

BCGREA Branch 900 Meeting minutes for March 20, 2024
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Penticton

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 with Maurice Davidson in the chair, 20 members and 1 guest present.

Frances Monro introduced the guest speakers, Roger Yeo and Steve Jasper of the Men's Shed Association.

In 2023 over 3000 sheds have been formed in countries including the UK and Canada. There are currently 46 in BC. The purpose of the shed is to provide a place for men to socialize, collaborate and work on meaningful projects. In Penticton they have provided benches for Agur Lake (camp for children with disabilities) item for Christmas fund raisers and other community projects.

The men's Shed has about 30 members and they meet twice a week on a drop in bases. Meetings are Tuesday 9:30 to 11:00am at the Unity Clubhouse, Canadian Mental Health Ass. at #103 - 1873 Main St. Penticton, parking at the rear.

Saturday 10:00 – noon at the Penticton and District Society for Community Living, 180 Industrial Avenue W.

No need to contact them, just show up and join in.

-guest speakers were followed by a coffee/social break

-Minutes of the previous meeting: The minutes from the Feb.21st meeting have been forward to members by e mail. Maurice reviewed several of the points brought up from the minutes. Motion to accept by Larry Martin was seconded by Elvy Karlstrom and carried.

-Membership Report: The membership report supplied by Bill Myers was delivered by Maurice Davidson. Maurice reported on two omissions in last month's report. Two members had left Branch 900, Don Fourchalk passed away just before Christmas and Elaine Tess has moved to Victoria and transferred to that branch.

Branch 900 now has a total of 279 members. Sharon Hudson has renewed contact with the 35 members that do not have e mail addresses.

Moved to accept by Sharon Hudson was seconded by Judy Barillaro.

-Treasurer's Report: Imre Horvath reported on the expenses incurred at our recent Christmas lunch as added to the minutes of the Feb. meeting. This month we have a total of \$460.84 in our chequing account. Three cheques for \$20.00 each have been issued to reimburse annual dues for our latest life members. There are two outstanding cheques for minor office expenses.

Moved to accept by Paul Perkins, seconded by Judy Barillaro and carried.

-Old Business: We want to thank Linda Roberge for making sure we had coffee and some treats for our social break these past months.

From our Feb. meeting Linda Jones has taken on the job. Several members have indicated that they bake some treats for us. Also will be supplying a selection of tea and we suggest members bring their own mugs to save using the environmentally unfriendly styro-foam cups.

-New Business: Once again it is income tax time. There are several sources to get your income tax filed easily and cheaply depending on your income level (see attachment).

-Health & Wellness: nothing to report

-Good of the Order: nothing to report

-60/40 Draw: Elvy Karlstrom won 60% of the pot, \$24.60
Cindy Davidson won 40%, \$16.40

-Upcoming Events: The next regular meeting will be held on Wed. April 17th, same time, same place. Our guest speaker will be pharmacist David Wickman.

As a cost saving measure the annual spring director's meeting will be conducted via "zoom" on April 23rd. The provincial executive will be in a studio the rest of us on our home computer or other device.

Not mentioned at the meeting for those that might be interested an indigenous celebration called the Moveable Feast will be held at the Penticton Cleland Theatre this Thur. March 28th. The ad is enclosed.