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Montreal Council of Women

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the President of MCW for the 2017-2018 year, it is an honour to serve on this board. I am very fortunate to be part of a group of dedicated women who all help make the agenda of MCW run smoothly.

Aside from my duties of planning and chairing the monthly MCW board meetings, I attended NCWC's AGM which was held in Ottawa, Ontario from June 9 to 12, 2017. Throughout the year, I attended other functions supported by Federated groups, including Zonta and UCWM. In the case of UCWM, I attended four separate events: their 90th Anniversary, held in November, *Les Olympes de la Parole* an academic competition open to secondary school girls, held in September and the awards ceremony in April and during Black History Month, Law Prof. Adele Blackett's talk on, "Everyday Transgressions." Regarding Zonta, I attended their Annual International Women's Day Luncheon,

I also met with workers from Ami Quebec and others to help find speakers for our monthly meetings, with the theme this year "mental health." I also took over Bulletin duties on a temporary basis and assisted on other committees where needed, most recently the WOTY. I also and sought out and met with potential board and MCW members.

All- in- all taking in certain drawbacks, I think that we all did rather well. Everyone pulled together and did their part. I would like to thank all the members of the Board and also all the Federate and individual members who worked hard together all year to produce interesting and enjoyable meetings and events.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Gyles
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

As Treasurer of Montreal Council of Women for the 2017-2018 year, I have performed all of my duties as required. I have collected all monies due and paid all approved bills. I have kept a record of all entries and prepared a Financial Report, a Balance Sheet and an Operating Statement for the period. Also a Budget for the 2018-2019 year. Sheila Allan has reviewed the books for the 2016-2017 year.

The bank balance at April 30, 2018 is \$15966.33. We have two GICS. MCW has a GIC in the amount of \$5060.25 and WOTY \$2024.11. The Welcoming Committee is responsible for the float of \$50.00.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia Laven Nichols
Treasurer

EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As Executive Vice-President I have assisted the President whenever possible, and by covering various other board duties when able and required. I was responsible for starting and maintaining the Facebook page and also for programming, which meant securing speakers for each meeting.

Due to some personal emergency circumstances, I had to curtail some of my activities however, since that time, I have resolved the situation and am back on track. I thank D. Chartier and the President for their help and guidance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pallett
Executive Vice President

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

The National Council of Women 2018 resolutions, 6 resolutions and 4 updates, were forwarded in January 2018, to the MCW membership by email and by post. The Resolved clauses were published in the February Bulletin.

The Resolutions were discussed at a round table meeting held March 1 2018, ably chaired by Penny Rankin, and the results emailed to Mary Potter, NCWC Resolutions Convenor. The Resolutions will be debated at the NCWC AGM to be held in Niagara June 7-10, MCW representatives participating in the discussion and voting.

Resolutions form the cornerstone of NCWC's advocacy and policy development. They are concrete tools by which we can effect positive change by encouraging and/or influencing both the federal and provincial governments own policy development and implementation.

While the MCW has not submitted any resolutions in recent years, it is the committee's intention in 2018/2019 to address this by both introducing and inviting new proposals for consideration. We also encourage members to review and revisit past NCWC resolutions and policy statements.

Respectively submitted,

Marjorie Windeler
Resolutions Chair

ARCHIVES REPORT

A major reorganization of the Archives was done during the 2017-2018 session. A preliminary sorting and discarding of duplicate documents was carried out and remaining 10 boxes of archives were moved to the locker space at 2700 Rufus Rockhead.

After contacting BANQ, all documents were organized and arranged in chronological order as per requirements of the BANQ. A listing was made and will be combined to create a finding aid as directed. When listing is complete, BANQ will be contacted and arrangements made to ship boxes to them.

The cooperation of the Board in the blitz to sort, list and organize is noted.

Respectfully submitted
Marilyn Berger

PROGRAM REPORT – 2017-2018

Six meetings were organized by the Program Committee during the 2017-2018 season as follows:

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 - DOREEN CHARTIER

A member of MCW board, Doreen Chartier has worked with the Children's Wish Foundation of Canada for 25 years and spoke about the organization and the work that they do

OCTOBER 5, 2017 - VIVEKA MELKI

Viveka Melki is the curator of War Flowers, a touring art exhibit that tells the story of ten Canadians involved in the First World War. It is a heart-warming story from the past that Viveka brought to life. There was a live bagpiper on hand.

