

MISSISSAUGA 55 PLUS CARI-CAN GROUP
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2020

WELCOME/PRAYER/BIRTHDAYS:

President Orlander Marshall welcomed everyone. He was particularly pleased with all the efforts that went into the process of allowing the Group to conduct the Annual General Meeting via the Zoom platform. During this Pandemic year of 2020, in person meetings were cancelled in the Month of March as advised by the Government and Health authorities. However, with Zoom we are able to stay in contact in a limited way. To all who are unable to join the meeting, you are missed.

Prayer was said by Gloria Davis.

The President extended birthday wishes to everyone celebrating a birthday in the month of November. Member Arthur Humes is celebrating his birthday today November 23, 2020. He is joined by his wife Grace, his children and Grand children, all wishing him best wishes. He was then presented with a birthday cake. Regrets to all as he was unable to share in person. Everyone wished him all the best and his extended family members left the meeting. Edwin Wilson then played the birthday song.

OPENING REMARKS:

Opening Remarks was given by Secretary Rita Challenger, outlining the process. Thanks, was extended to all who helped to get the word out especially to those Members who are technically challenged. These Members were able to join in the meeting via telephone.

The persons involved in getting the word out are as follows: Lorna Noel, Gloria Davis, Irene Halliday, Whilma Cushnie, Norma Carter, Grace Humes, Vernie Cross and Edris Baptiste. A great big thank you to all.

MINUTES:

The Minutes' dated November 04, 2019 was emailed to all Members with email access, and mailed by Canada Post to those Members without email access, well in advance of todays meeting. Members were asked to review, pre- approve and to submit any questions.

ERRORS/OMISSIONS:

None

MATTERS ARISING:

None

A motion was moved by Lorna Noel and seconded by Grace Humes to accept the minutes as presented. All was in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS:**President's Report**

The President's Report was also mailed and emailed to Members in advance of todays meeting. In his report the President highlighted accomplishments from the past year, before the lockdown, due to Covid-19. Thanks, and gratitude was extended to all for the year. As there were no questions, a motion was moved by Leroy Nelson and seconded by Victorine Batson to accept the President's Report. All was in favor, motion carried. The President's Report will also be posted on the Mississauga 55 Plus Web page.

TREASURER's Report

The Financial Report was prepared by Treasurer Lotys Gooding and dated for year ending August 31, 2020. This report was also mailed prior to today's meeting. As there were no questions a motion was moved by Leroy Nelson and seconded by Jerry Halliday to accept the report as presented. All was in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Public Relations Officer Wilma Francis did not submit a written report, due to the fact that many of the guest speakers she had lined up were cancelled for various reasons. Unavailability of our meeting place, holidays and cancelled meeting due to weather. Also due to the pandemic and lockdown in early March.

SOCIAL:

Social Coordinator Pearline Clarke submitted a short report as many of the planned items were also cancelled due to the pandemic. However, before the lockdown some things were done, such as International day, Bus trip to Fallsview Casino and Festival of lights Niagara Falls, Annual Bake Sale and Men's Christmas Lunch, Valentines Day and Black History month to name a few. Special thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make these functions a success. Thanks to Edwin Wilson for his music, thanks to Irene Halliday the Assistant Social Coordinator as well as all the Committee Members.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The President advised that the Group is still hoping to be relocated to a new building on 9th Line and Britannia. The building is presently under construction and will not be ready for occupancy until April 2021. He also noted that due to the pandemic no one knows when meeting in person will resume.

Calvin Beach wanted to know if it is a sure thing that the Group is on a waiting list for this or any venue. He suggested that a letter should be sent to the appropriate authorities making sure that this is to be the case.

Public Relations Officer Wilma Francis made it clear that the Group is indeed on a wait list. Wilma stated that she is constantly in contact with Lorena Smith the contact person at the City of Mississauga as well as with Adam Tomulka who is the Facility Manager for the City of Mississauga.

Hazel Holder wanted to know if there are any other places and possibilities. PRO Wilma Francis, explained that because of the size of the Group (100+) many of the places will not be suitable.

Public Relations Officer advised that she received information from Sheena, Manager at Creditvale advising of upcoming Health sessions & Workshops. Invitation is extended to anyone who may be interested in any of the workshops. Sheena can be contacted directly at 905- 338 4432 or Wilma can pass along the names as well. Wilma will forward the information to the secretary who will then send it out to everyone.

Wilma also advised that the Doctor's Offices that were scheduled to be set up at Credit Vale building was cancelled.

Grace Humes invited any one who is interested in a virtual concert, given by her church. It is the Annual Fund raiser. If interested you may call Grace and she will give you the logon info.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

In his closing remarks the President again thanked everyone for whatever role was played in getting the task done in these unprecedented times.

A motion was moved by Lionel Challenger, seconded by Irene Halliday to bring the meeting to a close.

Dated November 23, 2020

Prepared by Rita Challenger

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