



United Church Women January 2021

Hello everyone,

It's been a Long, Long, Time. UCW did *not* disappear – we were just “social distancing.” The April 2020 meeting was cancelled due to Covid19 and it looked like the October meeting would be too.

BUT – a bright light at the end of the tunnel – ZOOM. On November 6th, 2020 Joan Zaretsky opened her home to us by Zoom and eight executive attended the meeting (along with Shirley and Darlynné's pets).

No one was sure how many, many years Claire Omerli has been the secretary of the executive but she has decided that it was time for her to resign as secretary. Teena Ross resigned from the board as her partner is not well and the journey from The Pas is a long one. Thanks go out to Claire and to Teena for the time and effort they have offered to the Prairie to Pine UCW executive. The executive was thrilled that Claire is only resigning her position as Secretary but is willing to remain as a Member at Large.

Normally the incoming officers are installed at the April meeting. Time on November 6th did not allow for this so a special meeting was planned for December 1, 2020. There were four new installations of officers: Karen Corbett as Vice-President, Shirley May as Treasurer, Daylynné Smith as Chair of the Bursary and Joan Zaretsky as the secretary.

With the changes of positions of Karen Corbett to Vice President from treasurer, Shirley May from Chair of Bursary Committee to Treasurer and Darlynné Smith from Member at Large to Chair of Bursary Committee an update will be provided at a later date to allow for year end duties to be performed and transfer of information to the incoming person. Many thanks to both Karen and Shirley for the many years they had performed these duties – remember supposedly “a change is as good as a rest.”

We enjoyed seeing each other and hearing about the different activities happening in our lives and decided to set up another Zoom meeting for January 5, 2021. Mona Denton offered to open her home for our UCW Coffee Break – it was so well received that we are to “meet for coffee” again on February 2, 2021.

The following attachments have been added to this email

Minutes for the November 6th Zoom meeting. Thanks to Shirley May for documenting

Attachments to the minutes

2020 1JC (One Just City newsletter)

Letter from Sandy Saulteau

Copy of Prairie to Pine Income & Expense Sheet

Mission & Service

Minutes for December 1st, 2020 Installation of Officers. Thanks to Joan Zaretsky for documenting
All I Really Need to Know I Learned from Noah's Ark

In the January 13, 2021 Think Tank section of the Winnipeg Free Press, Peter Denton had his first article of the year suggesting that “resilience” should be the word of the year for 2021. While I always read and enjoy what Peter writes in his columns on various topics this column is my favorite (so far). Due to copyright issues the entire column cannot be forwarded but to summarize – while resilience helps us to

survive it also causes us to grow and strengthen; while the “one hundred pandemic” of 2020 we have just lived through will result in “the new normal.”

On a personal note, I would like to thank the Prairie to Pine UCW executive for presenting me with a “Life Membership Pin and Certificate” at my 90th birthday party held on February 29th (the weekend prior to the 1st lockdown. Thanks to my daughter Darlene and my granddaughter Jean for helping this “seasoned citizen” when working with technological updates/changes.

If you have comments or suggestions for the newsletter or if you know of someone who would like to be added or deleted from receiving new issues of UCW News & Views please let me know; as some people do not have access to computers/printers copies can be sent out via regular mail.

NOTE 1: If the UCW unit you belonged to has disbanded, but you still wish to be involved and aware of what is happening in the Prairie to Pine area you can become an individual member.

NOTE 2: Please note I have changed my email address – I still have the same mailing address and phone number.

My new email address is irisjwedge@gmail.com

*May you always have
Money to spare
Food to share
And friends who care*

Iris Wedge, Communications Director
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