NOVEMBER 2, 2017 – KIM FRASER

Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation

Kim Fraser is vice-president of communications, marketing and stewardship for the Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation and manages a small department of five. She was an award-winning journalist, editorialist and on-air public affairs talk show host.

FEBRUARY 1, 2018 – LYNN HARRIS

Lynn Harris, B.Ed., M.Ed., is a Family Peer Support Worker at the Jewish General Hospital's Psychiatric departments. She spoke about, "Family Peer Support and how AMI-Quebec reaches out from within the hospital to support Caregivers."

MARCH 1, 2018 - JASON FINUCAN

Jason Finucan is a professional business speaker, consultant and expert on the stigma surrounding mental illness. He developed his innovative, 3-tier **stigmaZERO Workplace Program** in order to help clients reduce the cost of workplace mental illness and improve productivity.

APRIL 5, 2018 JILLIAN RITCHIE

Jillian Ritchie is a former Community Outreach Coordinator for Ami-Quebec and more recently, she is the Manager of Networks and Community Health Services for CCS Montreal. An advocate and warrior in reducing stigma, while promoting education and awareness around mental illness.

MAY 17, 2018 - DOLLY DASTOOR Ph. D

Dolly Dastoor is a research clinical psychologist specializing in the assessment of dementias and most recently was Clinical Administrative Chief at the Program in Dementia with Psychiatric Comorbidity at the Douglas Mental Health University Institute in Montreal and Assistant Professor in Psychiatry, McGill University. She spoke about Aging and Seniors.

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 – DIRECTORY, WEBSITE & CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Directory

A Directory was prepared using information provided by the Membership Secretary. One hundred copies were printed for distribution to individual and Federate members. The colour of the cover for the 2017-2018 year was pale blue.

Copies of the updated bookmark flyer (360) were also printed and used by Council for marketing purposes in addition to distribution to members.

Website

The website was updated in August 2017 with the names of the new Board members. The programme was unavailable at the beginning of the year and was updated throughout the year on an ad hoc basis.

Constitution & By-laws

A motion regarding a change in membership dues was distributed to all members in March and will be voted upon at the AGM in May 2018.

Motion:

Moved that the annual dues for federate membership be changed to a single amount of \$50.00 regardless of the number of members in the federate, effective retroactively for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Rationale: The possibility for two levels of dues for federate membership has resulted in confusing and often erroneous payments. Having a single dues amount will remove the possibility of error. Federates who send in their payment postmarked by May 17, 2018 (AGM 2018) will be exempt from the new dues schedule for the 2018-2019 year only.

Respectfully submitted,

Chitra Chopra
Resolutions Chair

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – 2017-2018

We have an Honourary President, three Honourary Vice-Presidents and three Honourary Councilors.

Thirty-two Federates renewed their membership for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. This included the return of two Federates; i.e. BPW Montréal and the Women's Canadian Club of Montreal. One Federate did not return as they have disbanded. There are three life members, three patrons and 43 individual members, which includes two new members.

During the month of July 2017, members of the Membership Committee made telephone calls to those members who had not, as yet, renewed their membership.

After an absence of six years, the members' Directory was published in October. The Membership Committee met in February to compose a letter of invitation to be sent out to potential members. While a letter was to have been composed to Federates who had not renewed their membership for 2017-2018, it was decided to put together a survey to see what direction our members wanted us to take. This was sent in mid-April and we have begun to receive answers.

An e-mail with renewal form was sent to all members and a letter to the snail mail group. While the increase in membership was slight, hopefully the following year will see better growth.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Macklin
Membership Secretary

SENIORS REPORT

For good reasons, we who are seniors have ever better situations, even in the context of on-going problems and their history. At the Cummings Centre for Seniors, the Social Action Committee meets five or six times a year. Last year, they planned presentations, full and half-day to cover topics such as elder abuse, end-of-life decisions and related ideas. The committee will continue to meet, and may enlarge their format.

