

West Toronto Junction Historical Society

3 November 2022

7 pm General Meeting via Zoom

In attendance: Christopher Sears (President); Richard Lundeen (VP); Angie Cruz (Treasurer); Dave Muir (Corresponding Secretary); Hope Humphrey (Nominating committee); David Bridge (Archives); plus 32 others

Minutes recorded by Hope Humphrey

Item	Description	Action
1&2	Welcome - The meeting was called to order by Christopher Sears on Zoom. The Land Acknowledgement was read.	
3	Katy Whitfield and Ian da Silva, two local residents, presented “They Walked These Streets, We Will Remember Them”. Katy and Ian gave a fantastic presentation highlighting the stories of numerous local veterans from WW1 and WW2 they have researched. They then responded to audience questions and comments.	
4	Welcome - the business part of the meeting was called to order by Christopher. Quorum of 10 members was verified. Seventeen members attended. Christopher began by thanking Michael Bohdanowicz for working on increasing the security for our WTJHS Zoom meetings.	
5	Minutes of Oct 6th General Meeting– Richard highlighted a few details: our last meeting was invaded by Zoom bombers and therefore this precipitated extra security measures for tonite’s meeting. Discussion about investing funds directed to the Exec. More T-shirts will be ordered. Teya Zuzek is focused on improving the website. No edits were noted for the minutes. Life members will be called shortly to confirm contact information and interest in continuing to receive the L&R. The TPL license is still under discussion. Frank Remiz items are under review. The WTJHS FB post on 336 Pacific Ave got the most comments of any recent WTJHS FB posts, generating quite a discussion on FB on both sides of the issue. Richard motioned to accept the Oct 6 th minutes, Christopher 2 nd .. CARRIED.	On the WTJHS website should be a list of Executive and lead volunteers. This will be completed by our web coordinator, Teya Zuzek, as her time permits The investment of a portion of the WTJHS account balance is referred to the WTJHS Exec.
6	Treasurer’s Report – Angie Cruz delivered the Treasurer’s Report. The current balance in the BMO account is \$22,789.94. Cheques were issued. The WTJHS leger is updated. Angie moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted. David B.	

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	seconded. CARRIED.	
7	Membership Report – Richard informed us of Adrian’s membership report. The WTJHS has presently 176 members. Nineteen new members this year.	
8	Student Membership Category – Information regarding the proposal is posted on our website. We will be voting on this at our December 1 General meeting. This student membership category is in response to trying to create a broader membership base and to increase recognition of the society in the neighbourhood. The student membership will be \$10/year for Full time students with a valid student card. Voting rights will be included. The \$10 is the basic costs of the 3 yearly <i>Leader and Recorder</i> issues sent to the student.	A revised version of the proposal, reflecting discussion at this meeting, will be posted on wtjhs.ca and referenced in an email. This item will be voted on at the December 1 General meeting.
9	Succession Planning – Both Christopher and Richard will be stepping down as President and VP in the spring. Hopefully new leadership will step up. Everyone on the executive has been taking on extra duties. The official duties are listed on the WTJHS website for each executive position. Please spread the word new leadership is needed. President duties are 10 hours/months. Hope thanked both Christopher and Richard.	The Nominating Committee will begin a recruitment campaign in January 2023, leading up to the planned AGM in April 2023.
10	<p>Updates and Announcements:</p> <p>a) New Zoom arrangements – Dave M. commented how well the new Zoom sign-in procedures worked. Disabling the white board and not posting the link on FB helped as well. Michael echoed Dave’s points. Richard vetted the participants before the Zoom. This was a very time-consuming process. Christopher’s friend registered today but didn’t hear back. What happened to this participant? Interested in anyone who had problems in connecting. Questions: Should we be connecting with everyone whom we know live in the neighbourhood that registered for the Zoom but are not on our event or membership lists? Potential source of new members. Vetting is a time labouring process. Fifty-nine registered, thirty-nine attended. People who register will be considered legitimate for the next Zoom meeting.</p>	For the next meeting, the people who register will be considered legitimate for the General Zoom meetings. Otherwise, the procedures in place for this meeting will be maintained for future general meetings on Zoom.
	b) Oct 16 th Historical Fall Festival – Thanks to everyone who attended. The event featured the ever-entertaining Neil Ross reciting Raymond Souster’s poem and conducting the Junction Walking tour, plus WTJHS	

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	<p>activists and icons Diana Fancher and Raymond Kennedy reminiscing about the importance of the CPR in this neighbourhood. Thanks to Lance for the pictures.</p>	
	<p>c) Baird Park Plaque – Heritage T.O. is redrafting its wording of the plaque. Christopher will also be included on the emails regarding the plaque. Heritage T.O. is still revising but their deadline is the end of the year. David B. reported the WTJHS is working on 4 images for the plaque.</p> <p>d) T-shirt Sales –CS completed the order for the children’s t-shirts today. The children’s t-shirts will be ready in 3 weeks. The 50 Adult t-shirts reorder is ready in the next few days. Karolina (Annette Library head) wants a display of the t-shirts beside the books and a supply available for sale by library staff</p>	<p>David B. said he could modify the t-shirt sizes on the WTJHS website or give the graphic to Teya to update the website. Christopher will forward measurements to David B.</p>
	<p>e) Licensing Agreement with the TPL – Thanks to David and Louise for raising questions that led to Christopher discovering a number of errors in the draft licensing agreement. . Richard also raised questions that Christopher will review with TPL.</p> <p>f) Nominating committee – Plan to start a January campaign. Looking for numerous positions – President, VP and webmaster. A spring request for a WTJHS speaker for the opening of the West Bend Naturescape Garden on primarily Edna Ave is requested by Sharon Harris, the lead of this project.</p>	<p>Christopher will notify the TPL of all the problems in the draft and will sign the agreement once these are resolved</p> <p>Hope will start advertising for new leadership in January. Hope will ask Trevor if he wants to speak on the history of the TTC at the West Bend Naturescape event.</p>
	<p>g) L&R Update – Christopher commented he will write a short President’s message.</p> <p>h) Future Speakers – Dec 2022 – City of TO Archivist Jessica Algie “Researching Your House” Feb 2023 – Ted Glenn “A Very Canadian Coup”- talking about the fall of the Conservative government re: Manitoba school question Spring 2023 Speakers:</p>	

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	<p>Adam Bunch - confirmed Jane MacNamara– in conversations with for genealogy talk</p> <p>i) Other Updates and Announcements – Madeleine – Nov 5th (1-4 PM) Lambton House Pub Afternoon ON Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, – This Omnibus bill will remove protection from building on flood plains and amend the Heritage Act. Listings will be for only 2 years only and apply retroactively to all listed Heritage buildings & sites. Historical building after 2 years across the city can be delisted. Criteria for designation as a historical building is changing as well. Thousands of buildings will be delisted. Eliminates the development charges. This bill has had 2nd reading. Take action, please. Lance – Swansea 2023 Calendars will be available from any Swansea historical society member or from Swansea Town Hall.</p>	
11	Adjournment – Madeleine in the name of Gib Goodfellow moved adjournment of the meeting. CARRIED.	