



CENTURY HOUSE ASSOCIATION
Chairpersons Open Meeting
May 2019



DATE: Wednesday, May 1, 2019
TIME: 10:00 am
LOCATION: Oak Room
ATTENDANCE: 20 CH Members / 5 Executive / 3 Staff

1. General Welcome – Carole Wylie

- Motion to accept April minutes was made by Jeanine Hyndman and seconded by Claudette Campbell.

2. Treasurers Report – Carole Wylie

- The financial report for April will be posted on the bulletin board on Friday, May 3. A motion to accept was made by Anne Ladouceur and seconded by Barb.
- A motion to accept a request made by Liz Twaites for CHA to cover expenses up to \$5,000 for the annual volunteer appreciation lunch on May 9 was made by Elizabeth Philip and seconded by Anne Ladouceur.

3. Executive Committee Update

1. Duties of a Chairperson – Carole
 - A full description of activity group chairpersons' responsibilities will be in the updated Policies & Procedures manual.
 - If there any questions, please contact your executive liaison.
2. Updates – Carole
 - Policies & Procedures Review: Carole and Robyn are in process of updating these with CHA executive and appropriate city staff/consultants, with hope to get it rolling by September.
 - We are working on an outline of the CHA and City partnership.
 - We are in process of changing Executive and Chairpersons meeting dates and will update at the next Chairpersons meeting, with a recommendation to start in September.
3. Thrift Sale – Anne & Liz for Frances
 - Liz thanked Anne for her help with organizing the sale: 143 volunteers & 852 buyers – a great success.
 - Anne noted that there will be a volunteer survey with a suggested box set up, especially to define volunteer job descriptions and charities. She also gave a big thanks to all volunteers, shoppers and donors.
4. CH Closing Today @ 3:00 for the Youth Awards – Robyn McGuinness
 - Kevin & Robyn are hosting a celebration with Mayor Cote, Acting Chief Constable Dave Jansen and parents for 150 youth.

4. **Guest Speaker – Chinu Das, New Westminster City Council**

- I have lived in New Westminster for more than 29 years with my husband and three wonderful children. I have volunteered extensively during this time as a parent and community member. I am currently on the Community and Social Issues, Seniors Advisory and Welcoming and Inclusive New Westminster committees. I have a Ph.D. in urban planning with a focus on social issues. I worked at New Westminster School District and United Way of the Lower Mainland. I love this city and I will continue to do what I can to make it livable, vibrant and inclusive.
- Housing is the topmost issue in New Westminster. This city needs a wide range of housing options and affordability levels. It is a complex issue and needs collaboration with other levels of government. Increasing traffic in the main arterial roads are also identified by residents.
- Social connectedness is also an issue. There are residents in the city who do not feel connected to their neighborhoods and the city due to barriers of age, mobility, language and culture.
- Good things have happened too. Downtown New Westminster has been revitalized and is now a vibrant area with many fun events and new stores. But, although the downtown area is vastly improved, there are many areas and buildings that are run down and need attention. Parking is also an issue in the downtown area.

BREAK w/ Coffee & Cake

ACTIVITY GROUP REPORTS

BADMINTON – Paul Ma

Met 7 times in April; attendance – 94

- 2019 Activity Committee: Chairperson – Paul Ma, Treasurer – Tad Kokaji, Member-at-Large – Gerald Sato
- Total 2019 membership - 28

BID EUCHRE – Ralph Flett/Lois Reid

Met 5 times in April; attendance – 68

- We had an average of 4 tables, with 2 new members joining this month.
- Had lots of laughs and fun, as usual.
- We have Bid Euchre lessons on Thursday @ 1:00 pm in the CH dining room.

BINGO – Ken Cheng

Met 2 times in April; attendance – 95

BOOK CLUB – Jacquie MacConnchie

- Met 1 time in April; attendance – 18
- ***The Kite Runner*** by Khaled Hosseini – a good book enjoyed by every member.

BURSARY – Wenke Hogg

Met 1 times in April; attendance – 6

- We have interview and selected 5 students to receive our bursaries of \$650 each. These will be awarded at NWSS on June 6.
- We had a great pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 27, with an attendance of 50, 50 of whom were students.
- We are looking forward to our fundraiser *Music of the Night* on Friday, May 3.

