



Nanaimo/MidIsland Branch #600

MINUTES: Membership Meeting

DATE: October 10, 2023 at 1:30 pm.

LOCATION: Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo, 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

1. **Call to Order:** Lawrence called the meeting to order at 1:30. There were 23 in attendance.

Acknowledgement

I would like to acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the traditional territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

Guest Speaker: Rita Innamorati – Executive Director of Volunteer Nanaimo. After Rita had a stroke in 2003 she was offered a job with Volunteer Nanaimo. Rita began as a volunteer and later became the ED. Rita described the work of Volunteer Nanaimo. In addition to working with adult volunteers, they now work with youth, encouraging them to work in the community. There is a tech program – computers that are donated to them are cleaned, up-graded, donated to others in the community who are taught computer skills. Their Christmas Angel Program is one associated with Big Sisters/Big Brothers to assist low income families, vulnerable youth, and seniors to help over 500 people. Knitters, quilters, toy makers are encouraged to donate to this program. Volunteer Nanaimo works with 16 local agencies to vet the families they serve. They have a monthly newsletter and anyone can put their name of the mailing list.

The office is at E-3148 Barons Road and their website is www.volunteernanaimo.ca
You can email them at vnanaimo@gmail.com or phone 250-758-7121

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lawrence Johnson - Chairperson | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lea Campbell -1st Vice |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Torhjelm - Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gloria Johnson - Treasurer |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maria Noel - Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warren McCormick - Mbrshp Director |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roz Kennedy - Director/Programs |

2. **Adoption of the agenda –** Elder College information to be added. M/S Malcolm Crockett/Roz Kennedy that the agenda be accepted as amended. Carried.

3. **Adoption of the Previous Meeting Minutes of September 12, 2023 –**

M/S John Kirkhope/Lea Campbell that the minutes be accepted as presented.
Carried.

4. **Correspondence:**

- Sept. 11, e-mail from Trip Merchant with travel specials (www.tripmerchant.com)
- Sept. 13, e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. with minutes from September delegates meeting
- Sept. 23, e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. with latest newsletter from “Canadian Medication Appropriateness and Deprescribing Network” including information about “Patient Safety Day, September 17, 2023 (<https://www.deprescribingnetwork.ca/canadian-deprescribing-network>)
- Sept. 23, e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. with update from new Minister of Labour and Seniors Seamus O’Regan Jr.
- Sept. 23, e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. with latest newsletter: (www.coscobc.org)
- Sept. 24, e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. with latest update from the New pharmacare ad campaign launched by Health Coalition and allies (<https://www.healthcoalition.ca/>)
- Sept. 24, e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. with plea from Council of Canadians re the need for a National Pharmacare Plan (<https://canadians.org/>)
- Sept. 25, e-mail from Trip Merchant with travel specials (tripmerchant.com)
- Sept. 26, e-mail from BC Seniors Advocate: Billion More Reasons to Care LTC Funding Review <https://www.seniorsadvocatebc.ca/osa-reports/billions-more-reasons-to-care-contracted-long-term-care-funding-review-update/>
- Sept. 28, e-mail from National Pensioners Federation with background notes to lobby M.P.’s for Rights of Older Persons
- Sept. 29, e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. with update on UN Decade of Healthy Ageing Update – UN International Day of Older Persons (October 1, 2023)
- Oct. 1, e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. special online event on The International Day of the Older Person
- Oct. 1 e-mail from C.O.S.C.O. newsletter from the B.C. Rural Health Network (<https://bcruralhealth.org>)
- Oct. 6, e-mail from BC Health Coalition re campaign for “Funding Reform of Long Term Care”. Join us on October 31, 2023 from 2:00 pm to 3 pm on Zoom (www.bchealthcoalition.ca/r) to register, the guest speaker will be BC Advocate for Seniors Isobel Mackenzie.
- October 9 e-mail from BCGREA Merchandise Committee listing items that are for sale and the price list.

5. **Committee Reports**

- Treasurers Report (Gloria Johnson) – see attached.
- Special Events Report (Maria Noel) Christmas lunch is booked at the Legion for December 12th. The cost of members is \$20.
- Membership (Warren McCormick) – see attached
- Newsletter (Lea Campbell) – available at the November meeting.
- Social Activities (no report)
- Telephone – still looking for a volunteer coordinator. Members were phoned by volunteer phoners.
- Guest Speaker (Lea Campbell) – BC Transit
- C.O.S.C.O. (Lawrence Johnson) – see attached.
- AGM/Directors meeting report – November meeting.

