



Minutes for the meeting of the Board of Directors
Wednesday, January 6th, 2021 7pm
via Zoom Link
(meeting was rescheduled to January 13th, 7pm)

Board members present: Anne Barkman (AB), Caroline Breslaw (CB), Louise Carpentier (LC), Claudette Stecher Lopez (CSL), Jane Martin (JM), Ruth Allan Rigby (RAR), Mavis Young (MY) **Absent:** Jan Fergus (JF)

- I. Call to order** Meeting called to order by AB at 7pm
- II. Approval of the January 2021 Agenda** CB added under New Business A. WPL Virtual Talk. RAR motioned to approve agenda with amendment, seconded by LC.
- III. Approval of December 2020 Minutes** CB modified V. d. pound to dollar. MY made motion to approve as amended, seconded by LC. RAR approved
- IV. Presidents Update** no updates
- V. Monthly Reports**
 - A. Financial Report see report by MY.
 - B. Membership see report by LC. CB inquired about low numbers, but LC explained more renewals received since report. Feb report should show increase in membership. MY requested that website clarify that memberships prior to Dec 31 will receive tax receipt.
 - C. Website see report by AB. LC asked for printed membership form on website to be corrected to reflect the 2021 rates of \$10\$ for single \$15 for couple. Patron at \$100 remains the same. AKGB to ask programmer to make corrections.
 - D. Archives JM continues to monitor email and receive donations. JM asked for board approval of check for \$262.50 to be paid for digitization expenses, which the board approved unanimously. JM submitted a last minute grand request to city for \$7K but was unable to request board feedback due to tight turnaround deadline from city. JM will forward copy to board by next meeting.
 - E. Westmount Heritage Council see report by CB. Note official name change from Local to Westmount Heritage Council
 - F. Newsletter see report by CB. In addition, Prof. Christina Cameron & JF both wrote excellent articles for the newsletter. Because of the current difficult situation, late articles may delay the publication until the end of Feb.

- G. Oral History See report submitted by JF. CB mentioned that in addition to oral history, JF, along with Carolyn Singman has been working very hard on Goode family study and reviewing journals.

IV. New business

- A. WPL Virtual Lecture On Feb.25, Nancy Dunton & Helen Malkin will give the talk previously scheduled for the winter 2020 lecture series as part of the Westmount Public Library's virtual series. It will be co-sponsored by the WHA. RAR will say a few words of introduction. WHA non-library members may attend and WPL to send signup information to WHA. AKGB will notify members two weeks prior to event.

V. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned by AB at 7:28pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,

Claudette Stecher Lopez
WHA Secretary 2020/2021



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Westmount Historical Association

January 2021 Monthly Reports

A. Financial Reports MYoung

Deposits

Membership fees of \$80, a donation from C. Breslaw of \$600!!! and a PayPal transfer of membership fees and donations - \$789.44.

Cheques issued

Cheque #24 - \$29.97 to A. Barkman for GoDaddy

Cheque #25 - \$12.27 to M. Young for registered mailing of CRA Report

Cheque #26 - \$690.12 to C. Breslaw - reimbursement for purchase of an Air Purifier

See separate RBC monthly statement

B. Membership LCarpentier

The WHA membership figures for inclusion in the update to the WHA Board meeting of January 6, 2021 include mostly online renewals in December 2020 via PayPal and those who renewed between June 1 to December 31 2020. Figures are as follows:

4 honorary

1 complementary

6 new

13 renewals including 1 Board member & 1 Patron

96 unheard from

Figures, supplied by Anne B., do not include the printed membership forms that would have been recently received in the Canada Post mailbox. These should be accounted for in the figures for the Board update of February 2021.

C. Website Report ABarkman

The only change to the website has been to announce our membership fee reduction for 2021 and to modify the online PayPal/credit card option to reflect the change. So far nobody has reported anything further that didn't make it through the recoding and/or needs correction.

Next month if I still have at home my list of things we agreed on at an earlier meeting last year, we can renew the discussion about whether and what we would like available in a

restricted area online for Board member access only and whether to ask for an estimate for adding this information to the website.

The renewal bill for our security (SSL) certificate on GoDaddy will be due in February - \$255.99

D. WHC, Newsletter, Goode Study, Lectures CBreslaw

Westmount Heritage Council

The name has been officially changed, so I guess we abbreviate it to WHC. There has been no meeting since my last report. I was interviewed for a 'portrait sonore' of the houses of worship commissioned by the City. This involves clips on each of these religious buildings—the history, architecture, and input by different people about it. The final app will take months to edit and assemble.

Newsletter

I had asked all those writing articles for the Goode House newsletter to submit them, if possible, by mid-January. I know that the lead article cannot be done by then. Editing and proofing has to be done by Jane & myself before the copy is sent to Ted Sancton for layout. He prepares at least three printer's proofs. I imagine the newsletter will be sent out towards the end of Feb.

Goode Family Study

The three of us spent a lot of time in Dec. interacting and doing research on the Goode family with Jan Fergus and Carolyn Singman. Jan & I were using mainly the documents we have recently received, which are still stored in my home. Carolyn responded to our requests for more information by searching in Lovell's & on ancestry.com. We are trying to fill in blanks about members of the family. By the end of this pandemic, we should know a lot more about them. This can certainly lead to a lecture and to a written study.

Lecture

Nancy Dunton & Helen Malkin will be giving a virtual lecture Montreal's contemporary architecture on Feb.25, a collaboration between Westmount Public Library & the WHA. This was the talk that was postponed because of the pandemic.

E. Oral History JFergus

I will introduce and compile a short extract from Diana Martin's journals to appear by permission in the February newsletter, describing what was delivered to her home, and in what manner, when she was a child in Westmount in the late 20s and early 30s: baked goods, milk, ice, and coal. No doubt similar deliveries took place at the Goode house. I intend in my introduction to cite material from the Goode Fonds, specifically the ledger kept by Harriet Goode 1915-1929, which will supplement Diana Martin's description (e.g., examples of what monthly costs for some of these items came to in the period).