

West Toronto Junction Historical Society

2 March 2023

7 pm General Meeting, (Via Zoom)

In attendance: Christopher Sears (President); Richard Lundeen (VP); Vandra Masemann (L&R); Dave Muir (Corresponding Secretary); Angie Cruz (Treasurer); Ward Noble (Recording Secretary); 32 others

Minutes recorded by Ward Noble

Item	Description	Action
1	Welcome - The meeting was called to order by Christopher Sears on Zoom at 7:00 pm. Christopher reviewed the rules for Zoom meetings.	
2	Introduction of new Executive Officer candidates Christian von Donat (President); Chriss Hupalo (VP); Peggy Mooney (Treasurer); Ward Noble (Recording Secretary). All gave a brief introduction and shared their backgrounds.	
3	Christopher introduced award winning storyteller Adam Bunch who presented, "The Toronto Circus Riot: A True Tale of Sex, Violence, Corruption and Clowns". Adam shared a visually fascinating, and slightly sordid tale of Toronto in the mid-1800s. This was a history of the Orange Order and its stranglehold on the institutions and powerbase of the city and the importance of the Orange Parade on July 12th. When some circus clowns had an issue with some firemen (Orangemen) on the 12th, the firemen came back on the 13th to settle the score. Thus began the riot. Adam painted quite a vivid picture of a Toronto very different from the proper, Protestant, restrained city of later decades. Attendees were glowing in their praise of this presentation. 37 people were present.	
4	Welcome - the business part of the meeting was called to order by Christopher at 8:24. A quorum of 10 was verified. 22 attended.	
5	Vandra read the Land Acknowledgement.	
6	Minutes of General Meeting of February 2, 2023 – Ward summarized the highlights of the February meeting. Vandra proposed a change to the wording of item 9 from "there was a feeling that the new children's sizes would reinvigorate sales" to "Christopher felt that the new children's sizes would reinvigorate sales" Ward moved to accept the minutes of the February 2 General Meetings with the amendment, Thomas Norris seconded. CARRIED	
7	Treasurer's Report - Angie Cruz reported that the current bank balance is \$24,308.20. Angie met with Christopher last Saturday and wrote some cheques. Angie indicated that she transferred \$1,385.69 from PayPal to the chequing account for memberships. This amount has not yet shown in the balance as it takes a few days to go through. Diana indicated that she forwards notices of PayPal payments to Adrian as they come in. Angie pointed out that Adrian has asked her for summary reports for memberships paid by e-transfer and she will send these to him. Angie related that the accountant is asking questions about the sales of merchandise and inventory. Christopher to meet with Angie to discuss details. Angie would like to plan and schedule the orientation of the new	Angie will send Adrian a monthly report of the e-transfer payments for memberships. Angie to speak to Christopher to discuss details of the accountant's questions about merchandise and inventory. She would also like to discuss the plan for orientation of the new treasurer and the payment to the Archivists Association of Ontario.

