



**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 20, 2020**  
**Pelham Public Library, Fonthill Branch**  
**7 pm**

1. **Welcome:** Co-President Barbara Botden welcomed over sixty members and guests. Introductions were made of the executive members, new members and guests.  
**Show and Tell:** This new 2-5 minute monthly presentation segment was introduced and explained. There were two presenters: Paulette Burnaccioni and Barbara Botden.  
-Paulette brought in a caterpillar housed in a small aquarium, rescued just before the cold weather. Inspired to save the monarch butterflies, Paulette has been feeding the caterpillar and it has survived. There was some discussion about whether the caterpillar was indeed a Monarch.  
-Barbara talked about her Uncle's development and introduction of the Red Prince apple into Canada and the Ontario marketplace. The beautiful and tasty apples were sampled during refreshments.  
**Speaker Presentation:** Paula Berketo, Landscape Architect, spoke about basic design principles for good landscaping and how they apply to home gardens.
2. **Secretary's Report:**  
Minutes of October 28, 2019 meeting were emailed to members, posted on the website and a copy was available on the front table.  
Motion to accept the Minutes from the General Meeting held on October 28, 2019: moved by Secretary Heather Carter; seconded by Helena Oud. Carried.
3. **Treasurer's Report: Amber**  
Treasurer Amber Cuthbertson submitted the following report:

Advantage Savings	\$3,966.39
Chequing	\$4,477.81
Petty Cash	\$106.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,550.50</b>
4. **Business Arising from the Minutes:**
  - 6.1 **Town of Pelham Beautification Committee update:** Co-President Lois Lacroix and Cynthia Roberts, both members of the Town's Beautification Committee, gave members an update of recent activity and decisions of the Committee.  
-Seasonal decorations will be enhanced next year by lights, with the power supplied by electrical outlets added to poles along South Pelham  
-Self-watering hanging baskets, changes to tree protectors and more bike racks were approved by the Committee.  
-Willowbrook Nurseries received a thank you card for their role in beautifying Pelham. The Committee would like to nominate a monthly participant. The next nominee will be the Fonthill Inn.  
-Cynthia thanked all of the elves in the Club for their help in assembling the Town's Christmas decoration boughs and bows, putting them up around the Town, and removing them. Elves are asked to watch for an upcoming meeting to make new bows for next Christmas season. Thank you, Cynthia, for taking this project on, and doing such a great job of organizing!
5. **New Business:**
  - 7.1 **2020 Annual Budget:** Amber reviewed the major categories considered for this year's budget and announced that the budget for the year totals \$4,685. Members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Copies of the budget are available for any members interested in the break-down of revenue and expenses by contacting Amber.  
Motion to accept the Annual Budget of \$4,685 for 2020: moved by Ginette O'Hara; seconded by Vilma Moretti. Carried.
  - 7.2 **Club Programme for 2020:** Virginia Altoft presented the line-up of speakers for this year, thanks to the hard work of this planning Committee and mentoring help from Jorie Tuck. Thank you, Virginia, Melissa Wright, Wendy Vahrmyer and Jorie, for this excellent agenda. Programs were available for members to pick up at the meeting. However, it was noted that one of the dates was wrong in the printed program. Changes will be made to the program and available at the next meeting.
  - 7.3 **Library Presentations:** Helena Oud has been working with the Pelham Library in developing a three-part instructional series of workshops to be held in the Spring, the creation of a Seed Library and Community Garden at the Pelham Library in Fonthill. Helena has agreed to take on the newly created position of Library Liaison on the

Board. Congratulations, Helena and thank you for your enthusiasm and work on developing this wonderful new initiative!

**7.4 Home and Garden Show April 4-5, 2020:** Carol Empacher has agreed to coordinate the show this year, with the help of volunteers. A sign-up sheet for volunteers was distributed. Crafters from the membership were encouraged to bring their items to sell at our booth.

**7.5 Plant, Lawn and Bake Sale:** Our annual sale will take place on May 16, 2020 at the Royal Canadian Legion on Highway 20, with the same set-up as last year i.e. the plants and lawn sale items outside and the bake sale items inside. Carol will be responsible for coordinating the plant sale material, Barbara Jaques, the lawn sale items, and Ginette O'Hara, Johanne Blais and Christine Payeur, the bake sale.

**7.6 Booth at the Meridian Community Centre on Family Day, February 17 from 11 am – 3 pm:** Lois announced that the Board decided to enter this show this year to promote our Club's activities. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to be at the booth for a 2-hour period was distributed.

**7.7 Town's Peer Award:** This year's Peer Award recipient, honoured at the Town's Volunteer Appreciating Night in November, was Sandra Cruzo. Members were informed that Sandra Cruzo was so pleased with the award and her card of thanks was distributed to members for their viewing

**7.8 Seedy Saturday:** Heather Carter announced that this year's Seedy Saturday will take place on February 8<sup>th</sup> at the Wellandport Community Centre from 10 am – 4 pm. Heather indicated that an email notice to all members will be sent, reminding them of this event.

**Thanks to the Refreshment Committee:** Johanne Blais, Ginette O'Hara, Christine Payeur, Susan Roth

**8. Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn the Meeting: moved by Ginette O'Hara, seconded by Trish Rybski. Carried.

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Lois Lacroix, Co-President

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Heather Carter, Secretary

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Barbara Botden, Co-President