

# Century House Association Activity Chairs Meeting

## Minutes for February 4, 2026

10 a.m. at Century House

28 groups represented; full executive present; Erica Mark & Hannah Glavin for the City

1. Call to Order 11:01, Bill Harper in the chair
2. Land acknowledgement - Tim Hicks - attached
3. Introduction of new executives
4. Adoption of agenda [Campbell, Moore]
5. Adoption of minutes from January meeting, as amended with minor corrections [Gordon, Gerbrandt]
6. Recognition of members we lost last month
7. Old Business - none
  
8. Treasurer's Report
  - Limited reporting as the new Treasurer gets up to speed
  - Budget underway
  
9. Executive Report
  - Bill noted that we are still very much in transition, just 11 days after the AGM
  - Are we OK with reading the attachments sent with the agenda pre-meeting? Only about 1/3 of attendees can print at home, so we'll make more copies
  - AGM feedback
    - Well attended, and most people stayed till the end
    - Long, but we did have an actual election
    - Carole Wylie (Governance): kudos to phoners & Tim & staff for the outreach effort to notify all members
    - Kathleen Kennedy-Strath: well organized & well done, and we let everyone speak who wanted to
    - Election: suggestion to put nominees' names on a handout
    - Bill Harper: it's a big job; planning starts in November. Thanks to staff for their help with the election, the notice, and the setup
  - Chairs Elections - likely early April again; please talk to your people about considering a leadership role

- **Non-Partisan policy:** Bill explained that we have a long-standing unwritten rule here: “no politics.” Now that politics is getting more confrontational, it is time to codify it.
  - We’ve learned that the non-profit regulations say that because we raise money we must be non-partisan; we can’t support a candidate etc. We CAN do advocacy, within our mission.
  - Erica referred us to the city’s [facility allocation guidelines](#) (PDF) and [this article](#)
  - We discussed and noted numerous examples that will need to be considered as we take this forward
- **Conflict Resolution process** - Bill advised that we worked with staff to produce this; it reflects lessons learned from several conflicts this year.
  - We discussed various possible cases and their consequences
  - Tim will post the above two items on the website; we’ll include them in the liaisons’ notes for the chairs’ elections; and we’ll put them in the chairs’ orientation
- **Hyack Parade** - Bill asked if we want to register, and it appeared that we do. Volunteers to organize it will be welcomed (see Bill). Planning starts in March

#### 10. Committee Reports:

- a. **Bursary** - A reminder that our next Trivia event is March 24th. Details in the Clarion. Motion to receive: Hogg, McErlaine
- b. **Governance** - supporting the executive in policy and in more codification of procedures to be kept in a Board Book and elsewhere
  - The Handbook has just been updated and will be again soon. It does not include procedures
  - Governance would welcome more “policy wonks”
- c. **Events** -
  - Black History Month (2 events, Caribbean party already sold out), working with staff
  - PJ party - yes, it’s coed
  - working with others for Pink Shirt Day Feb. 25 and Time for Change event March 4; also supporting such things as Bursary’s trivia games and the Players
  - birthday parties usually sell out well ahead
  - planning a cultural event (Japan) for May
  - looking forward to Sunday openings
  - motion to receive: Ladouceur, Hampel
- d. **Communications**
  - Working toward development of a logo (will need \$)
  - Wendy Parry has joined the Clarion editorial team
  - Motion to receive: Hampel, Gerbrandt

**e. Finance**

- very much still in handover mode, but the budget's coming along nicely, the investments are where we want them, cash handling is in good shape. But we still need a bookkeeper
- motion to receive: Hicks, Gerbrandt

**f. Sales**

- No report yet on past sale
- For the spring, we need to review what's in the thrift sale

**11. Strategic Plan**

- Committee's first meeting done, setting priorities, meeting next week

**12. New Business**

- Discussion - topics for discussion now and in future
- Agreed to keep the meeting to two hours; maybe have this at the end so some people can leave if they want
- Suggestion to stick to things we can do something about
- Discussion of possible topics, which Tim will record; please send additional ideas to [secretary@chanw.ca](mailto:secretary@chanw.ca) and we'll report them out next time

**13. Staff Report**

- Staff are back in regular positions
- Parking sign update was delayed but now progressing; sign will say that 9-5 is for Century House, Youth Centre, lawn bowling; otherwise no limit; capital funding is set aside for a parking strategy for the whole area
- Accessible parking spaces must be bigger so they won't be adding more at this time
- Taxis have stopped taking breaks here but if they do, you can complain [here](#)
- The big TV will be in the lounge for the Olympics and probably for FIFA games
- There are volunteer opportunities for lunch&learn - contact Jenna or Ricardo

**14. Activity Groups**

- Reporting - Trudi asked groups to send reports to the new address [groupreports@chanw.ca](mailto:groupreports@chanw.ca) (paper reports still OK too); she is working on a new format that has been tested with Bid Euchre & Wed .crafts
- SOUL - next focus is on heart health; others to come
- SET - AI workshop coming up
- Peer Support - had a speaker and a Fraser Health representative
- Singers - maxed out at 48 singers; performing March 10 at Victoria Heights
- Spanish - has two new members, and will welcome more at all levels of proficiency
- Discussion - has a no-Trump rule, and recently discussed how to put socks on
- Walkers - annual lunch in Sapperton with an hour-long climb in the rain
- Dragons - well into dryland training

- Players - new members welcome, spring show will be May 21-22-23
- Line Dancing - Monday has 65 dancers in two groups, Tuesday evening 35
- Squares - have lost their outdoor sandwich board
- Ukulele - some new members, holding at 30; did singalongs with Notable 90s & Low Vision
- Blood Pressure has decided they can't keep records, so please carry your wallet cards. The sign-in sheet now has a consent section. The volunteers cannot make any kind of diagnosis.

15. Inspirational Quote - Debbie Tommila

"You can rise above it all! Why let setbacks weigh you down when your potential is meant to soar? Why carry yesterday's worries when today holds endless possibilities? It's time to open your eyes, take a deep breath, and step into what's next!"

16. Next Meeting: **Wed. March 4**

17. Adjournment 11:59 [Hicks]