



Association historique de Westmount
Westmount Historical Association

**Minutes for the meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 4:30 pm via
Zoom Link**

Board members present: Anne Barkman (AB), Caroline Breslaw (CB), Louise Carpentier (LC), Jan Fergus (JF), Jane Martin (JM), Ruth Allan Rigby (RAR),

Absent with regrets: Claudette Stecher Lopez (CSL) and Mavis Young (MY)

I. Call to order AB called meeting to order at 4:39pm

II. Approval of the June 8th, 2021 Agenda. LC made motion to approve, CB seconded.

III. Approval of May 26th, 2021 Minutes. L C made motion to approve, CB seconded.

IV. Approval of the May 2021 AGM Minutes as modified by LC and AB.

Regarding point # 1, line 5 we suggest replacing the text "... were emailed to membership prior to the meeting" **with the following text:** "Reports were emailed prior to the meeting to members who had sent an RSVP to the invitation (dated May 1, 2021) to attend and they were given the opportunity to ask questions prior to the meeting" . This to better reflect the accurate process that took place.

IV. Presidents Update.

AB mentioned that the progress after the move from the Library to Victoria Hall was continuing slowly. No AC in Victoria Hall so no or poor air circulation in the Archives. Some materials remain in the Ante Room. Carolyn Singman works in the Archives three to four hours per day. The telephone is hooked up and the same phone number is retained. The computer is set up and should be hooked up next week. Jane will order two new 36inc shelving units for books from Brodart Estimated cost \$500. CAD

V. Monthly Reports

A. Financial Report None in MY's absence.

B. Membership No questions about report sent by LC via email on June 8th.

C. Website AB sent out a Website report. In reply to the question in the report, the wording "events@" was accepted by the Board.

D. Archives. JM has been very busy with move so no written progress report was prepared. She presented a verbal update about the Archives and possible projects to be carried out by interested members of the Board.

E. Westmount Heritage Council No report submitted.

CB mentioned that the following walking tours of possible interest to our members are to be forwarded via email: Dominion Square; Canadian Centre for Architecture & sculpture garden; McGill Campus; and, Houses of Worship Tour #2. The tours were prepared by Barbara Covington, Ruth Allan Rigby and Caroline Breslaw.

CB added that an application for a demolition permit would be submitted to the City in the near future for the demolition of the historic Hillside Armoury in Westmount.

She mentioned that the articles for the fall issue of the WHA newsletter should all be received by the end of July and that the fall 2021 issue should be a large one.

Oral History No question about JF written report.

V. Adjournment AB mentioned that the September 2021 Board meeting may be held in the new locale of the Archives in Victoria Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 by AB.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Louise Carpentier in absence of Claudette Stecher Lopez
WHA Secretary 2020/2021

Financial Report

No real financial report. Two cheques were issued:

#35. To MY, \$228.80 for P.O. Box Rental

#36. To AB, \$303.15 for Web hosting and stamps

Membership Report

Board: 8/8 all members should be in good standing

Honorary: 4

Complimentary: 2 (inc. new owners of Goode House)

Total new memberships for 2021: 22 (one new individual membership)

Total renewals for 2021 including the 8 Board members: 52

Total all memberships: 80. This figure includes 2 Patron memberships and 16 couples. "Unheard from" to May 2, 2021 incl.: 58.

Website Report

There have been no changes to the website. However, our hosting company is insisting on upgrading its clients' website mailboxes to use new, more up to date software. Since we have three mailboxes associated with our website, namely

info@
membership@
lectures@

I would like to suggest that when they change the software they also change the lectures@ mailbox name to

events@

since it is now used to distribute our newsletters and for other types of announcements to our membership. Would the board of directors approve this change or have a suggestion for a different name?

According to our hosting company, they will migrate everything (mailing lists, old messages etc.) to the new website and we will still be able to access our mailboxes through our browsers. I don't know how different it will all look or act. The mailboxes may be inaccessible for a few days during the migration.

Archives Report – oral report

Oral history

Another article on Diana Martin's memories will be prepared for the autumn newsletter on architecture. To complement that topic, the memories of her visits as a little girl to the home of the architect Jean-Omer Marchand, designed by him (with her friend Raymonde, Marchand's daughter, living on Wood Ave), and later to the Angus mansion on Drummond with Bea Angus, her friend living nearby on Belmont and who was a great granddaughter of the widow of Richard Bladworth Angus, financier and philanthropist. The child's perspective on visits to these edifices is refreshing.

LHC – oral report