

**WEST TORONTO JUNCTION HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES**

General Meeting

May 6, 2021 by Zoom

Present: Christopher Sears (Chair), Richard Lundeen, Vandra Masemann, David Muir, Hope Humphrey, David Bridge, Teresa O'Neill, Frank Remiz, Mary Collins, Diana Fancher, David Plank, and other participants, 34 in total. The list is on the Zoom recording.

Purpose of the Meeting: to hear our guest speaker and to hold a business meeting.

Order of Business:

1. **Welcome** and check for **Quorum**. Christopher Sears confirmed quorum and initiated the meeting at 7:10 pm.
2. **Land Acknowledgement** – Hope Humphrey
3. Introduction of the guest speaker, Bill Freeman – Christopher Sears
4. **Evening's Presentation by Bill Freeman** – He spoke about the life of Sir Henry Pellatt (1859-1939), a wealthy financier, who built Casa Loma, which was designed by E.J. Lennox, in Toronto. It was the largest private residence ever built in Canada. His talk was illustrated by slides of the luxurious interior and the grounds and scenes from the life of Henry Pellatt. He spoke at length until 8:00 p.m.
5. Many questions followed about the building and its maintenance, as well as the decline of Sir Henry's financial state until his death. It was moderated by Christopher Sears and David Muir. The discussion ended at 8:30 p.m.
6. Christopher Sears thanked the speaker and also David Muir for organizing the Zoom presentation.
7. A five minute break was held and the meeting resumed at 8:35p.m.
8. Christopher Sears welcomed the members to the **Business Meeting**.
9. Verification of the **Quorum** for the meeting. In all, 22 people attended.
10. A summary was given of the April 2021 General Meeting by Vandra Masemann. **The Minutes** will be presented at the June meeting.
11. **Treasurer's Report** – given by Christopher Sears. There is a total of \$13, 985.90 in the WTJHS bank account. There are no outstanding cheques. The motion to accept the report was made by Christopher Sears and seconded by David Plank and carried unanimously. The matter of the t-shirt order which had not been satisfactorily completed was discussed at length. Christopher Sears presented a chart which showed the relative profits/losses accrued in a proposed new run of 50 t-shirts vs. 100 t-shirts from another supplier. He also undertook to get a sample of the new t-shirts for inspection next week. The motion was proposed by David Plank and seconded by David Muir to approve the plan to go forward with the t-shirt order of 100. It was carried

unanimously.

12. **Membership Report** – was given by David Bridge. There are now 94 renewals for the year 2021. The motion to accept this report moved by David Bridge and seconded by Richard Lundeen was approved.
 13. **Phone Crew's Report** was given by Richard Lundeen. He stated that in the two weeks of telephoning, 23 renewals had been made. He noted that the correct number of life and annual paid 2021 members at this date would be 131. He anticipated that more renewals would be received over the next two weeks.
 14. **L&R Editorial Group Report** was given by Vandra Masemann. She noted that all the items had been submitted for Issue #1. Arlene Chan, Bob and Sue Roden, Frank Remiz, Michael Czerewko, Hope Humphrey on the Call for Nominations, and Gib Goodfellow on Grant Milligan, were among the authors. Issue #2 will focus on the Humberside section of the Art Competition. George Rust d'Eye's article has been received and will be in Issue #3.
 15. **Nominating Committee Update** – Hope Humphrey reported that she had started contacting all the WTJHS members with the flyer about the existing vacancies for officers. She had also started talking to any possible candidates, but had not yet started communicating on the social media. She asked for members to volunteer to post flyers in the neighbourhood. David Muir noted that the notice on the front door of the Annette Library needs replacing and suggested they also be placed on public notice boards. David Plank asked where the details of the position requirements were posted – on the website. He noted that the details need to be clearly explained and not appear too burdensome. Otherwise prospective candidates might be deterred from applying. Hope noted that the job tasks would also be outlined in the upcoming *Leader and Recorder*. Christopher suggested that they also be posted on the Volunteer Toronto site, and Hope will follow up on this.
 16. **Request for Volunteers** to stand for election at the 2021 AGM in the Fall – was reiterated by Hope Humphrey.
 17. **Announcements:** Madeleine McDowell directed the members to look at the HeritageYork website to view the new exhibition online about Agnes Dunbar Moodie Fitzgibbon Chamberlin (a daughter of Susanna Moodie) and her wildflower illustrations. This was to take the place of Madeleine's usual in-person Mother's Day walk.
- After the formal announcements, two questions were posed by members David Plank and David Muir which sparked considerable discussion: 1. What is the name of the waterway that runs under High Park? 2. Why does Mavety between Annette and Dundas appear to be wider than Medland and other nearby residential streets?
18. **Motion for Adjournment** made by Richard Lundeen, approved, The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.