New Executive Board Elected at the 2023 General Meeting

By: Anne Beneteau

On March 29, 2023, Heritage Colchester (HC) came together at Christ Church, Colchester, for the Annual General Meeting (AGM). More than 25 members met in a hybrid format, some in person and some on-line, to discuss the year and make plans for the future year.

Kathy Whitley presented the Treasurer's report noting that, with all bills paid, there was a balance in excess of $18 500. The entire financial position of HC continues to be in very good condition.

A "Year in Review" was shared by Anne Beneteau, sharing the early beginning of HC and highlighting events of 2022. Volunteer members were acknowledged and appreciated for stepping up and providing such wonderful service.

Committee reports included upcoming events: an April Easter Egg Hunt, Summer Markets and a first time, "Jane's Walk", historical tour.

The election of officers was a first for HC as the prior board had been appointed to expedite the purposes of organizing HC for becoming a non-profit two years prior. Most positions had two or three candidates offering to take on these responsibilities. This made for an interesting time of ballot counting (especially as there was on-line voting). The Secretary and Treasurer positions were acclaimed with Kathy Whitley and Jason Matyi (later needing to step down due to unforeseen circumstances) respectively. Elected positions include President, Monica Carruthers, Vice-President, Anne Beneteau and Director Brittany Parent (later stepping away with Andrew Fanta appointed). We thank all candidates for their willingness to let their names stand and actively pursuing leadership within Heritage Colchester!

Past President, Perry Basden, thanked Christ Church and closed the meeting, thanking the past board for their dedication and encouraging all members to keep in mind our collective goals.

Charitable Donations Committee Formed

This Spring a group of HC members began to meet regularly to make a concerted effort to bring Charitable Status to our group so that charitable donations would be recognized for tax deductible purposes. They continue to diligently fill out forms and seek legal advice in working through this endeavour for our mutual benefit. Members include: Sandra McKee, Carol Quick, Jenn Ridsdale and Monica Carruthers.

Local Member Writes Our History for Regional Group

By: Anne Beneteau



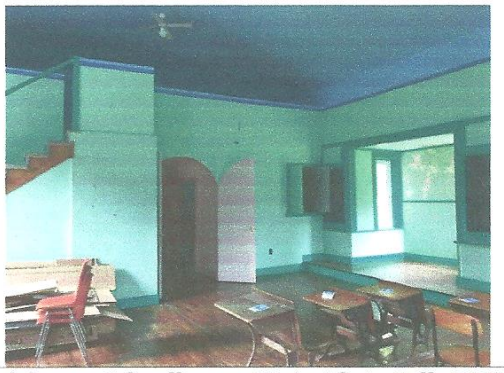
Author, Randy Cyr

Randy Cyr, a HC member and active volunteer, has recently written an article entitiled, "Jane's Walk around Colchester: Revisiting Christ Church's history". It focuses primarily on Jane's Walk and Christ Church Anglican, but also shares some other aspects of Colchester history, too, including Woodmen Hall and the Schoolhouse. It is published in the Diocese of Huron's "Huron Church News", October, 2023 edition, on page 5. It is easily found through an online search. Congratulations, Randy!



Holiday Matinees!
December 9, 10
2:00
At Christ Church, Colchester
*in cooperation with University of Windsor, (see back page)

Building Restoration Committee Formed



Colchester Schoolhouse, #2, inside in Fall, 2023

One of our collective goals as an organization is to restore the schoolroom to its original state in 1881. Many members have expressed interest in the restoration process. With this in mind, a committee has been created to begin the initial steps in preparation of this project. The committee includes: Steven McPhedran, Lynn Quick, Steven Matthews, Andrew Fanta, Gary Ayres, and Susan Hann.

Work has begun to dismantle the loft.

Heritage Colchester Executive

President: Monica Carruthers
Vice President: Anne Beneteau
Treasurer: Kathy Whitley
Director: Andrew Fanta
Secretary: (open)