CARPET BOWLING – Jeannine Hyndman

Met 6 times in April; attendance – 74

- Not sure what is happening, but we are getting new players, with more to come. With the 2 new bowlers, we now have 25 players. Fortunately, we all don't play on both days. We only have 2 carpets; therefore, we will not be able to accept any more players.

CH ARTISTS – Mariette Leppert

Drop in 3 in April; attendance - 41

- We purchased new business cards and artists supplies. We have to approach the library, now that is renovated, to see if they will display CH art.

CENTURY HOUSE SINGERS – Shirley Bakker

Met 4 times in April; attendance – 119

- We have been practicing 4 pieces for the Drama Club's even on May 24 & 25. We have a bit of a challenge, as our piano player will be away, therefore we will be singing without accompaniment. We have been practicing without the piano so, hopefully, we will perform with worthy.

COURT WHIST – Earl Christensen

Met 5 times in April; attendance - 56

CRIBBAGE – Lorrie Quick

Met 6 times in February; attendance - 83

DIY FRANCOIS CONVERSATION– Marlene Mydske

Met 4 times in April; attendance – 47

DRAGON BOAT – Bev Beckert

Met 8 times in April; attendance – 144

- April 27 – Inlet Regatta (Port Moody) – Bronze Medal (3rd place finish)
- Next regatta: False Creek – May 25

DRAMA – Claudette Campbell

Met 4 times in March; attendance – 38

ENGLISH CONVERSATION – Anne Ladouceur

- Total number of volunteers: 15
- Total number of volunteer hours: 81hr
- Total number of participants: 92 pax total
Total number of participant hours: 458.5 student hour
- Total applications: 10 received
- Total interviews: 0

FITNESS & FUN – Barb Merrett - April Attendance:

Fitness Class: 732 / Exercise Room: 83 / Yoga: 330 – Total Attendance – 1,104

- Strawberry Tea – June 13
- Fitness & Fun Notice Board: Move of the Month – The Bridge
- Fitness Handout: Expanded Version with 2 options
- Profile: Mary Kazuta

HAPPY HOUR – Wenke Hogg

Met 1 time in April; attendance – 3 volunteers

- We served at the Black & White Dinner.
- 2019 election: Elizabeth Philip – Chairperson / Wenke Hogg – Vice Chairperson

KEEP IN TOUCH – Annette Oakes/Mary Hernandez - April

Condolences for 4

Dorothy Bickerstaff
(Frances' mom)
Sister of Shirley Park

Margaret Decario (Liz's
mom)
Riet Roein (John's mom)

Get Well for 6

Rita Elieter

Jan Potter
Omar Mohammed
Jody Wood
Annette Oakes
Marie Pham

LEARNING GARDEN – Shirley Model

- 16 members were present at our May 18th meeting. We celebrated Mary's 80th birthday.
- On the 24th, we had a big gardening morning with 8 of us spending different amounts of time transplanting in the sunshine, lettuce and putting in kohlrabi, carrot, lettuce, beet, kale and chard seeds. Two days later, I went to check everything and disaster had struck! Shelly checked on the camera and a big racoon had made huge holes in a lot of the beds, no doubt digging for our rich supply of worms. I repaired what damage I could. We shall have to wait and see what we need to replant. I decided to cover everything I could with wire. Roy Coffin, Betty's husband, happened to come by and offered to help. He was a lifesaver as many of the other gardeners were not available.
- I phoned Joan and, like Molly, she agreed with me that we should buy cayenne pepper to use after the rain, as a further deterrent. I have purchased 2 large bags from Galloways. Since then, Betty added more sticks and Mary brought us more, which Karen placed in the regular peas patch. Hopefully, we have beaten the beast at his game, as it is very disheartening to have your work destroyed overnight.

LOW VISION – Barb Gordon

Met 1 time in April; attendance – 15 members + 1 spouse + 1 caregiver

- Our past chairperson, Helen Hughan, brought some of the aids she uses for daily living and talked about how to identify money when you have no vision. She also gave tips on resources and general coping.
- We are making preparations for some members to attend the Blind Beginning gala.
- Other ideas were shared by members.

