

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH WI MEETING

16 January 2019

1. **Welcome and apologies:** The Co-President (DP) welcomed all to the meeting, including two visitors.
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** These were agreed as a true record and signed by the previous President who had conducted the November meeting.
3. **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
4. **Correspondence and Newsletter (Secretary)**
 - 4.1 An electronic Christmas card had been received from the Kendal office.
 - 4.2 A Christmas card received from new President Karen Hanks was displayed on the noticeboard.
 - 4.3 Thelma Brown and Marian Newman of Crook WI had expressed their appreciation of our Christmas party and its generous hospitality; the food was delicious and the Bryce Street Strummers were very entertaining. Their thanks were passed on to Members.
 - 4.4 MS and CW would be attending **Crook WI's New Year Party** which had been rescheduled to 9 January 2019 – 12 for 12.30 pm. Their attendance had already been confirmed to the Crook secretary.
 - 4.5 **Peter McColl** has had to withdraw from his speaking engagement at Selside Village Hall on 28 February 2019. The event would be rescheduled for later in the year.
 - 4.6 The cost of **Margaret Jarvis' painting course** on 14 & 21 March 2019 (£20 for one day and £40 for both days) had been omitted from the December/January Newsletter.
 - 4.7 **2020 Vision:** The Federation is to mark its centenary year in 2020 and were seeking suggestions from Members for a special theme or style. A form was available for anyone wishing to make a suggestion; deadline of 31 January 2019.
5. **Spring Council Meeting (25/3/2019)** – to be attended by DP, Jean Sherratt and Audrey Hollowell.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
 - 6.1 The Treasurer advised that the cost of the Christmas party had been £165.72 and £144.05 profit had been made at the Christmas fair.
 - 6.2 The current bank balance was £4474.75.
 - 6.3 The audited 2017 accounts were formally adopted after Mary Choiseul proposed and Marilyn Shuttleworth seconded the motion.
7. **2019 AGM Resolutions: The Co-President explained that** Members would need to vote for their preferred Resolution at tonight's meeting and presented some information on each one. A receptacle had been placed at the back of the Hall to collect Members' voting slips.
8. **Christmas Party Review:**
 - 8.1 The 2018 party had been enjoyed by all and had been particularly appreciated by the Bryce Street Strummers, who had sent a thank you email to the Programme Secretary commenting on the efficiency of the pre-party arrangements and the generous hospitality on the night.
 - 8.2 Jean Cheeseman had sent a Christmas card to Members and had provided sweets for each table.
 - 8.3 Looking ahead to the 2019 Christmas party, the Co-President explained that the buoyant bank balance would allow the C&L to employ a caterer to provide all savoury elements. The Committee would continue to provide desserts.
9. **Scrapbook:** The Co-President asked for a volunteer to take over the responsibility from KE of maintaining the scrapbook. This did not have to be a digital project and could be populated with print outs and photograph prints.

10. Future Events

- 10.1 **Spring Lunch:** GW had made initial enquiries at the Ryebeck Hotel for this Members only event (no partners). Other potential venues include the Black Labrador (preferred option) or the Lindeth Howe. After discussion, the date of 25 February 2019 (12.00 for 12.30 pm) was agreed. Members were asked to make their food choices tonight.
- 10.2 **Damson Day (13 April 2019):** DP suggested to Members not to have a cake stall at the 2019 Damson Day on the basis that C&L does not need to raise more funds. However, the WI would have a presence through an 'information' stand in the marquee.
- 10.3 DP was also mindful that **Bingley WI** had been invited to this event by the previous President; not having a stall would be conducive to making the hosting of the Bingley members much easier. **ACTION: The Secretary to extend an invitation to the Bingley President Jean Robinson and the Programme Secretary to work up an itinerary.**
- 10.4 The Co-President suggested that it would be nice to extend an invitation to new **Federation Chair, Karen Hanks** to meet Members and that the Spring Lunch would provide the ideal informal setting for her to do this. **ACTIONS: 1) Secretary to extend invitation once the details have been confirmed. 2) EM to collect money from Members.**
- 10.5 **Meeting refreshments: The Co-President** proposed that refreshments at future meetings would be biscuits purchased with WI funds. This would reduce the amount of food waste and help to remove pressure from those members who may not want to, or are unable to provide home baked treats. In the main this suggestion was accepted by Members; although those ladies who did still wish to provide home baked goods, could continue to do so.
- 10.6 It was suggested that C&L may wish to consider 'sponsoring' a **WI Christmas tree** in Crosthwaite church over the Christmas 2019 period. Decorations from the Spring Craft Day and those made as part of the County Show Christmas category, potentially could be added to the tree. Members were happy with the proposal to have a green/purple colour theme.
- 10.7 **Spring Craft Day.** AD explained that as part of "Get Creative" week (11-19/5/2019), we had been asked to host a craft day in the Argles Hall to help promote and encourage craft-making in the community. The "Green Hearts" themed day is intended to be an inclusive free-of-charge community event. Any costs (materials and tutors) would be met from the profit made from the Addington catering event. The suggested date was 11 May 2019, but as this would clash with Messy Church either the date or the venue would have to change. **ACTION: AD to confirm the date at the next meeting.** AD advised that the 1-hour long activities could include painting on silk and making felt flowers. Arm knitting and origami were also potential options.
- 10.8 **Westmorland Show.** AD suggested 23/1/2019 as the date for the initial planning meeting for the C&L co-operative displays at this event. However, as this fell in 'panto' week, it was agreed to move the date to 28/1/2019. Meeting to be held at AD's house at 7 pm.
- 10.9 **Climate change – Green Hearts:** Mary Choiseul explained to Members her previous involvement in establishing a meeting to discuss this topic, which unfortunately, our Federation had not been overly enthusiastic about supporting. Mary wants to work with a more targeted audience and therefore wanted to seek a Member who was prepared to become a 'champion' for this, for which free support and training (March) would be available. No volunteer emerged.

11. Any Other Business

- 11.1 **Walking Netball:** Christine Gibson spoke about this exercise for the lungs and heart, which occurred weekly on Tuesdays between 3.30 and 4.30 pm at a cost of £2.05 (including refreshments).
- 11.2 **Cliff Richard:** a ticket had unexpectedly become available for this concert to be held at Cartmel Racecourse on 28 June 2019 at a cost of £67.00. Christine Gibson would take the ticket and reimburse Jill Wesson for its cost.
12. **Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 7.30 pm. Speaker: Archie Workman talking about his 'Life in the Gutter'