

## **BONTFAEN WI MONTHLY/ ANNUAL MEETING -THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup>, APRIL, 2025**

Prior to the start of the meeting, members were able to watch a slide show prepared by Lucy consisting of photographs taken of activities during the year.

Anne Hordley welcomed the members and explained that she was chairing the meeting in Diane's absence. She also welcomed Pam Dinham, the WI Advisor and Mavis Tierney who was present on behalf of Country Markets. It was agreed that Mavis could speak first so that she could then depart. She explained that the market is open from 9am to 11.30am on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays in the month in the Lesser Hall. They are in need of more producers of eg. craft items or cards so she asked that we spread the word and point anyone interested in their direction.

Anne explained that as it was the Annual Meeting, apologies would only be accepted if given in writing.

### **Matters Arising: -**

- The members were asked to let the Committee know if they are not receiving the emails sent out between meetings.
- May Fayre 5<sup>th</sup> May -Any outstanding prizes need to be given to a committee member by the 27<sup>th</sup> April as the tickets are going to put on them on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The board is still available for signing up -the 3.30pm, to 4.00pm slot currently has no takers. The fayre commemorates VE Day and members can dress up if they wish.
- River Ogmre Clean Up -5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May -the board is still available to sign up to help on the refreshment stall for either a 7am to 11am or 11am to 3.30pm shift.
- Members were reminded that they can provide an emergency contact number if they wish, in case of something happening at a meeting or activity or for if someone has concerns about a person's welfare.
- £152 was donated for the Guide Dogs for the Blind at last month's talk.
- Anne explained that there would no longer be a vote on room preference. Room availability meant that the current split arrangement would continue. Members to speak to someone on the committee if this causes any concerns.

### **Treasurer's Report: -**

- There is £2257 in the bank after adjustments.
- 26 members had paid their subscriptions. Others were encouraged to pay this evening or a.s.a.p. as the budget has been prepared on the basis of maintaining a high level of membership.

### **Correspondence: -**

- Hard copies of the Federation newsletter are available.
- Annual Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May has been postponed until October.
- Chepstow Races on 16<sup>th</sup> June, closing date May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cost £91 to include transport from M4 corridor, drink on arrival, private suite and bar, tipster talk and pre- ordered two course meal.
- Order form available for NFWI diaries.
- NFWI Annual Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> June -information pack available about the day.
- Glamorgan Federation Annual Statement is also available.

### **Social: -**

- May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.30pm -walk and picnic at St. Fagan's. If it rains unexpectedly on the day we will take refuge in cafes. If the forecast is bad Sue and Annie will cancel two days before. Sign up on board, car sharing to be arranged.
- June 26<sup>th</sup> pub meal at the Pelican, Ogmere at 7.15pm. Sign up on board and pay £5 deposit as this required for booking. The meal will be preceded by an option of walks: - Long -to the coast and back meeting at 6pm, shorter - around castle and possibly across the stepping stones meeting at 6.45pm.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> Mystery Trip leaving at 8.30am and returning at 6.30pm. 35 have signed up so far. £30 per person. Make reference clear on bank payments.

### **Sub Groups: -**

- Sew 'n' Sews -no meeting in April.
- Walkie Talkies – Nothing planned at moment but have heard that there may be a Federation Walk around Cosmeston sometime this year.
- Culture Vultures -10 members going to see "Women of Llanrumney" at the Sherman Theatre on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

### **A.O.B. :-**

- Margaret Langdon thanked members for the card she received following her son's kidney transplant and said that he is doing well.
- Jude Pengelly will be giving a talk on "Using a defibrillator" at the May meeting. Tea rota is Rosemary Farmer, Lesley Freeman and Alison Hannaby.

### **Resolution:-**

- Annie Williams and Lucy Higgins spoke for three minutes each for and against the resolution entitled "Bystanders can be Lifesavers".
- Annie explained that it was important that people were trained in how to use a defibrillator and to perform CPR. as a person's survival rate decreases by 10% every minute. As 30,000 people have a heart attack outside hospital a year bystander being able to act will make a big difference to a person's outcome.

Training will also combat the fact that women are 14% less likely to receive help due to concerns regarding misconstrued touching.

- Lucy pointed out that a stranger would not know if the person had a D.N.R. order. They may be anxious about doing it wrong and damaging the person's ribs or organs or fearful that the person will become violent on recovery and that the location is not safe. They may also not feel comfortable with removing a patient's bra which is necessary as the defibrillator cannot be used near metal hooks.
- There were no comments from the floor,
- The vote was carried unanimously for the resolution and as such no discretion was given to the delegate voting on our behalf.
- Pam Dinham thanked Annie and especially Lucy for presenting both sides of the debate so well.

### **Annual Meeting : -**

- **Annual Committee Report**

This was read by Miranda Davis and provided a comprehensive summary of everything that had happened over the last year. The talks and social activities including that provided by the sub groups were outlined. As was our involvement in the community and in other WI and Federation activities.

- **Annual Treasurer's Report**

Jean reported that it had been a busy year with income being twice that of 2023. The accounts are prepared on a cash basis which means that timing issues can make them harder to follow. They include income for the Christmas meal and two social activities for which payment was not made until the new calendar year. As such the bank balance of £4239 needs to be reduced by £2168, given an adjusted balance of £2071. The budget for the new year has been prepared on the basis that the membership will remain at a high level and no longer allows for a bursary payment.

Anne Hordley seconded the report.

- **President's Address**

Anne read this on behalf of Diane.

Diane thanked Anne for chairing the meeting and Pam for attending as WI Advisor. She outlined fully the various roles that each of the committee members undertook and thanked them for their hard work in doing so. She also thanked particular non-committee members for their contribution at meetings or for arranging trips or running sub groups. She finished by thanking the membership as a whole for their support and participation in for example the parade and those that brought cake when on the tea rota.

### **WI Advisor :-**

Pam said that Bontfaen was a wonderful WI, both active and supportive of the Federation. She however said that it was a shame that we had not made provision for the bursary to continue and suggested that members could use it to attend local craft courses. She also explained that the postponement of the Annual Council was because of insufficient attendees. Members had been unhappy with the meeting being held in Barry but this was the only large venue currently available. The delay until October would cause some constitution issues.

Pam read out the names of the committee members and handed out slips of paper for members to vote for the new President. She advised that Diane had put it in writing, a requirement due to her absence, that she would be happy to be re-elected. Anne Hordley turned down her nomination and as such Diane was reappointed.

Anne thanked Pam for attending the Annual Meeting and organizing the vote and presented her with a plant.