

NORTH YORKSHIRE WEST FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S INSTITUTES.

The minutes of the Spring Council Meeting of the **North Yorkshire West Federation of Women's Institutes** held at **The Pavilions**, on **Saturday 27th April 2013**

JERUSALEM.

WELCOME. – The Federation Chairman, Julie Clarke, gave a warm welcome to our special 30th anniversary meeting of formation of North Yorkshire West, all the members in attendance, and a special welcome to Past Federation Chairmen, Val Harrison, Joan Wilson, Ellen Dunkley, Val Fell and Sylvia Foxton and representatives from neighbouring Federations, West Yorkshire, Cumbria Cumberland, Northumberland, Cumbria Westmorland, South Yorkshire and Lancashire

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – The following apologies had been received by the Federation Secretary, Mrs Michelle Gracey and were read out as follows:-

- Carol Ambler
- Sylvia Broadwith
- Sue Riley
- Durham Federation
- Teeside Federation
- Humberside Federation
- East Yorkshire Federation
- 26 Institutes did not attend.

MINUTES OF THE LAST SPRING COUNCIL MEETING – Held at The Influence Church Richmond, on Wednesday 25th April 2012. Proposed by the Chairman, approved by Kath Hewitt Clapham WI and signed as a true record of the meeting with the agreement of all the delegates. The minutes of this meeting will be available from Alma House during office hours from the 20th May 2013 and on our website. The minutes of this meeting will be signed at the Spring Council Meeting on Thursday 27th March 2014 at Skipton Town Hall.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Cath Horner, Pat Todd, Julie Clarke, Lesley Manser, Margaret Merrall, Stephanie Fort and Anne Harrison,

PRESENTATION OF THE ACCOUNTS –

The full accounts had been circulated to delegates present. The Accounts have been prepared by Duncan Bond Community Accountant.

The Treasurer explained because of two day cancellation of the Great Yorkshire show are accounts this year have a deficit of £12258. We renewed the lease on Alma House for a further 15 years. Within the agreement we are responsible for all internal maintenance and the interior decoration, which had to be completed in 2012. The Treasurer also pointed out that it costs approx £50,000 each year to run Alma House and our income from membership

fees generates only £18894 which leaves a shortfall of approx £31106. To cover the shortfall the Federation arranges fantastic workshops, events, trips etc.

Lesley Manser, NYFWFI Treasurer proposed the adoption of the accounts; this was seconded by Val Gladman Thoraby & District WI and carried

APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCIAL EXAMINER FOR 2012 –

Lesley proposed Duncan Boud Community Accountant from CVS Community Office this was seconded by Sue Appleyard from Askwith With Weston WI and carried.

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORT 2012 AND WORK OF THE COMMITTEES

Julie asked all delegates if they had all read the annual report and were happy to agree them, this was agreed on by the members.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS – Julie Clarke

Julie raised key issues, the importance of the MCS and how National used this information when sending out important mailing to other institute or individual members. Hazel Symth, our web-mistress and Vicky Carr, the news editor was introduced by Julie to the members. Julie informed the members how important it was to attend the Pearls of Wisdom event the membership committee are holding and to learn more about the Moodle.

Members were informed that the 2012 Chairman's Challenge would be available for them to look at after lunch and not all Institutes had taken part. Julie asked if delegates could check what Institutes had submitted and send their entry to Alma House before 31st December 2013.

Julie launched the Memorial Bursary for 2013/2014 offering every institute a voucher for £20 to cover either a Federation event, workshop or assistance towards travel expenses. This is to be taken between this years Spring Council and 2014's Spring Council. Forms are included in the mailing.

She then went on to thank her team and also the membership for their support,

DENMAN – Anne Harrison stressed the importance of using Denman and explained how easy it was to travel by train to Denman and how cheap the cost of train fares if booked well in advance and that there is a free taxi service from the train and bus station to the college. She also gave a brief resume of the 2014 planned Federation Visit to Denman and that there are some spare places on this years Denman Taster overnight stay.

GREAT YORKSHIRE SHOW 2012 – Anne Harrison expressed her disappointment on the cancellation of the show after one day due to the wet conditions. The Great Yorkshire Show is our main fundraiser and Anne hoped that members would volunteer to help and entry the competitions to make this years show a great success.

GUEST SPEAKER – Dulcie Lewis speaking on Powder, Paint and the Corset.

VOTE OF THANKS – Margaret Merrall gave the vote of thanks to Dulcie Lewis.

What's On Offer with NYWFWI – Stephanie Fort started with “We’re here to inspire you” she then gave a brief outline of all forthcoming events and workshops. She then went on to give a breakdown on a events costing. She also launched the Norah Worth competitions for 2014, a bag in any medium in any size, informed members about the Christmas Card competition and NFWI photograph competition, Centenary Fruit Cake competition and Tomorrows Heirlooms craft competition that will be incorporated into a Women Inspired competition at Alma House on Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd May 2014.

This concluded the Morning Business Meeting and members were asked to collect the 2013 Federation Handbook.

Afternoon Session

Julie then welcomed everyone to the afternoon session. Hoped they had all enjoyed their lunch and noted the problems with the length of the cafeteria service. She hoped members were now looking forward to our afternoon speaker:

PRESENTATION CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

Kathleen Bird Trophy - Gargrave WI

Norah Worth Award –The winner was Mrs Mudd – Scriven WI

The Ella Pullan Award- Awarded to the WI with over 30 members which has seen the greatest increase in membership over the last year. The winner was Ripon Belles WI

Federation Rose Bowl – Awarded to the WI with less than 30 members which has seen the greatest increase in membership over the last year. The winner was Whythit WI.

WI Birthdays – Congratulations were offered to the Institutes who had celebrated a birthday.

Hawes	90 years
Grantley & Winksley	85 years
Ripon Centre	85 years
Scriven	85 years
Spofforth	85 years
Upper Nidderdale	85 years
Roecliffe	80 years
Skipton with Stirton and Thorlby	50 years
Carperby	25 years
Threshfield & Linton	25 years

Several members were celebrating 50 years or more of continuous membership this year:

Pat Walker - Glusburn & Crosshills WI

Brenda Clayton – Goldsborough WI

National Craft Certificate – Christine Harker Upper Nidderdale WI and Stephanie Fort Bolton Abbey WI

Food Safety Certificates: Members who attended the Food Safety Workshop were informed that their certificates were available for collection and Anne Harrison was presented with hers.

SPEAKER – Susan Rumfitt spoke on The Romance of Pearls

Vote Of Thanks – Cath Horner gave the vote of thanks to Susan Rumfitt

200 CLUB DRAW – This was to be drawn at the next Board of Trustees Meeting

Denman Draw:- Helen Hails – Thoraby & District WI

Elsie Charlton Bursary – For a member who has not received a bursary to go to Denman been before – Sue Appleyard – Askwith With Weston WI

Lois Parker Bursary – NFWI Bursary - Diane Hanline – Farnley Estate WI

RAFFLE – This was drawn.

CHAIRMANS CLOSING REMARKS – Julie thanked all for coming and thanked all the helpers, Roecliffe WI for stewarding, Anne Ashton for the flowers, Spa Sweethearts for organising the raffle and Stephanie Fort as Chief Steward assisted by Cynthia Kent for making the day run smoothly. She also thanked Michelle Gracey, Federation Secretary for all her help.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CHAIR – Anne Harrison thanked Julie and her team for a most enjoyable meeting and announced that Julie had been unanimously voted as next year's Federation Chairman.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 27th March 2014 at Skipton Town Hall