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	<p>treasurer with Christopher. Angie indicated that Thomas Norris paid twice. Christopher said that his membership for 2023 and 2024 will be covered by this double payment. Angie would like to discuss the payment to the Archivists Association of Ontario with Christopher. Angie moved approval of the Treasurer's report, Diana Fancher. seconded. CARRIED.</p>	
8	<p>Preliminary 2023 Budget - Angie shared the preliminary budget. Peggy Mooney asked about the HST Rebate 2022 Actual being \$0. Christopher indicated that it had not yet been applied for and that application for rebates could go back 2 to 3 years. Vandra asked about the expenditure for Merchandise 2023 Proposed. This amount was adjusted by cutting it in half to reflect a single order as the previous number was a proposal based on two orders from last year. The 2023 proposed insurance amount was modified to be the actual amount that was recently paid. The budget includes money for a previously authorized storage unit under Admin/Office Costs for \$150, but it has not been spent yet. The amount for Membership in Other Societies 2022 Actual is not clear. Diana mentioned that she thinks that David B. may have gotten a discount for the Archives of Ontario membership for last year. Christopher indicated that the TPL had not yet asked for the money for 6 meetings from previous years.</p>	
9	<p>Membership Report - Richard presented on behalf of Adrian. As of February 20, there are 147 annual paid members and 29 life members. The annual paid members includes 92 members whose membership expired at the end of 2022, and 54 that had renewed. Richard reiterated the need for members to renew soon if they have not already done so as the phone crew would be calling, but 92 was a very large number to call. It was clarified that memberships run Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 and anyone buying a new membership after September would be counted as having paid for the following year as well. Richard moved acceptance of Membership report, Christopher seconded, CARRIED.</p>	
10	<p>Updates and information items</p>	
10a	<p>Nominating Committee - Christopher pointed out that there are still positions that need to be filled including social media, Volunteer Coordinator, fundraising committee, phone crew volunteers, L&R Editorial committee, etc. Richard indicated that Stacey Nordlund has offered to handle Web Updates and will be meeting next week with David Bridge. for orientation. Christopher has sent messages to Humberside CI to see if there are any students who might be interested in volunteering or taking on one of the aforementioned volunteer roles. Vandra moved that WTJHS would like to thank Hope Humphrey for all her hard work on the Nominating Committee over the past two years. Christopher seconded, CARRIED.</p>	<p>Christopher to contact Humberside CI again.</p>
10b	<p>Future Speakers - Dave M. indicated that the date for the Christopher Moore presentation is still being finalized, but is likely to be June 22. Dave M and Chis Ruddy presented a proposal to hold WTJHS hybrid meetings at St. John's Anglican Church, possibly with a pay-what-you-can arrangement with attendees with the proceeds shared between the church and WTJHS. After discussion, it was agreed to defer a decision for consideration by the new Executive</p>	<p>Dave M. to meet with Chris R. to finalize Christopher Moore presentation in June likely June 22. Dave M. to request Executive approval for a hybrid meeting at St. John's Anglican on June 22</p>

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	<p>Committee after the AGM. Dave M to propose a pilot hybrid meeting at the church for the Chris Moore session on June 22.</p> <p>Jim Baxter asked whether we could still use the library for meetings. Christopher Sears indicated that yes, we are still open to using the library, though there is a cost associated with the meetings separate from the contract for having our archives in the building. Christopher noted that the agreement with the TPL is flexible and there is a \$65 per meeting cost. Richard also added that there are issues with the wifi connection at the library being inadequate and this could incur further expense for the WTJHS if we chose to hold future hybrid meetings there.</p>	
10c	<p>Web/media support - Richard indicated that this was already mentioned with Stacey Nordlund coming on board.</p>	
10d	<p>Preparation for the AGM, April 6 - Richard indicated that the Annual Report is two-thirds complete. He is waiting on the financial statements and the President's Report. Richard thanked Vandra for offering to proofread it. All other AGM preparations are in hand.</p>	<p>Christopher and Angie to provide the financial statements and Christopher to provide the President's report to Richard in the next two weeks for inclusion in the Annual Report.</p>
10e	<p>TPL Licensing Agreement Christopher indicated no movement from TPL</p>	
10f	<p>T-shirt orders and sales - There have been no sales or orders. Christopher reported that Junction Farmers Market has indicated that we should be okay with our table for our proposed dates and they will confirm with him next month. This would be once a month May - October on a Saturday mid-month. Diana wondered about the need for more volunteers as this is also the time that the archives are open. Christopher indicated this is part of the search for new volunteers.</p>	
10g	<p>Leader and Recorder Update - Vandra reported that David Bridge's article about photographers in the Junction is the lead item in a very good edition of the L&R. She added that Diana's article is quite good and informative. Chris Ruty is working on an article for the fall edition about the history of St. John's Anglican for its 100th anniversary.</p>	
10h	<p>Other Business - Diana reported that she and Jim Baxter are recruiting members for the Junction Heritage District. There is a meeting next week at Taylor Hazell Architects March 9 at 6:30 pm. They have the facility for hybrid meetings and they will try to have monthly meetings. For those interested it will not mean a big time commitment. Anyone who is interested or knows anyone who might be interested, especially those who live adjacent to Dundas St. West should attend the meeting.</p>	
	<p>Richard moved for adjournment of the meeting. The motion was CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 PM.</p>	