I contacted Janet Torge who is involved in "Radical Rest homes. She would gladly do her presentation for one of our afternoons.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Shuster

NOMINATIONS 2018-2019

As chair of the committee, I am pleased to present the following slate of Directors and Officers for the year 2018 – 2019. The slate was approved by the Board of Directors on April 6, 2018 and will be voted on at the Annual General Meeting on May 17, 2018. Many thanks to the efforts of the 2018 Nominations' committee: Chitra Chopra, Mary Lennon, Doreen Chartier, Ingrid Berzins.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie Destounis
Chair, Nominations Committee

NOMINATION COMMITTEE'S PROPOSED SLATE FOR 2018-2019

Past President – Chitra Chopra
Interim President - Shirley Gyles
Executive Vice President - Mary Pallett
Secretary –Dolly Dastoor
Treasurer - Pat Nichols
VP Public Relations –Marilyn Berger
VP Membership–Joan Macklin
VP Gov. Affairs – Chitra Chopra
VP Programs –Doreen Chartier
Arts and Heritage- Mary Lennon
Education –Ann Shuster
Health and Family - Ingrid Berzins
Environnent – **vacant**
Seniors –Miranda Potts
Councillors: Druse Bryan, Bonnie Destounis
Archives – Marilyn Berger
Bulletin – Penny Rankin
Constitution and by-laws – Chitra Chopra
Correspondence Secretary -Druse Bryan
Directory - Chitra Chopra
Resolutions – Marjorie Windeler, Penny Rankin
Webmaster: Chitra Chopra

Appointed Members

Hostess - Frances Gregory
Welcoming Comm. - Board members in turns
WOTY and Special Events - to be selected in September
Nominations Committee – to be appointed in October

WOMAN OF THE YEAR 2018

The Woman of the Year Luncheon attended by 200 people was held on Sunday, April 29, 2018 at Le Mount Stephen.

As our theme for the year was mental health, Margaret Trudeau was selected as the recipient of our Woman of the Year award. Margaret Trudeau who herself struggles with bi-polar disorder continues to work tirelessly towards the elimination of stigmatization which surrounds all mental disorders.

The award, an original sculpture that portrays an "Indigenous Mother in Contemplations" and sculpted by past president, Bonnie Destounis was presented by our President, Shirley Gyles.

We are pleased to report that the event made a profit of more than \$2,000.00.

Our thanks to our sponsors, donors and to the Hotel who, through their generosity made this event possible.

I would also like to thank the members of my committee, Shirley Gyles, Chitra Chopra, Pat Nichols, Dolly Dastoor, Bonnie Destounis and Penny Rankin, whose dedication ascertained the success of the event.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Macklin

FINANCIAL REPORT MAY 01, 2017 TO APRIL 30, 2018

	ACTUAL TO DATE 2017-2018	BUDGET 2017-2018	VARIANCE 2017-2018
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Membership (Ind 1575 + Feds 1285 + Patrons 180)	3040.00	3075.00	-35.00
Lunches (May,Sept,Oct,Nov,Feb, Mar & Apr 1801 + Donations 735)	2536.00	2102.00	434.00
120th Anniversary (Book Sales)	40.00	360.00	-320.00
Cashed GIC	0.00	2000.00	-2000.00
Silent Auction (N.C.W.C.D.O.)	317.00	0.00	317.00
	5933.00	7537.00	-1604.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Office-hall Locker (May to Apr)	300.00	300.00	0.00
Office-hall Rent (May, Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb, Mar & Apr)	840.00	840.00	0.00
Archives (Room Rental 120 + Lunch 76.40)	196.40	220.00	23.60
MCW AGM (Annual Report)	0.00	75.00	75.00
NCWC AGM(Reg 400 + Hotel 592.64 + Trans 120.88)	1113.52	1090.00	-23.52
Annual Fees to National	456.00	422.00	-34.00
NCWCDO Donation (Silent Auction)	317.00	0.00	-317.00
NCWCDO Donation	125.00	125.00	0.00
PCWQ Fees	20.00	40.00	20.00
Financial Review	100.00	100.00	0.00
Board Expense (Flowers 68.93+Cash Book & Stamps 41.97+Resolutions70.33)	181.23	200.00	18.77
Bulletin (Copies 120.67 + Mail 135.88 + Envelopes 19.80)	276.35	400.00	123.65
Directories (Printing 149.47 + Postage 51.05 + Flyers 51.74)	252.26	250.00	-2.26
Procedures Manual	0.00	200.00	200.00
Lunches (Supplies 42.69+Tickets 11.49+Food 882.57+Wine101.52)	1038.27	2000.00	961.73
Membership (Postage)	9.77	75.00	65.23
Misc. Expense	0.00	100.00	100.00
Post Office Box	186.26	200.00	13.74
Public Liability Insurance	365.15	350.00	-15.15
Filing Fee	34.00	35.00	1.00
Bank Charges (Deposit Book 24.26 + Chqs 74.88 + Items Deposit Fee 11.88)	111.02	115.00	3.98
Web Site (Go Daddy 173.04 +Texpertek 258.70)	431.74	400.00	-31.74
TOTAL EXPENSES	6353.97	7537.00	1183.03
NET	-420.97	0.00	-420.97
FLOAT	-50.00		
B/Fwd @ April 30, 2017	1432.50		
MCW TOTAL TO DATE	961.53		
WOTY (See Attached for Details)	2523.76		
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	3485.29		
<u>GIC INVESTMENTS</u>			
MCW/CFM matures May 02, 2018	5060.25		
WOTY matures May 02, 2018	2024.11		
Total GICs (Rate .5000%)	7084.36		
Patricia Laven Nichols			
MCW/CFM Treasurer			

