

West Toronto Junction Historical Society
Minutes of the March 4, 2021, General Meeting held at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
49 people present for the presentation

1. The president, Chris Sears, called the presentation section of the meeting to order at 7:03 and outlined the basic rules for the evening, including keeping mikes muted and asking questions via the chat function.
2. Chris then showed the new t-shirt he was wearing, featuring the design of the winning entry from the student art competition and stated that the price was \$25 for sizes S-ExL, \$26 if paid via PayPal, and \$28 for larger sizes. Orders can be placed by emailing wtjhtreasurer@gmail.com. The ordering procedure will also be posted on the web site.
3. The presentation by John Maniezzo, titled "The Humber and the Toronto Carrying Place" plus a question period followed. After thanks to the speaker at 8:13, a 5 minute break followed and the Business Meeting began at 8:22.

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4. The secretary, Diana Fancher, announced that the minutes of the February 4 General Meeting were available on the web site and anyone with corrections or additions should let her know. She moved that her minutes be approved as posted. Seconded by Hope Humphrey and carried.
5. The report from the Leader & Recorder was tabled until later as Vandra Masemann had lost her internet connection.
6. David Bridge gave the membership report (attached) and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Louise Freyburger and carried.
7. Chris gave the Treasurer's Report as \$16,084.41 with \$743.43 in outstanding cheques and moved that it be adopted, seconded by Barbara Titherington, and carried.
8. Vandra rejoined the meeting from her smart phone and reported that planning for the 2021 issue of the Leader and Recorder was well underway. The first issue would contain an article on the Mechanics Institute by Hope Humphrey and a memoir by Bob and Sue Roden; the second would be a colour issue featuring the winning oil paintings by HumberSide Collegiate students and the third an article by Arlene Chan about growing up Asian in the Junction. She also noted that the mockup of an Annual Report she had volunteered to do was well underway.
9. Chris presented the preliminary budget as amended by the Executive Committee on February 16th, (basically putting off republishing the red book in 2022 and removing \$4,000 from that category and minor corrections to several other items, resulting in a balance of Revenues and Expenditures.) His revised summary is attached. There were a few questions and comments.
10. Chris called for volunteers to serve on the executive as his microphone faded out, especially for a Treasurer, that position currently being vacant. He also mentioned the possibility of holding executive meetings via Zoom even after the epidemic is over. Diana also noted that for anyone willing to take up a post with lesser responsibility, the posts of Recording Secretary and Membership Secretary are also available and asked that anyone willing to take on executive positions, if Zoom becomes a permanent possibility, should make themselves known.

11. Madeline McDowell moved that the meeting adjourn at 9:00 p.m. Carried.