

BCGREA BRANCH 900 MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
OUR REDEMEER LUTHERN CHURCH AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. with Maurice Davidson in the chair. 28 members were present.

Maurice welcomed everyone to the first meeting since February 2020, when COVID became a part of our lives.

Thank you to the executive members that have maintained Branch 900 and to the members who continued their membership through this time.

Updates Provincially:

A Central Office Support person has been hired to maintain the BCGREA website as well as to be available to assist branch executives.

Copies of “The Pen” should have been received by members electronically. (The Branch has a few paper copies for those who have missed out.) This was the 75th Anniversary of the BCGREA and is a special edition.

Members are encouraged to check out the BCGREA website at ‘bcgre.ca’. Along with up to date information on the Association, the site contains the results of a province wide survey taken as well as the results from Branch 900,

Larry Martin gave a presentation on the Provincial apparel program which is a part of the Recruitment and Retention Committee. Merchandise would be sold to members to promote the Association—not for profit. (Check out the website for this incentive also.)

Treasurer’s Report: Imre reported that the bank balance is at \$3,575.00. Expenses over the past couple years has been minimal.

The yearly donation in memory of members who have passed was presented to the Princeton Flood Relief program. (Originally giving the donation to Keremeos was investigated—as we have more members in the Keremeos area. When Keremeos was approached, they indicated that Princeton was in greater need than they were.)

Moved to accept by Judy Barillaro and seconded by Sharon Hudson that the report be accepted. Carried.

Membership Report: Frances reported that Branch 900 currently has 202 members. (In Feb. 2020 there were 232 members.) See attached for full report.

Kip Demmings was welcomed to Branch 900. He and his wife recently moved back to BC after spending the first years of retirement living in the Maritimes.

Moved by Bruce Shepherd and seconded by Eric Madsen that the report be accepted. Carried.

Health and Wellness: Shirley Cox is recovering from surgery. Joan Lansdell is in hospice. (Since the meeting, we have received word that Joan has passed.)

Old Business: The last meeting was so long ago that whatever we had is not important anymore. Some issues still exist though!

New Business:

- Branch 900 needs a volunteer to line up guest speakers. In the meantime, if you have a suggestion, please give your idea to the Executive who will investigate if further.
- We also need a couple of volunteers to shadow our key positions of Membership Director and Treasurer. These positions are difficult to pick up and run with if something happens to people currently holding them.
- Another vacant volunteer position is “Director at Large”. This is an opportunity to be involved with the inner workings of the executive, without taking on any more responsibility than you want.
- The Provincial AGM is scheduled for October 19th in Tsawwassen. As this is the 75th anniversary of the BCGREA, more executive members have been invited to attend. Special committee meetings are also being held. Frances, Maurice, Larry and Imre will be attending. (The Provincial pays the expenses for this meeting.)
- As a result of timing of the Provincial AGM, John Dame will chair the regular monthly meeting of Branch 900.
- Christmas Party 2022: We are in the planning stages and have reserved the Penticton Golf & Country Club restaurant for lunch on **Tuesday, December 13th**. Tickets will be available at the October meeting—the cost is still to be determined.

60/40 Draw: Sharon Hudson was the winner of \$30.00; and Linda Roberge the winner of \$20.00.

The winner of a canvas bag with the BCGREA logo was Bill Solberg.

The winner of a bottle of maple syrup (donated by Paul Perkins) was Alice Unruh.

Upcoming Events:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. (Redeemer Lutheran Church)

The regular meeting in November will also be our Branch AGM. At that time we must hold our annual election of table officers. The positions of Branch Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair will be open for nomination. These positions offer a chance to get more involved with the workings of the branch and the events that we plan.

Christmas Luncheon: **Tuesday, December 13th**. (Penticton Golf & Country Club Restaurant.)

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.