PROPOSED BUDGET MAY 01, 2018 TO APRIL 30, 2019

	BUDGET	ACTUAL TO DATE	BUDGET
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	2018- 2019	2017-2018 2018	2017-2018
Membership (Ind 1750 + Feds 1650 + Patrons 180)	3580.00	3040.00	3075.00
Lunches (May, Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb, Mar & Apr 2100.00) + Donations 200.00)	2300.00	2536.00	2102.00
120th Anniversary (Book Sales)	160.00	40.00	360.00
Cashed GIC	1000.00	0.00	2000.00
Silent Auction (N.C.W.C.D.O.)	0.00	317.00	0.00
	7040.00	5933.00	7537.00
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Office-hall Locker (May to Apr)	300.00	300.00	300.00
Office-hall Rent (May, Sept, Oct, Nov, Feb, Mar & Apr)	840.00	840.00	840.00
Archives	100.00	196.40	220.00
MCW AGM (Annual Report)	75.00	0.00	75.00
NCWC AGM(Reg 335.00 + 2 Meals 50.00 + Hotel 500.00 + Trans 500.)	1385.00	1113.52	1090.00
Annual Fees to National	511.00	456.00	422.00
NCWCDO Donation (Silent Auction)	0.00	317.00	0.00
NCWCDO Donation	125.00	125.00	125.00
PCWQ Fees	40.00	20.00	40.00
Financial Review	100.00	100.00	100.00
Board Expense	200.00	181.23	200.00
Bulletin (Copies 130.00 + Mail 150.00 + Envelopes 20.00)	300.00	276.35	400.00
Directories (200.00 + Programme 100.00 + Name Tags 100.00)	400.00	252.26	250.00
Procedures Manual	200.00	0.00	200.00
Lunches (Supplies 50.00 Food 1200.00)	1250.00	1038.27	2000.00
Membership	75.00	9.77	75.00
Misc. Expense	100.00	0.00	100.00
Post Office Box	200.00	186.26	200.00
Public Liability Insurance	400.00	365.15	350.00
Filing Fee	35.00	34.00	35.00
Bank Charges (Deposit Book 30.00 + S/C 24.00)	54.00	111.02	115.00
Web Site (Go Daddy 50.00 +Texpertek 300.00)	350.00	431.74	400.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7040.00	6353.97	7537.00
NET	0.00	-420.97	0.00
FLOAT		-50.00	
B/Fwd @ April 30, 2017		1432.50	
MCW TOTAL TO DATE		961.53	
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Total GICs (Rate .5000%)		7084.36	

Patricia Laven Nichols
MCW/CFM Treasurer

BALANCE SHEET APRIL 30, 2018

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>
MCW/CFM	961.53	1382.50	MCW/CFM
WOTY	2523.76	140.48	WOTY
MCW GIC	5060.25	5042.20	MCW GIC
WOTY GIC	2024.11	2016.89	WOTY GIC
Total Assets	10569.65	8582.07	Total Assets
Less Liabilities	0.00	0.00	Less Liabilities
Total Assets less Liabilities	10569.65	8582.07	Total Assets less Liabilities

<u>GIC INVESTMENTS</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>RATE</u>
MCW GIC Matures May 02,2018	5060.25	0.5000%
WOTY GIC Matures May 02,2018	2024.11	0.5000%
Total GICs	7084.36	

Patricia Laven Nichols
MCW/CFM Treasurer