would have the next get together at her cottage at the beach. The third Sunday in July, 11:00 a.m., if it rained that day (the 20th) it would be postponed until the next Sunday (the 27th). At that meeting the video of Sonja Johnson (Feminist who ran U.S. Presidential race) might be shown.

- 2 - Angela also mentioned a women's conference she had just attended, where she learned that many interesting women are passing through Antigonish on their holidays. A notice might be put in Women's Journal so that the Antigonish Women's Assoc. might make some connections with some of these women.
- 3 - There will be an open house at the Centre to mark its closing for the summer. Friday, June 20th, 10:00 till 2:00 p.m.. Star will be home and available this summer, to anyone requiring assistance. There will be a sign on the door with her phone number.

4 - Lucile Sanderson discussed the issue of John Crosby having difficulty with his new Pornography Legislation. She suggested we write a statement to support his stand on pornography. There was some question of supporting this stand on pornography. Lucile emphasized that it was not against erotica but violence, degradation and suffering in pornography and there was a clear distinction between pornography and suffering.

5 - Beth Parker was given a silver cup by the Antigonish Women's Assoc. for her involvement in the Peace Movement and the acceptance of her hand sewn panel as one of twelve months (March) in a Peace Calendar. There had been 15 miles of panels sewn by women and strung together as a ribbon and wound around Washington, D.C. Beth's panel will go the Peace Museum in Chicago.

Lucile Sanderson moved the meeting be adjourned, Diane seconded, all approved.

Refreshments were served.

The door prize was won by Lucy Falconer.