MOTION TO ADOPT ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS –

M/S Roz Kennedy/Lea Campbell that the reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

6. **Unfinished Business:**

- No unfinished business

8. **New Business:**

- Campaign by the BC Health Coalition for Long Term Care. Register for the Zoom call – see about in Correspondence.
- BCGREA Merchandising Committee list. M/S Roz Kennedy/Roger Lytton that we buy a bag of samples for \$60. Carried.
- Elder College. After 30 years VIU will no longer support Elder College. Lawrence will chat with Peter Kanigan and also talk to the speaker we had a few months ago from Elder College to see what advocacy our association can do.
- Malcolm Crockett asked if our organization purchases a wreath for the cenotaph on November 11th. We have not done so in recent years. M/S Malcolm Crockett/Roz Kennedy that the branch reimburse a member who places a wreath on a cenotaph one per cenotaph (5) on November 11th. There was a “friendly” amendment to add “with a maximum of \$60 per wreath.” The amendment motion was defeated. The main motion was defeated. M/S Roz Kennedy/Marilyn Terry that we purchase one wreath for a total of \$60, with the person placing the wreath deciding which cenotaph it is placed at on November 11th. Carried. Martin Crockett will lay the wreath.

9. **Good and Welfare**

- Gwen Cromer and John Kirkhope won the \$30 Save-On-Foods gift cards.
- Betty-Ann Fulton reported that her fundraiser for the Tour de Rock raised \$4270.
- Stephanie Letain is home from hospital and hopefully will be at our next meeting. We wish her continued good health.

10. **Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, November 14, 2023, Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo,
595 Townsite Road

11. **Adjournment:** Moved by Marilyn Terry at 2:50 p.m.

Treasurer’s Report – Gloria Johnson

| #600 NANAIMO/MID ISLAND BRANCH | | | |
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| REPORT FOR: September 2023 | | | |
| OPENING BALANCE | | \$9,706.32 | |
| CREDITS | | | |
| Sale of mugs | \$10.00 | | |
| TOTAL CREDITS | | \$10.00 | |
| DEBITS | | | |
| Hall rental - Sept/Oct/Nov 2023 | \$150.00 | | |
| 2- \$30.00 gift cards | \$60.00 | | |
| Luncheon (sandwiches etc) | \$272.96 | | |
| 100th Bday card for Marina | \$7.83 | | |
| TOTAL DEBITS | | \$490.79 | |
| CLOSING BALANCE | | \$9,225.53 | |
| Affiliation Dues Payable | | | |
| July 2023 | \$0.00 | Jan 2024 | \$0.00 |
| Aug | \$0.00 | Feb | \$0.00 |
| Sept | \$0.00 | Mar | \$0.00 |
| Oct | \$0.00 | Apr | \$0.00 |
| Nov | \$0.00 | May | \$0.00 |
| Dec | \$0.00 | June | \$0.00 |
| Sub Total | \$0.00 | | \$0.00 |

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| TOTAL AFFIL DUES OWED | \$0.00 | | |

Membership Report – Warren McCormick

1. The number of members in the branch at the last report (24 Aug 2023) : Members - 594, Spouses - 104, Total - 698
2. The number of new branch members : Members - 4, Spouses - 1
3. The number of members transferring in from other Branches : 0
4. The number of members transferring from our branch to other branches : 1
- 4a. Resignations: 1 Deceased : 2
5. The number of members in the branch as of 28 Sep 2023 : Members - 580, Spouses - 115, Total - 695

NOTE: Numbers from last report to current report do not match because I found a small counting and input errors in the spreadsheets sent from Central. I have adjusted the current spreadsheet.

Report on C.O.S.C.O.//N.P.F.//Office of the Seniors Advocate activities

Here are some of the issues that C.O.S.C.O. are advocating;

- Continue to advocate for along with the “Office of the Seniors Advocate” changes to Long Term Care Regulations
- Continue to advocate for Universal pharmacare
- Continue to advocate for a Universal Dental Plan
- Continue to advocate for changes to Municipal Zoneing Bylaws to allow for higher density in Single Detached Housing zones
- Continue to advocate for seniors to ask their health-care professionals, “Do I still need this medication”
- Need for improvements for intercity passenger transportation including bus, rail and ferry
- Celebrate “The UN International Day of Older Persons”
- In partnership with the B.C. Rural Health Network advocate the Provincial Government on health issues unique to rural communities

The National Pensioners Federation is:

- Providing background notes to encourage members to lobby Members of Parliament for the rights of Older Persons

Respectfully submitted, Lawrence Johnson, Chair Branch #600