

AGM DECEMBER 1ST 2021 ZOOM MTG. 7PM

CARLETON PLACE & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

President Paul Pietsch welcomed members to our Annual General Meeting.

There was a quorum of 24 members present. Dianne Elliott asked for motions to approve the Agenda: **Motion 1 – Laurie Graham 2 – Wanda Campbell.**

Dianne Elliott requested a motion to approve the Minutes of our previous AGM of March 3rd, 2021. **Motion 1 – Doreen Harris 2 – Pat Morgan**

TREASURERS REPORT – Linda Bartlett gave a summary of our financials and mentioned that it was agreed by the Financial Reviewers that the Assets portion of the report was not applicable as all our assets were not financially feasible. Linda asked for a Motion to approve the Audited Treasurers Report. **Motion 1 – Dianne Elliott, 2 – Doris Branvold.**

Financial Reviewers - Linda asked for a motion to approve the appointment of Carolyn Bredin Pietsch and Debi McEwen as next year's reviewers. **Motion 1 – Laura Cupper 2 – Sandra Schappert.**

Actions and Decisions of the Executive for the past year. **Motion to approve Motion 1 – Sandra Schappert 2 – Lise Sanderson**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Laura Cupper gave a short explanation why we should eliminate the “Family membership”, explaining that with the fees we pay to OHA and D2 per member, (which includes insurance,) we were losing money for each of the family members. Laura made the **Motion – 1 Laura Cupper – 2 Carolyn Bredin Pietsch** There were no objections.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP FEE - Laura then asked the members to approve raising the single membership to \$15.00. She explained that most of the Societies use the \$15.00 guideline for their members. **Laura Motion – 1 Carolyn – 2 Carolyn Bredin Pietsch** No objections from members.

Heather LeBeau asked if we had a significant number of Life Members who do not pay member dues. Laura reported that there were not many who still belonged to the Society.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Paul reported on the Victoria School Garden that there were no issues with it this year and thanked the team of volunteers for their dedication to come weekly to help keep the garden looking nice during the summer months. Paul mentioned that there is some lattice that will need to be replaced next year. He welcomed more **members to join the team in 2022**.

D2 – OHA REPORT – **D2 Assistant Director Madeline Archer** was introduced by Paul. She is a member of the Perth Horticultural Society and Paul gave a long list of her accomplishments with D2, OHA. Madeline reported on the events, activities of D2 and OHA that will take place in 2022 and later.

ELECTIONS – Linda Bartlett nominated Rick Roberts to our Board of Directors. Rick had previously offered his name and agreed to the position. The motion was seconded by Laura Cupper.

Dianne Elliott asked for **other nominations** from the floor (3 times). There were no further nominations.

Dianne presented the Board for 2022 –

President – Paul Pietsch

Vice President/Treasurer – Linda Bartlett

Secretary – Dianne Elliott

Directors –Doreen Harris, Wanda Campbell, Laura Cupper and Rick Roberts

D2 Representative Madeline Archer Installed the 2022 Board and asked the Society Members to **accept the Board of Directors to fulfill their duties**.

FOOD BANK WORKSHOPS – Doreen Harris reported that she and several volunteers had held a workshop to create floral bouquets at Thanksgiving to give to the food bank for them to distribute to their clients just before the holiday. The volunteers will be creating “tuna tin” floral centerpieces to donate to the Food Bank just before Christmas to give to their clients.

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DONATION – It was decided by the Board at our November Executive meeting to donate \$100.00 to the Food Bank

NEW BUSINESS – Paul asked members to contact him with names and numbers if they had suggestions for speakers for our monthly meetings. Paul was working on the speaker line-up for 2022 and he hopes that we can meet in person, if not, we will continue with zoom meetings.

Heather LeBeau extended her thanks to Laurie Graham who is stepping down as a Board Member. Thanks to Laurie were echoed by all members. Laurie has offered to remain as our email liaison with the Board to members.

Heather asked if a small committee could get together to tackle the problem of CLIMATE CHANGE. Some members seemed enthused and offered to get involved.

Susan Burke mentioned that the VSG would be on the Garden Tour she is helping to organize on June 25th. Susan offered to book our monthly Society meetings for next year on the Zion Church Booking Schedule.

CHRISTMAS URN DEMONSTRATION by Gemmell's Nursery finalized the meeting. Door prizes of the Urn from Gemmell's, a DNA Kit donated by Rick Roberts and an Amaryllis. Winners were Brenda Cupper, Sheila Gibson, and Janet Cain.

Motion to Adjourn by Linda Bartlett and Second by Heather LeBeau.

First meeting of the New Year will be in March. A notice in February will alert members if it will be virtual or in person at the Zion United Church.