

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH WI ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21 November 2018

1. **Welcome and apologies:** The President welcomed all to the meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING

2. **Voting Procedure:** After welcoming and introducing Ann Walshaw, who would act as Teller at this AGM, the President announced the procedure for electing members to the Committee.
3. **Minutes of last meeting:** The President explained that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17 October 2018 were on display on the new noticeboard for Members to read. These were agreed as a true record and signed by the President.

4. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.

5. President's Business Reports

- 5.1 **The Burrows Trophy** was presented to Vonnie and Marilyn for their winning entry at the County show.
- 5.2 **Group Meeting:** The whodunit had been very successful and enjoyed by all.
- 5.3 **Council Meeting:** The Vice President gave a report on the Council Meeting she had attended on behalf of C&L WI on 23 October 2018.
- 5.4 **Federation Quiz:** 3 teams had participated; two of which can 3rd and 4th of 64 entrants.
- 5.5 **Addington Fund Catering:** Thanks were extended to Geraldine Wilson who had undertaken this, assisted by Caroline Holmes and Denise Parks. A profit of £174.84 had been realised; half of which would be submitted to the Denman Appeal; the remaining half would fund the proposed craft day to be held in May 2019. Thanks from Olive Clarke had been received.F

Future Events

- 5.6 **The Christmas Fair** would be held on 1 December. A rota for staffing the WI stall was available for members to sign up. A request for cakes and preserves was made.
- 5.7 Members were asked to drop any bric-a-brac for the **Federation Coffee Morning** to be given to the President who would transport all to the Kendal Office on Friday. Denise, Caroline, Geraldine and Marilyn would be attending on the day (6/12/18).
- 5.8 The President would be reading a lesson at the **Carol Service** (7/12/18).
- 5.9 A Jacob's Join list was in circulation for the **Christmas Party** (12/12/18), which would be hosted by the new Committee.
- 5.10 A £25 donation was to be sent to the Federation in memory of Mary Rockliffe.

6. Correspondence and newsletter from Secretary:

- 6.1 **ACWW Project** – a letter of thanks had been received from Glenda Clark thanking Members for their donation to the Skills Training Project in Narowal.
- 6.2 **2019 AGM in Bournemouth** – C & L WI will be the designated Link for next year's AGM and Christine Gibson would be the delegate.
- 6.3 A letter from Ruth Rigg had been received thanking Members for the generous donations to her retirement gifts.
- 6.4 The Secretary drew Members' attention to the 2019 Resolutions shortlist in the Newsletter.

7. The **2019 Programme** was presented to Members by the Programme Secretary, who offered thanks to Barbie Handley for her assistance. An apology was offered for the lack of a craft speaker in the programme, but Jean explained that a craft day was planned for Spring. Geraldine had offered to undertake a demonstration but as the programme was already full, this would be rolled over to the 2020 programme.

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8. Treasurer's report

- Pat presented her final annual report as Treasurer, drawing attention to the various income strands which had led to a significant increase in funds from 2017. However, in C&L's 90th anniversary year, the level of expenditure had also been significant as Members enjoyed special celebratory events and at the closing of the books at the end of October, there was a healthy balance in the bank.
- A draft budget had been prepared for the first time for the year ahead which would be led by a new President and Committee. The Treasurer was forecasting a break-even position for 2019.
- The Treasurer offered thanks to Kath Edwards and Peter Sherratt for their support and assistance during the year and also to Jonathan Rashleigh, who had been a thorough and supportive auditor of the accounts.
- The Treasurer concluded her presentation by commending the report to Members. A majority vote of approval of the report was returned.

9. Appointment of independent Auditor

Members agreed that Jonathan Rashleigh, who was prepared to continue to fulfil the auditor role in 2019, should be re-appointed.

10. Secretary's Annual Report

The Secretary presented her first annual report which acknowledged the hard work of both the President and the Committee, before recapping the highlights of our 90th anniversary year. The report reflected a thriving WI, which continues to engage women in our village to share laughter, friendship and fun. As such, the Secretary was able to commend the report to the President and Members.

11. President's Address and Adoption of Secretary's annual report

The President summarised the activities Members had enjoyed throughout this last year of her Presidency, before offering thanks to the Committee for their support, to Verline for running the raffle, to Vonnie for her flower arrangements and to Jim Bowness for his technical support. A voucher for an Exchange lunch would be presented to Jim (via Pa) at the Christmas party and Christine Gibson presented Verline with a plant in acknowledgement of her contribution to the WI.

The President explained that Jane Lees, Christine Gibson and Pat Howarth's term of service to the Committee had expired and that Ann Walshaw would lead the election of the President.

The President recognised Penny Blair as Proposer for the adoption of the Secretary's report and Members seconded the proposal by a show of hands.

12. Teller – Election of Committee and ballot for President

Ann explained there was no need to vote individuals to the Committee, as 11 individuals had already agreed to sit on it, so Members then voted the Committee en bloc. The new members were Elizabeth Maidment, Denise Park, Marilyn Shuttleworth and Christine Walling.

Any member could be nominated as President with the exception of Christine Walling as she was not present at the meeting. 5 nominations were put forward; but only one person agreed to accept the role of President – this was Anne Douglas and this was on the proviso that the role could be undertaken as a job-share. Denise volunteered to be co-President. This completed the AGM.

Mary Choiseul next offered a vote of thanks to both Anne Walshaw and Jean Sherratt, before Anne Douglas entertained Members with a selection of poems she had written herself, followed by Barbie Handley who shared more humorous snippets of her family history.

The next meeting would take place on Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7.30 pm.