

DECISIONS MADE

- That the Great Lakes Health Effects Program information should be referred to the Provincial Program Coordinator.
- That we investigate the possibility of obtaining the plaque on the Squires Hall site, informing the owners of the significance of the plaque.
- That the office staff use discretion when giving out names and addresses of WI members.
- That a new position of Assistant Public Relations Officer at the provincial level be created, and that Joe Ann Lane [from Spring Bay, Ontario] be nominated as the new Assistant PRO.
- That the voting delegates to the ACWW Conference in Pretoria, South Africa, be Arthena Hecker, Christine Reaburn, Luella Robinson, Marg Harris and Rosella Clancy; alternate voting delegates may be chosen from those attending the Conference if necessary.
- That the FWIO Office communicate the new FWIO Executive list to other organizations.
- That expenses be paid when accompanied by proper receipts.
- That the \$12,000 [repayment of the seed money from 1990 FWIO Conference proceeds lent to Convention '97] be used by FWIO as seed money for the ACWW 2001 Conference.
- That an "Arts, Crafts and Hobbies" Competition be judged and displayed at Conference '98 in Belleville.

- That the Program Committee offer full-day pre and post-Conference '98 workshops.
- That the Provincial Program Committee seek funding to develop educational workshops related to agriculture, food, nutrition and health.
- That resolutions be dealt with at any Provincial FWIO Board meeting.
- That inserts to be printed for the FWIO Handbook be billed as a membership expense.
- That funds from the Certificate of Merit and Friends of Women's Institute Award certificate be set aside for some purpose designated by the Board, possibly a supply catalogue.
- That the Office investigate the purchase of the Reference Guide to the Procedures for Meetings according to Kerr & King.
- That the Membership Organizers and Public Relations Officers work together as a team promoting WI and recruiting members.
- That Marg Harris investigate the possibility of sending yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks to Nairobi to help with a project for the handicapped in Kenya.
- That FWIO participate in the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair next year.
- That the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair Booth Committee work with the Women's Day Luncheon Committee.
- That the Centennial Committee be dissolved and thanked for all their work.

- That the Executive Committee, who is granted the power to act in the name of the organization in accordance with existing policies and directives between Board meetings, report all such actions to the Board at the next meeting.

RESTRUCTURING

- That the Restructuring Committee be dissolved and thanked for all their work.

[The Board voted by ballot to implement the FWIO Board structure as outlined in the August 1997 Board Briefings, rather than the structure proposed by the Restructuring Committee in their final report. The final Restructuring Committee Report concerning committees, committee guidelines and job descriptions was tabled.]

- That the Provincial Public Relations Officer proof read the Board Briefings for the final content of the policies and decisions as reported in *Home & Country*.

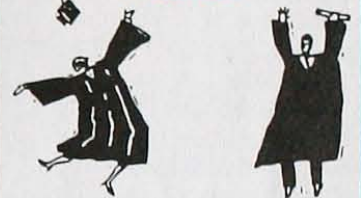
FINANCIAL MATTERS:

- That FWIO establish a committee for the purpose of fund raising for the organization.
- Recommendations from the auditors:
- That FWIO centralize the books at FWIO head office, and that this process occur as soon as possible.

- That the annual meeting be scheduled at the end of November at the earliest so that the FWIO staff can have sufficient time to prepare for the audit and we can have enough time to complete the audit. This will result in cost savings if the FWIO office staff can prepare and analyze some of the schedules to assist in our audit.

The Board Meeting ended Thursday evening with a workshop "Planning for the Future," led by Mary Lou Norton and Anna Hodge. It included a discussion of the Women's Institute member of the future, where funding is needed in the organization and how to attract new members.

1997 Scholarship Winners



4-H Regional Scholarships: - \$350

Eastern - Sixtieth Anniversary

- Sandra Martin of Selby

Southern - Dorothy Fletcher

- Andrea French of Lucan

Northern - Florence P. Eadie

- Jenny Lynn Dodds of Cochrane

Western - Hoodless-Lee

- Jason Brownridge of Georgetown

Macdonald College Entrance Awards - \$500

- Brendan May of Guelph
- Jill Shakespeare of Oakville
- Elaine Thoms of St. Catharines

90th Anniversary Educational Awards - \$600

- Southwestern
 - Jeanette Fleischer of Wyoming
- Northern
 - Kathleen Swan of Iron Bridge

Helen M. McKercher Scholarship - \$1,200

- Wendy Milne of Killaloe

Donor wins own Donation

Debbie Thompson Wilson, a Guelph artist and graphic designer (and daughter-in-law of FWIO member Viola Wilson of Listowel) donated a painting to help raise funds for FWIO Scholarships. The painting was shown at Convention '97 in Hamilton and tickets were sold. As a joke, Debbie bought a few tickets herself. Imagine her surprise when the winning ticket was drawn and it was hers! She immediately donated the painting back to FWIO. It is presently hanging in the Provincial Office. Tickets for another draw for the painting will be sold at Conference '98 in Belleville. (Debbie says she won't buy any tickets this time!)

Debbie is a graduate of the University of Guelph. The donated painting has appeared in several exhibitions and juried art shows and was featured in a Big Sister calendar. It shows 3 of her friends' children feeding bread to ducks on the shore of Lake Simcoe near Barrie.



"The Feeding of the Flotilla" - a conservation-framed, 26x17" original watercolour painted by Debbie Thompson Wilson.

Draw tickets for the painting will be available for \$1 each at Conference '98.