

Meeting agenda

Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection – AGM 2024

Date and time of meeting	Thursday 20 June 2024, 5.30pm
Location	Programme Rooms, Te Ahumairangi (ground floor), National Library of New Zealand
Attendees	Corrina Gordon, Chantalle Smith, Barbara Robertson, Margaret Garrett, Joan McCracken, Lindsay Ward, Ian Garrett, Kathryn Walls, Mary Skarott, Rosemary Cole
Apologies	Fiona Gray, Marianne Dobie, Katrina Hatherly, Susan Price, David Retter, Neil Robertson, Jeff Hunt
Chair	Corrina Gordon
Minutes	Chantalle Smith

Agenda items

Item	Time	Description	Led by
1.	5m	<p>Minutes of the last AGM – 14 June 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matters arising from the last meeting - nothing <p>Minutes accepted by Barbara Robertson Seconded by Chantalle Smith</p>	Corrina
2.	15m	<p>Reports</p> <p><i>President's report</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee met regularly throughout the year. • 2 events, plus the AGM took place last year. Thank you to Trevor for providing a history of the society. • Thank you to our patron Fleur for attending when she can. The committee had a lunch with Fleur earlier this year. • Newsletter, we continue to publish this, even if delayed. The committee shares the editing. If members have items for the newsletter let us know. • We encourage members to invite friends to events and encourage them to join. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Matters arising from report - nothing <p>Report accepted by Joan McCracken Seconded by Mary Skarott</p> <p><i>Financial report</i></p>	Corrina Joan Mary Chantalle

- Presented by Joan in absence of Jeff.
- All of the income was slightly down on previous year, apart from the interest which went up.
- Increased costs due to the new leaflet being printed.
- Meeting expenses were up.
- No book purchases.
- No scholarship payment as we did not receive any applications.
- 33 members for this year.
 - Matters arising from report - nothing

Report accepted by Joan

Seconded by Barbara

- Setting annual membership subscription rate – Agreed to retain the subscription rate in \$20 per year.

Motion accepted by Joan McCracken

Seconded by Alison Grant

Report from the Research Librarian

- Good number of donations.
- Items delivered to the Reading Rooms were up.
- Display cabinet had fewer items due there being no cabinets because of the construction on the building.
- DNW Display cabinet has been reinstated but is in a different place than previously. It is located just inside the Reading Room.
- New display shelf unit in the Reading Room for children to engage with the NCC. Currently being changed 3 monthly, but may change this.
- A Connecting to Collections talk on collage in children's literature that Mary presented is available online.
- Research Visit by the University of Washington.
- Research Grant didn't have any takers. Will re-advertise later this year.

- Matters arising from the report:
- Joan asked: In the past we purchased books for the DNW collection do we still do this? Answer: There is no budget for DNW, it is built by donations only. Mary would use the budget she has for NCC for any purchases.
- Joan proposes that if Mary comes to ask for money to purchasing books for the collection, that we have money aside for it.
- All agreed to \$500 for Mary to spend when needed without approval.

Webmaster's report

- Joan presented in Jeff's absence.
- Same as last year's report, just changed the date.
- A reminder that we are hosted by charity.net hosted by Waikato University. This means this service is provided free.
- Please have a thought about something new that could go on the front page of the website. Currently the only part that really changes is the Facebook feed that is on it.
- We encourage members to go and have a read of the old newsletters on the website.

Report accepted by Joan McCracken

Seconded by Alison Grant

Facebook report

- Always post event pages, a post afterwards regarding our events, and the display cabinets.
- Extra topics this year included Mary's events (her presentation and the research visit), as well as sharing other organisations posts about children's literature things.
- Engagement remains steady. Thank you to

		<p>those who regularly like, comment or share our posts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most popular post in the previous year was the post on Mary's visit with the University of Washington group. • This year is the first year we have started getting interest in people wanting to join the society through our Facebook page. <p>Report Accepted by Joan McCracken</p> <p>Seconded by Mary Skarott</p>	
3.	5m	<p>Election of officers</p> <p>All current committee members have put their names forward for the 2023-2024 committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All nominated by Alison Grant • All seconded by Rosemary Cole • 2024/2025 committee are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ President – Corrina Gordon ○ Treasurer – Jeff Hunt ○ Newsletter editor – Shared amongst committee. ○ General committee roles – Barbara Robertson, Kathryn Walls, Chantalle Smith and Joan McCracken 	
4.	2m	<p>Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for contributions for next newsletter. Please email friendsdnw@gmail.com with suggestions 	Joan
5.	2m	<p>Research Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to change frequency to advertise the research grant yearly. We currently are not always getting applications each time. This also means we do not need to keep changing the date. • Suggestion that applications close end of October each year. • All members agreed. 	Mary
6.	5m	<p>Constitution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee updated the constitution a couple of years ago as it was out of date and there were 	Joan

		<p>changes coming to the Charities Act.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When we tried to submit it, we were told we were too early and could not submit it. The Act had changed, but not enacted yet. • We got agreement from members on the changes a couple of years ago. • We need to resubmit this, just waiting on getting a couple of signatories. • Should have this submitted by the next AGM. 	
7.	2m	<p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have speakers for this year already. • Please let us know if you have ideas for next year. 	All
8.	2m	<p>Food</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal to members if the Friends would provide a little funds for food for the events. • We already provide funds for drinks, and we already pay for the Christmas mince pies at the end of the year. • Start with \$30 budget per meeting. • Members agree. <p>Motion accepted by Corinna Gordon Seconded by Rosemary Cole</p>	