



**Minutes for the meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021 7pm**  
**via Zoom Link**

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

- I. Call to order** Meeting was called to order by AB at 7:01pm.
- II. Approval of the March 2021 Agenda** AB and CB had additions to new business (A,B and C). RAR approved as amended, LC seconded.
- III. Approval of February 2021 Minutes** RAR made motion to approve, JF seconded.
- IV. Presidents Update** AB thanked RAR for organizing Nancy Dunton's architecture lecture and subsequent introduction for WPL/WHA collaborative virtual event.
- V. Monthly Reports**
  - A. Financial Report No questions regarding MY financial report and statement. MY asked if WHA could accept the St Henri Historical association newsletter in digital format. Board agreed yes, and it was decided that it should be sent to general info email for JM to distribute to board members. MY will advise St. Henri Historical Association of new procedure.
  - B. Membership No questions regarding LC membership report.
  - C. Website AB has nothing to add to report, except will work on restricted pages. CSL to assist as needed.
  - D. Archives JM was very busy this past month with Westmount Historian and answering inquires.
  - E. Westmount Heritage Council CB attended the meeting last week and stated that the sound clips about Westmount houses of worship still require attention.
  - F. Newsletter CB received very positive feedback about the Goode newsletter. CB and JM requested 75 print copies, which cost. \$234.00 plus taxes and delivery. These copies will go to institutions, members that do not have email, and as extra for archives. and to be sold at lectures.

- G. Oral History JF had nothing to report this month. CB asked about future oral history interviewees. JF stated that Helen Meredith will write up an article about her interview with Pam Price (who does not want to be recorded), hopefully by this summer. JF to follow up for Fall Historian issue.

#### **IV. New business**

- A. Proposal CB asked for board approval to pursue theme for Fall newsletter and possible lectures about Westmount homes designed by architects. Board agreed.
- B. Goode Lecture - RAR to present a lecture at McGill Community for Life Long Learning on the Goode house, titled "Extraordinary Things for an Extraordinary House". RAR will promote WHA reduced membership and newsletter.
- C. AGM AB will review bylaws regarding time constraints and if possible move to later months, otherwise need to host virtually. AB to circulate bylaws and add to agenda for next meeting.
- D. Board Development As part of AGM, WHA needs to nominate new board members, if any and review term limits for existing board members. Add to agenda for next meeting.
- E. Meeting time AB suggested that several members would like to move monthly meeting to earlier. CSL to general poll regarding upcoming times, tentatively set for Tuesday April 6 4:30 pm.

#### **V. Adjournment** Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm by AB.



Association historique de Westmount  
Westmount Historical Association

## March 2021 Monthly Reports

### A. Financial Reports MYoung

Very little to report: some memberships received and one cheque issued to Sonia D. for past archiving. RBC account statement below.

Membership in the Société historique de Saint-Henri has been renewed. They have asked if we would prefer to receive their newsletter, "Les Potins des Tanneries" on-line rather than by mail. It's an interesting small publication. Since it will save them money and make the newsletter more accessible for us, I agreed. However, we need to decide where to have it sent and who will circulate it.

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Feb 26, 2021	ATM deposit - MH950887		\$70.00	\$32,005.09
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## **B. Membership LCarpentier**

The WHA membership figures for inclusion in the update to the WHA Board meeting of March 3, 2021 include mostly online renewals in December 2020, January & February 2021 via PayPal and those who renewed between June 1 to sometimes in February 2021 using (or not) the WHA printed form & PO Box. Figures are as follows:

Board 6/8  
Honorary 4  
Complimentary 2 (incl new owners of Goode House)  
New memberships 12 (including 5 couples)  
Renewals 41 (including the 6 Board)  
"Unheard from" 70  
Total: 58 memberships

## **C. Website Report ABarkman**

There were two new posts to the Home page, one announcing the designation of the Goode House interior and garden as protected heritage property and the other briefly describing the February newsletter.

Attached is the list agreed on last year as the content of web pages whose access would be restricted to members of the Board of Directors. I eliminated the Members list from this list since it would need to be constantly updated. Look it over and we can discuss it further, if necessary, at our April meeting.

I have not yet looked for another programmer to deal with these pages since I was hoping that another means of remote access might be possible. However, the Dropbox is not feasible because the free version only allows access to 3 people and it is too expensive (\$1600+) for a larger number. I have also experimented with Google Docs but found it was not really suitable for this purpose.

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. Newsletter and LHC (WHC) CBreslaw**

### **Newsletter**

The digital issue of the Feb. 2021 newsletter was sent out by Anne to our members in the past few days. The black & white print version will be sent to members & institutions, etc. after it has been printed. This is the largest newsletter ever published by the WHA. Its articles are written by well-known professionals who gracefully accepted to take on the unpaid work. Most of the images are from the Goode Fonds. Jane & I worked very hard to put this together. Carolyn Singman was a great help in working on photos. Jan did a creative job in combining oral history with information she found in Mrs. Goode's account books. Ted Sancton rose to the challenge of doing the lay-out of this edition. I believe that this will become a reference point for research on the Goode House. Since it is basically only available through membership (reduced cost because of covid), I'm hoping it will bring in more members. I will propose a theme for our next newsletter under New Business IV A. The idea I mentioned at the previous meeting can't be carried out at this time.

### **Local/Westmount Heritage Council**

The Zoom meeting was held on Feb.24th. Some of the material produced for the "portrait sonore" audioguide to the houses of worship was reviewed. This is a project that will take time to complete. Other projects are on hold at the moment; there is a pandemic & the City is very short-staffed. At the beginning, an 'issue' was raised, which I will talk about 'off the record' at the end of this meeting.