



Association historique de Westmount
Westmount Historical Association

Minutes for the meeting of the Board of Directors
Tuesday, March 1st, 2022, 5:00 pm
via Zoom Link

Board members present: Anne Barkman (AB), Caroline Breslaw (CB), Louise Carpentier (LC), Jan Fergus (JF).

Absent: Jane Martin (JM), Claudette Stecher Lopez (CSL) and Mavis Young (MY)

- I. Call to order** Meeting called to order 5:01pm by AB.
- II. Approval of the February 2022 Agenda** JF made motion to approve agenda as amended, LC seconded.
- III. Approval of February January 2022 Minutes** LC made motion to approve minutes as amended, JF seconded.
- IV. New business**
 - A. Restricted website pages. JF suggested that the new Word version of the revised Westmount Memories Project Consent Form be added to the restricted site and that the WHA logo be added to the form, to which the Board agreed. AB will do the addition.
 - B. Study on the cultural vitality of Westmount. LC was contacted by Mathilde Manon following her interview held on January 4, 2022. The lead researcher on the project, Prof. Klein fr UQAM, will determine which boroughs or questions will be studied, possibly in the summer of 2022. The continuation of the project is dependent on the grants received and the input of the partner, SynapseC.
 - C. Westmount Memories Project Form (JF) – This item was covered in item A. above.
 - D. QAHN Project Publication “Meet The Network”. The electronic questionnaire and the replies about the WHA, submitted by AB and CB last autumn. could not be retrieved by QAHN. AB and LEC accepted the suggestion from the project’s new coordinator, of using the information on the WHA’s “wonderful” website to prepare her article.
- V. Monthly Reports**
 - A. Financial Report No questions on AB report for MY
 - B. Membership LC had brief update to report that another member joined as Patron, bringing the total to 4. She mentioned the identity of this Westmouter.
 - C. Website. No questions on AB report
 - D. Archives No questions on JM report
 - E. Westmount Heritage Council. CB had brief update to her report and a brief discussion followed.
 - F. Newsletter No questions on CB report. The proposed theme of “Memories of Westmount” for the September 2022 issue of the newsletter was accepted by the Board.

G. Oral History No questions on JF report.

VI. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 5:45pm by AB.

Next Board Meeting to be held Tuesday, April 5th at 5:00pm

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Louise Carpentier, Board member, WHA
for
Claudette Stecher Lopez
Secretary WHA 2021/22



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March 2022 Board Member Monthly Reports

I. Treasurer's Report - Anne Barkman for Mavis Young

1. The financial report for 2021 has been completed, subject to approval by Mavis.
2. Donation Receipts for 2021 have been sent out.
3. A decision was made after discussion with Louise that as of 2022 a thank you letter and a donation receipt will be sent to donors by email whenever a donation is received. This will be less expensive and more efficient for the WHA than sending all such receipts by Canada Post once a year as in the past. Backlog of 4 for 2022 will be sent later this week.
4. A donation in kind receipt was sent to Ted Sanction for his work on the two s2021 newsletters.
5. Funds accumulated in the WHA's PayPal account will now be transferred to our RBC checking account toward the end of each month so that they will be included in the end of month RBC bank balance.
6. Spreadsheets showing income and expenses to date will be included in the Treasurer's report while I'm substituting for Mavis. (See the following Page for the most recent ones). I'm open to suggestions on how to improve their appearance and readability and how/where to include the RBC bank balance.
7. RBC Balance 2022/02/23: \$34,184.03 (too early to get February statement).

Income to Date

Transfer date	Member- ships	Donations	PayPal fees	Corinna Rake	Transfer to RBC
PayPal Account					
2022-01-01	60.00		40.00 2.40	40.24	57.36
2022-02-22	570.00		130.00 26.90	40.24	632.86
Totals	630.00		170.00 29.30	80.48	690.22
RBC Cheque Deposits					
2022-02-05	90.00		10.00		60.00
2022-02-21	170.00		75.00		245.00
Totals	220.00		85.00		\$ 305.00

EXPENSES TO DATE

Ch #	Paid To	Archives	Web Mail-boxes	Website	P.O. Box rental	Mailing	Other Memberships / Insurance	Printing	Annual Gov'l Fees	Bank Fees	Total expense cheque
54	Car McLean	35.44									\$35.44
55	Anne Barkman					44.82					\$44.82
56	Copie Print							181.82			\$181.82
57	Anne Barkman					109.96					\$109.96

II. Website Report Anne Barkman

1. The name of the web page for directors-only was changed to a more difficult-to-guess page name.
2. Corrected 2021 minutes and reports, and uncorrected ones for 2022 were added to the directors-only page. Corrected versions will replace uncorrected ones as they become available.
3. The latest newsletter cover was added to the website. The February 2021 newsletter accessibility was changed so that it can now be downloaded.
4. Email distribution lists on the events@ web mailbox were updated for City council, WHC, and paid-up 2022 WHA members so that they could receive the new February newsletter electronically.
5. Henceforth, Carolyn Singman, at her request, is going to keep the Archives Index on the website up to date. (Archives index = list of subject files on paper). Thank you, Carolyn!

III. Membership Report - Louise Carpentier

The re-instated **membership fees** for 2022 are as follows: Single, \$20., Couple \$30., and Patron \$100.

The WHA membership figures below are for the 2022 calendar year and include memberships received online via PayPal (up to February 22, 2022) and by Canada Post mail (up to February 21, 2022).

The membership 2022 figures are (as of February 22, 2022):

Board: 7 / 7

Honorary: 4

Complimentary: 1

Patron: **4** Including **1 new member this month**, 1 Board, 1 former Board & 1 renewal.

Renewal this month: 11 including all of the categories above.

New since 2022: 6 new members including 2 who joined this month.

Total number of 2022 memberships to date: **80 single & couple**

IV. Newsletter, WHC - Caroline Breslaw

Newsletter

The digital copy of the Feb.'22 newsletter was sent out by Anne. She has now mailed the print issues to certain individuals & organizations. We had 60 copies printed. Probably even less will be needed for the fall edition. Many thanks to Jane for her work as copy editor, to Anne for the distribution, and to both for their written input.

As there is not a spring lecture series, I'd like to propose the theme "Memories of Westmount" for the September issue. This would be centered on written anecdotal articles we have in the archives (many of them never published) & on memoirs/interviews which Jan has collected in the past several years. It would highlight the increased scope of this WHA project from oral history to written or spoken memories. It could also spur individuals in these challenging times to start writing their own memories. I ask for Board approval so that we can begin collecting these documents.

WHC

It isn't clear to me where the WHC is heading. The meetings have been intermittent, although the proposals for the Goode property have to be studied and responded to. Julia Gersovitz has resigned from the WHC, both as its chair and as a member. Her expertise and passion were a gift to Westmount and its heritage. As of yet, this resignation hasn't been announced publicly by the city, so please consider this information **confidential**.

In the same **confidential** vein, I sent a letter on Feb.21st to members of the WHC and PAC about 3 major concerns I have about proposals for changes to the Goode House. I am beginning to feel that the WHC is being used to rubberstamp certain political decisions. I sincerely hope that this is not the case. More details when I feel free to comment.

V. Oral History - Jan Fergus

Westmount Memories: possibly we will receive a written article by the end of March from Pam Price, but most likely not; that is an absolute deadline. If nothing is submitted, JF will prepare another excerpt from Diana Martin's memories for the fall newsletter.