

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

of the

Society of the Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection

Wednesday, 14 June 2023

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Annual General Meeting 2022 was held on 9 June 2022 and was attended by 11 members.

COMMITTEE

All committee members were re-elected unopposed. Corrina Gordon has retained the role of President. Jeff Hunt (Treasurer) continues in this position, with the committee members sharing the role of Newsletter editor during the year. Other members who continued their roles on the committee were Joan McCracken, Barbara Robertson, Kathryn Walls, and Chantalle Smith. Mary Skarott, in her role as the Research Librarian Children's Literature, is also part of the committee.

We have vacancies in our committee and would appreciate interest in future nominations from anyone willing. Committee members help with planning the year's events, hosting them and implementing any agreed actions from the AGM.

The Committee of the Friends of the Dorothy Neal White Collection has met regularly throughout the year and arranged only 2 events for members, 1 up on last year's offerings. Again, this has been due to the covid restrictions of last year. We hope to have 4 events this year but must just play things by ear, as always.

MEETINGS

Meetings during the year were all held at the National Library. Our thanks go to the National Library for allowing us to hold our events here free of charge, and particularly to Public Engagement staff for setting up the rooms for us and to Security for the part they play.

- 9 June AGM 2022
- 5 December 2022 Summertime: Readings from favourite stories
- 8 February 2023 Talia Crockett – Ethical representations of trauma in young adult literature

We thank the committee and our scholar for giving their time to share their passion for children's literature with the Friends.

PATRON

Our patron, Fleur Beale may not have been present at events but is certainly with us in spirit. She is erring on the side of caution, as many people are at the moment, and staying away from large crowds.

RESEARCH SCHOLAR

An update is included with the Research Librarian's report.

FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE

Thank you to both Jeff Hunt and Chantalle Smith for contributing to the Website and Facebook accounts. They will provide separate reports.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter is published to keep members up to date with activities and events associated with members and with the National Library's collections, and includes other news connected with children's literature. As always this was a very collaborative effort.

Over the next year we will continue to share the editing of the newsletter among committee members. We welcome input from members for the next one if you have any interesting topics, reviews or obituaries you would like to provide. Please let anyone in the committee know if you would like to contribute.

NOTES, BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Thanks to Kay we have another edition of Notes, Books and Authors which is available for members. This has been published with our new logo.

MEMBERSHIP

The treasurer continues to encourage members to renew their subscriptions - or to let us know if they no longer want to belong to the Society. We ended the 2022-2023 financial year with 33 financial members of the Friends.

We encourage current members to bring a friend or friends to events, as some people may not be aware of the society and our activities. While we still circulate the newsletter and notices to some libraries and other organisations that support children's literature, we continue to refine our membership and mailing lists.

CONCLUSION

Thank you to all members of the Society for your continuing interest in the children's literature collections of the National Library. We always enjoy catching up with those of you who are able to attend the meetings that are organised throughout the year.

Once again, grateful thanks are also due to all the Committee members for their continuing energy and commitment, their catering skills, and their ongoing support for the Research Librarian and the Collection.

As always, we welcome suggestions of topics for events, displays, publications, or research using the DNW Collection and the Library's other children's literature collections.

Corrina Gordon

President

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