MAHJONG – Luna Acedillo

Met 3 times in April; attendance – 43

- Our group purchased new table mats. They are easy to maintain and quiet to play on.
- Two more players have joined.
- We lost a player to cancer in March.

MEMORY CORNER – Pat Dunnnett for Bev Martin

- We met on April 27 for our Annual Meeting. Bev Martin is re-elected as the Chairperson, Patricia Smith as Secretary, plus 4 members at large.
- Our current display relates to gardens and gardening. We will continue this on May 24, with a display of birds and flowers.
- We encourage your input with suggestions and ideas for the Memory Corner. We appreciate your donations.

PICKLEBALL – Patti Jackson

Met 8 times in March; attendance – 144

- Election: Chair – Patti Jackson / Vice-Chair – Brian Brokenshire / Treasurer – Betty Furey
- The program continues to be as vibrant as ever, with a record breaking 48 members. We are still inviting and accepting CH visitors to learn and play.

QUILTING – Laura Anstruther

Met 8 times in March; attendance – 57

- We continue to work on different quilting projects. We are currently working on a joint project for the Christmas raffle.

SCRABBLE – Ingrid Hedin

Met 2 times in March; attendance – 17

SENIOR PEER COUNSELLING – Clare Andersen

Met 3 times in March; attendance – 13; Volunteer Hours - 39

- In April, the Volunteer Visitors finished their training. There has been a lot of interest from the media about the program, so we hope it will be successful.
- We are currently planning the graduation of 10 new SPCs and 7 VVs on our last day before breaking for summer (June 26).
- Vital connection is only on Thursdays.

SQUARE DANCE – Jim Brown, VP

Met 4 times in April; attendance – 85

TABLE TENNIS – Bob Costello

Met 9 times in March; attendance – 318

UKULELE – Shirley Miller

Met 4 times in April; attendance – 90

- June 4 (Tuesday) – Lo-Vision: Century House Ukulele Musicians and Singers (CHUMS) will entertain at their annual Strawberry Tea.
- Performance group dilemma: where and when to meet for a practice? There is lack of room at Century House during the week.
- We do thank and appreciate the use of the Oak Room every Thursday morning for our Ukulele Activity Group, which focuses on jamming. We also thank CH for providing the opportunity for our members to take lesson at CH on Saturdays.

WALKING GROUP – Cecile Wood

Met 4 times in March; attendance – 62

- April 1 13 people Arbutus Corridor
- April 8 17 people Deer Lake
- April 15 14 people Central Park
- April 22 18 people Middle Arm Fraser River, Richmond

WEDNESDAY CRAFTS – Gwen Dumfries

Met 4 times in March; attendance – 54

WHIST – Earl Christensen

Met 4 times in March; attendance – 61

5. Staff Reports

- Robyn reminded everyone about the upcoming National Indigenous Peoples Day at Moody Park on June 21. <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/national-indigenous-peoples-day-celebration-2019-tickets-62289303985>
- CH HVAC (air conditioning) is in process – work is in process and being done after business hours. Activity Groups will be kept up-to-date.
- The CHA website is progressing well and Tim looks forward to receiving updates from CH members.
- Kevin reminded everyone of the Music of the Night on May 3, Trivia on May 29 and Memories Matter: Our Travels through Sport on May 31.

Inspirational Quote: Sandra Keayes



Positivity, confidence, and persistence are key in life, so never give up on yourself. Khalid

SAVE THESE DATES

(Get full description of these events and many more in the monthly Clarion)

- ♥ **Batter Up:** Century House Moody Blues slo-pitch softball - **Tuesday & Thursday mornings @ 10:30 at Moody Park** (Look for their schedules in The Clarion)
- ♥ **Internet Safety for Seniors:** Thursday, June 6 @ 1:00-3:00 pm
- ♥ **Casino Royale (A Special Texas Hold 'em Night):** Support the Bursary Committee – **Friday, June 14 @ 7:00-10:00 pm**
- ♥ **Fabulous Fifties Dinner:** Wednesday, June 26 @ 5:00 pm happy hour/6:00 pm dinner
- ♥ **Ted Talks – Paper Beats Plastics? How to rethink Environmental Folklore:** Wednesday, June 26 @ 1:00 pm