

Record of Annual Meeting Lancaster Roses 16 May 2016

WI Business

The acting President, Carolyn Phillips, opened the meeting and welcomed members and visitors. There were no notices to pass on this month as they had been included in the Newsletter so the meeting moved on to a discussion of the 2016 resolutions. This was facilitated by Ros Jones. The voting results are as follows:

Appropriate care in hospitals for people with Dementia – voted 'FOR'

Avoid food waste, address food poverty – voted 'FOR'

Annual Meeting

Carolyn then opened the Annual Meeting introducing Margaret Kayll, Treasurer, to deliver the Financial Statement and propose that it be adopted. After a few questions, the statement was seconded by Lynn Turner and unanimously accepted by the members.

Amanda then presented the Committee Report recapping on a varied year of meetings and suggesting that some new sub-groups be formed in the coming year.

Carolyn proposed the report be adopted in the President's address in which she talked about what being in the WI and Lancaster Roses means to her. She also thanked members for their continued involvement in the institute.

Carolyn asked for comments and discussion took place about potential ideas for the new programme with suggestions being made for holding an Afternoon Tea and for speakers on card making and bag making (possibly our very own Kath Gregson could be approached about this) to be sourced.

Sarah Mason noted that many of the LFWI organised events take place during the week which our members are not available to attend. It was agreed that this feedback would be passed to LFWI.

The new Committee for 2016/2017 was announced – Amanda Foley, Carolyn Phillips, Emma Mellor, Fiona Byrne, Lynn Turner, Margaret Kayll, Ros Jones and Sharon McGuinness. The new Committee was unanimously accepted.

Carolyn handed over the running of the meeting to Rosemary Blanchfield who led the vote for President. Four nominations were received and Carolyn graciously agreed to stand as President for the coming year which was met with a round of applause.

Rosemary also commented on how well she felt the institute was doing now and how she had seen a development in the work of the institute and the Committee which she felt were enthusiastic and well organised.

Speaker

Sarah Willis from Safenet and the Women's Refuge gave a brief overview of the work of the refuge encouraging members to sign a petition in favour of continuing funding for the refuge. She handed out some literature about the work that Safenet does and called on members to donate any household items that may benefit women when leaving the refuge.

The meeting concluded with a lovely spread of cheese and biscuits and fruit punch.