



Nanaimo Mid-Island Branch No. 600

Minutes: Membership Meeting, Branch 600

DATE: September 8, 2026

Location: Unitarian Fellowship Hall 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

1. Call to Order, 1:30 pm

Welcome everyone,

Today our Special Guest Speaker is Reserve Constable Gary O'Brien and Insp. Donovan Tait from the Nanaimo RCMP on frauds and scams. Key is awareness and prevention. Only 5% of scams are reported. Report scams and frauds to the Canadian Fraud Center 1-888-495-8501

Thank You to Gary and Donovan and a presentation of a notebook and pen to each of them.

2. Executive Roll Call

✓ *Lea Campbell* – Chairperson

X *Roz Kennedy* – 1st Vice-Chair/Programs

✓ *Kathy Torhjem* – Secretary

– ✓ *Warren McCormick* - Membership/Treasurer

– ✓ *Chris Crabtree* – Phoning Committee

– X *Vacant* – Director, Special Events

Malcolm Crockett - Member of Cowichan Branch - written a book “No Backup- A Set up and More” and gave a short talk on it.

There are 16 members present

3. Adoption of the Minutes from June 2, 2026. M/S Roger Lytton and Lea Campbell.

4. Correspondence -

a) Honorariums for 2026 from the Provincial Treasurer@bcgre.ca Johanna Morrow.

b) A new Rental Agreement has been received from the First Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo. September to November and January to May 2027. With payment of \$50. per month. \$400 for the 8 months covered in this agreement. Both Lea and Kathy are the Key holders to the Hall.

5. Treasurer Report – *Warren McCormick* - bank balance. \$4220.89

6. Membership Report – *Warren McCormick* - 531members

7. Special Events - Fall Newsletter completed: Sent out by email and 49 envelopes to members with no emails.

Preparation for the Christmas Dinner is in the works. December 8th. The location will be Ricky's All Day Grill Nanaimo South, same as last year. (Parking with no stairs at the front, facing the hwy.)

8. Guest Speakers – *Lea* Guest speakers for the remainder of 2026.

Oct 13 – Lydia Moulder CAIB CEA Estate and Trust Specialist (CC Private Wealth Group)

Nov 10 – Scott Myers, Manager, Transit Relations & Planning, Regional District of Nanaimo

9. Unfinished Business: none



- 10. New Business:** A decision to remove Merchandise from agenda and displaying every month.
There seems to be NO interest in merchandise or purchasing. Merchandise that we have will be used as Guest speaker gifts.

Chair has responded to Johanna Morrow, the Provincial Treasurer, requesting an honorarium at \$200. for each director.

This payment comes from the Provincial BCGREA account and does not affect our Branch 600.

- 11. Good and Welfare** – Reminder, are we still interested in doing book exchanges at the Membership Meetings? Yes

- 12. One \$30. Gift Card from Country Grocer** drawn – Vern Dumond won the draw.

- 13. Next Meeting** – October 13 , 2026

Location : Unitarian Fellowship Hall 595 Townsite Road, Nanaimo

- 14. Adjournment 3:06 by Lawrence.**

Y *****