



Association historique de Westmount
Westmount Historical Association

**Minutes for the meeting of the Board of Directors Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 5:00 pm
via Zoom Link**

Board members present: Anne Barkman (AB), Caroline Breslaw (CB), Louise Carpentier (LC), Claudette Stecher Lopez (CSL), Jane Martin (JM)

Absent: Jan Fergus (JF) and Mavis Young (MY)

I. Call to order Meeting was called to order by AB at 5:01pm

II. Approval of the April 2022 Agenda LC motioned to approve the agenda, CSL seconded.

III. Approval of March 2022 Minutes CB motioned to approve minutes, and LC seconded.

IV. New business

A. Interest on RBC Account MY raised issue of proceeding with better interest options, and board agreed for her to pursue this course.

B. Lectures for Fall and Schedule in Victoria Hall LC picked up activity schedule for Victoria Hall and advocates for using it for Fall lecture series. WPL is limited to 15 persons and too small to social distance. JM made point that using Vic Hall would be easier to get our supplies to on the elevator.

C. Nominating Committee AB asked if all board members present would like to remain on the board next year. All agreed, though AB would like to step down as President, and suggested LC as replacement. LC to confirm her intentions. JF and MY agreed to remain, if MY health permits. LC agreed to chair Nominating Committee and needs an additional board member. Board suggested JF again, and CSL will email her to see if she is amenable. LC also has a non-board member in mind to serve on committee. This needs to be done before the 2022 AGM. Marion Gillies, Marlene Chan and Michel Vachon were names floated as potential nominees for new board members. CSL to ask JF if she will serve on nominating committee. AB asked if we

should set a date for AGM. CB would like to do a zoom meeting. Tentative May 31st 7pm. CSL to confirm date requirements for AGM and circulate script and paperwork to AB/LC.

D. 2022 AGM The board agreed to hold 2022 AGM via Zoom meeting, same format as last year. CSL to send notes and invite to AB, and will confirm deadlines. Tentative date for AGM is Tuesday May 31st at 7pm.

E. Peter Lanken CB spoke with Peter Lanken and he will not be able to give a lecture. CB requested that his exhibit be added to the website and sent to members April 19th-May 20th. LC mentioned that Hurtibese house has a show coming up and JM will confirm information.

V. Monthly Reports

- A. Financial Report (AB)
- B. Membership (LC)
- C. Website (AB)
- D. Archives (JM)
- E. Westmount Heritage Council (CB)
- F. Newsletter (CB)
- G. Westmount Memories Project (JF)

VI. Adjournment Meeting was adjourned at 6:03pm by AB.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 3rd, 2022, 5pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Claudette Stecher Lopez

WHA Secretary 2022



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April 2022 Board Member Monthly Reports

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

2022-02-01					\$ 40.24	
2022-02-22	\$	570.00	\$130.00	\$ 26.90		\$
2022-03-01					\$ 40.24	
2022-03-23	\$	210.00	\$0.00	\$ 8.79		\$
Totals	\$	840.00	\$170.00	\$ 38.09	\$ 120.72	\$


RBC Cheque Deposits

2022-02-05	\$	50.00	\$10.00			\$
2022-02-21	\$	170.00	\$75.00			\$
2022-03-09	\$	120.00	\$85.00			\$
2022-03-31	\$	60.00	\$145.00			\$

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
	DATE	CHK #	To/From	Archives	Web Mail-boxes	P.O. Box rental	Website	ships / insurance	Mailing	Printing	Annual Gov't Fees	Bank Fees	Total expense cheque		
1															
2															
3	2022-02-01	54	Carr McLean	35.44											\$35.44
4	2022-02-08	55	Anne Barkman.						44.82						\$44.82
5	2022-02-21	56	Copie Reseau							181.82					\$181.82
6	2022-02-21	57	Anne Barkman.						109.96						\$109.96
7	2022-03-01		Bank fee/credit									7.22			
8															
9															
10	TOTALS		totals to date	35.44	0	0	0	154.78	0	181.82	0	7.22	372.04		
11															
12															

Email from Mavis Young 4/3/22—Although not an actual agenda item, I would like to bring to the board's attention the significant amount we have in our RBC account, currently earning no interest. You may remember that we decided some time back that we would not bother investing any funds in GICs or term deposits because the interest rate was so puny. With the B of C most likely to raise their rate again in April and possibly by a larger amount this time, it may soon be worth looking at transferring some of our funds into TDs, without locking ourselves into anything long-term, as rates may rise again.

