

MINUTES OF A HAUGHLEY WI MEETING

DATE: NOVEMBER 6, 2019

VENUE: HAUGHLEY VILLAGE HALL

1	WELCOME AND APOLOGIES: Marian welcomed everyone to the Meeting. Apologies for absence from Joyce Freeman, Carole Sutherland and Rosemary Todd.
2	JERUSALEM: was sung.
3	A TRIBUTE WAS GIVEN TO ERICA WILKIN, SEFWI CHAIR WHO HAS DIED, by Marian
4	HOSTESSES: were Anne M, Vanessa H, Rita H, Doreen C. Marian thanked Doreen for baking the cake and Yvonne T for icing it.
5	BIRTHDAY CARDS and GIFTS were presented Pat C, Doreen C, Brenda L, and will be delivered to Carole S. Marian went on to discuss with members their preferences for Birthday Gifts for 2020. The bookmarks for 2019 were well received and it was overwhelmingly agreed that different small gifts should be sourced for 2020.
6	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: e-mailed and circulated, agreed to be an accurate record. Signed by the President for filing.
7	MATTERS ARISING 7.1 Ideas for WI bursary-funded educational trip and voting slips discussed with members by Marian. There are 5 choices thus far. All Members present (24 of total membership of 28) voted later in the evening on the choices offered during refreshment time. The results: 1 st place: Kentwell Hall, weighted score according to members votes: 74 2 nd place: Long Melford Hall, weighted score according to members votes: 70 3 rd place: The Wool Room, Bramford, weighted score according to members votes: 61 4 th place: Pakenham Mills, weighted score according to members votes: 49 5 th place: Lavenham Guildhall, weighted score according to members votes: 45
8	FEEDBACK RECENT EVENTS 8.1 Lunch Club on 22 Oct Shepherd and Dog, Onehouse was attended by 14 members and a great time was had by all: very tasty and good value! The next event being organised by Doreen is at the Crown, Stowupland, Tuesday November 26, 12.30pm: Clipboard circulated.
9	REMINDER OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS 9.1 November 10: Remembrance Sunday, St Mary's Church: Our WI wreath will be laid by Marian: an open invitation was given to any members who wish to join the ceremony

	<p>9.2 November 20: Christmas Shopping in Cambridge: 20 signed up: tickets will now be £10.00 (otherwise there will be around £10.00 shortfall to cover cost) There is still time to book a place. Members to contact Rosemary if interested.</p> <p>9.3 December 6, 5.30-7.00pm: Christmas Tree Lights switch-on. To have WI cake stall and Pat B's popular guess the weight of .../number of prize draw as usual and the Committee are supplying a hamper to be raffled: clipboard circulated for contributions and volunteers to help on the evening.</p> <p>9.4 December 11: Christmas Dinner at Stoke Ash, pick-up 5.30pm at the bus stop.</p> <p>9.5 Early reminder: Trinity Park 2020 event will be Tuesday March 3. Clipboard circulated for expressions of interest. Tickets will be £8.00, with one free voting delegate prepared to report back at our March 2020 meeting.</p> <p>9.6 Village hall Film night continues first Saturday each month, but the film shown last weekend to be repeated due to popular demand: Fishermens Friend, tickets on the door with light refreshments included £4.00. Doors open 7.00pm for 7.30pm.</p>
10	<p>TREASURER'S REPORT</p> <p>10.1 Rosemary reported that there is £448.14p in the account with no outstanding expenses/bills due to be paid.</p>
11	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>11.1 The event on p4 of current SEFWI News is a Church NOT WI event.</p> <p>11.2 There is a new venture starting in Stowmarket related to creative arts and aimed at the over 55's. For more information contact Veronica.</p>
<p>AT this point the ordinary meeting concluded and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) began</p>	

12	<p>JANE SAGO, our current WI ADVISER gave an address</p>
13	<p>PRESIDENT'S YEAR IN OFFICE 2019 REPORT: Marian gave a report about the good year we have all enjoyed with our WI activities during 2019 and thanked all who had helped to make the year such a resounding success especially by joining in activities, supporting speaker selection. brilliant cake making and fund-raising efforts. She mentioned that our overall numbers are slightly down on 2018 and encourages everyone to continue to promote Haughley WI, Casual attendees are always welcome and are only asked to pay £3.00 to try us out on an evening of their choice. Marian also encouraged any members interested in joining the Committee.</p>
14	<p>ANNUAL 2019 COMMITTEE REPORT: Yvonne gave the report describing the activities and events planned by the Committee and enjoyed by members throughout 2019. The President proposed acceptance of the report., which was subsequently adopted by the members by a unanimous show of hands.</p>

15	<p>TREASURER'S 2019 ANNUAL REPORT: Rosemary gave the report and circulated a summary of the balance sheet. The audited financial statement, 2019 was commended by the auditor who commented on what a lot Haughley WI had done during 2019. Members present voted by a unanimous show of hands to use the same auditor next year. The report was proposed, seconded and unanimously adopted by the members by a unanimous show of hands.</p>
16	<p>ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020: Marian thanked Lynne who is stepping down, but has generously said that she will continue to be our lead on theatre and cultural events. All other currently serving officers have expressed their willingness to continue in their roles and they were subsequently re-elected en-bloc by a unanimous show of hands.</p>
17	<p>ELECTION OF PRESIDENT FOR 2020: The secret ballot was conducted by Jane Sago. There were 3 nominees. The outcome was the selection of Marian by members who were delighted when she agreed to serve a third term as the President of Haughley WI.</p>
18	<p>JANE SAGO COMPETITION JUDGE Jane happily selected the winning Hand-made Christmas Card competition entry. Anne Miles was the winner and she graciously accepted her prize. Marian showed us all the recently polished (thanks to Sandra!) Haughley WI Cup, which was made in 1950 to record the name of the member who had won most competitions in-year. Pat B's Husband, Howard has kindly offered to make a new wooden plinth for the Cup so that new plaques can be added to it for engraving winners' names on and thus resurrect this tradition 2020 and beyond.</p>
19	<p>NEXT MEETING: December 4: Main meeting, This will be an evening of fun and festivities: all members are encouraged to participate and to wear something festive during the evening.</p>
20	<p>REFRESHMENTS: Members enjoyed cake, wine and non-alcoholic beverages during social time, when all had a good go at completing Pat B's latest quiz.</p>
21	<p>MEETING CLOSED at 9.35 pm.</p>

PRESIDENT

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