

## **Russell and District Horticultural Society**

### **Minutes of meeting Monday, November 19, 2018**

#### **6:30 p.m. at Russell Meadows Retirement Centre**

1. People gathered with their pot-luck dishes at 6:30 and John Jackson said Grace.
2. At 7:30 Carole began the meeting with a welcome to all those present.
3. The minutes from the September meeting that were tabled at the October meeting were motioned for approval by Linda Duhamel, seconded by Pegi Holtz and accepted by all.
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5. Carole introduced Charles Freeman who gave a short speech and let us know a few things that are going on in the OHA:
  - There is now a corporate credit card for the OHA, and they are looking for ideas to best benefit everyone for its use.
  - The OHA is working on a strategic plan and are looking for replies by March 1<sup>st</sup>
  - The OHA is working on revamping their website and are hoping it will be up and running again by March/April.
  - Information from the OHA is passed on through the presidents of each society. He reiterated that members should not be afraid to ask questions or give suggestions.
6. Lindley talked about three of the upcoming events to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the horticultural society:
  - 'The Raven' – Stephen Lyall has made and donated a metal sculpture valued at \$2700 that will be raffled with proceeds going to the horticultural society. Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5 and will be for sale until October 2019.
  - Hamilton Road Christmas House Tour – This house tour will be held December 8 from 10-4. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at Beyond the House, Academie du Gourmet and from Lindley. Proceeds will go to the horticultural society.
  - Living Locally Fair – There will still be a living locally fair in January 2019 with some modifications. There will no longer be any vendors in classrooms, reducing the number of vendors from 130 to 110. Vendors will only be located the atrium, gymnasium and stage. There will not be any soups/chillies available, only tea and coffee.
7. Carole gave a summary about the 2019 calendars. The initial printing was for 92 copies, which sold very quickly. 70 more were printed and approximately half have been sold.

8. Lindley handed out prizes for the table place settings:
  - ‘Winter Fun’ – Gloria Biickert
  - ‘Floral Fantasy’ – Denise St-Jean
  - ‘100 Years Ago’ – Pegi Holtz
9. Connie Johnston announced a few upcoming events:
  - November 24: Trivia night for Freedom Dog Rescue
  - December 5: Night at Debbie Lyall’s, RSVP necessary
  - December 12: Play at Gladstone Theatre, RSVP necessary
  - December 14: Trivia night in support of Senior’s Santa
10. Marilyn McMillan announced that she had the signup sheet for snacks for 2019 and there are still a few spots to fill.
11. Marcel began the elections for new directors and secretary:
  - Diane Norman – Director
  - Christine Mercier – Director
  - Connie Johnston – Secretary
12. Louise Freeman went through the process of installing/swearing in of all officers and directors of the horticultural society.
13. Peter Van Die gave a brief summary of the books. The society has a healthy bank balance and there is money coming in and going out.
14. Charles Freeman spoke again about grants and the need to record and submit volunteer hours.
15. The evening rounded out with a floral greenery arrangement in a vase organized by Louise Houle and Johanne St. Denis.