Current Account



Current Balance: [?](#)
\$34,533.00

Available Balance: [?](#)
\$34,533.00

Authorized Overdraft: [?](#)
\$0.00

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Transactions As of Apr 1, 2022

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We found 2 results.

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Date ↓	Description	Withdrawals	Deposits	Balance
Mar 31, 2022	ATM deposit - MN603981		\$205.00	\$34,533.00
Mar 23, 2022	Misc Payment PAYPAL		\$160.97	\$34,328.00

II. Website Report - Anne Barkman

Added Jan's Memories Project Consent form, Caroline's position descriptions, and February corrected minutes and reports to the directors-only web pages plus a link to the online version of "The Little Mountain" on the City of Westmount's website and a blurb announcing the latter to In the News. The website was hacked with a bunch of Viagra ads appearing when someone tried to visit it, but the hosting company fixed it fairly quickly. Malware (related?) removed by hosting company a few days later. Corrina fixed new problem setting dates when Newsletter and Archives indexes most recently updated. January reports to be corrected.

III. Membership Report - Louise Carpentier

Memberships 2022 Report by L. 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 April 2, 2022) and by Canada Post mail (up to April 2, 2022).

The membership 2022 figures are (as of April 2, 2022):

Board: 7 / 7

Honorary: 4

Complimentary: 1

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

1 renewal.

Renewal since last report: 19 including all of the categories above.

New since 2022: 6 new members. No new member in March.

Total number of 2022 memberships to date: **99 single & couple**

IV. WHC and Newsletter– Caroline Breslaw

WHC

There has been no notification of an upcoming meeting of the committee. Revised plans for the house & grounds have not been reviewed by the WHC.

NEWSLETTER

Following the Board's approval of the theme of the September newsletter as 'Memories of Westmount', I read the many personal anecdotes in the WHA subject file. The majority have never been published and offer fascinating information. A selection will be made & the chosen articles edited. The biggest challenge will be finding appropriate images, since none are included with the material.

V. Archives

Routine Activities

The archives has functioned as usual this past month, with Jane M. and Carolyn S. meeting regularly at least once or sometimes twice weekly for three-hour sessions. Carolyn often worked additional hours/days, carrying out a wide range of organizational tasks, in line with our discussions regarding priorities and any project work with deadlines. Among other things, we are working together to select a very large number of clippings for our subject files from all the Westmount Independent issues that were published during 2020-2021, during which time we had very limited access to our office in the Library, and later in Victoria Hall. This is a task that under normal circumstances is kept up to date by the two of us.

Collaboration with the City of Westmount on Projects

Following up on a request from the Library's public events committee for photo images of the Queen's past royal visits to Montreal, and Westmount in particular, a digital file of approximately two dozen images from our collection has been provided. These images will be included in a digital display to be shown during the upcoming Platinum Jubilee Tea to be held in April, with the WHA mentioned in the usual photo credits.

At the City's request for any information the WHA could provide about the laying of the cornerstone of City Hall back in 1922, Caroline B. collaborated with the WPL Reference Department, who located a fact-filled newspaper story about the event on microfilm. Carolyn S. was then able to modify a print-out of the microfilm image so that it was readable. The information thus provided will help the City make decisions about any events linked to the opening of the cornerstone later this year.

V. Westmount Memories Project - Jan Fergus

I have heard from Helen Meredith as expected, that an article about or by Pam Price will not be forthcoming. I will write up a new section of Diana Price's memories for our fall newsletter. We have two prospects after that: AB's friend Wendy Bruce will write her own article, and at last word thought the February 2023 newsletter would work; LC has agreed to interview her friend Elaine Bruce who might, however, chose to write an article about her memories. LC thinks appearance in the fall 2023 newsletter is feasible.