

Minutes of the AGM of the Friends of The Women's Library, LSE Clement House, 21 June 2018

Present: Diana Dollery, Anne Summers, Lorna Hawthorne, Jean Holder, Katharine Milcoy, David Doughan, Mary Kennedy, Gill Sutherland, Mary Joannou, Susan Pares, Judith Bourne, Jean Gooding, Jane Grant, David Lawrence, Jill Liddington, Elizabeth Crawford, Sue Brown, Sandy Shulman, Carol Cooper, Vivien Hughes, Arabella Hobson, Penny Baker

1. Apologies were received from: Kalyani Menon, Dulcie Groves, Catherine Clay, Stephanie Stevenson, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Jennifer Holmes, Julia Walport, Rachel Kolsky, Alison Parkinson, Valerie Fehlbaum, Sylvia Ayling, Susan Cohen, Norman Gooding, Parveen Yusuf, Ida Webb, Mavis Longhorn
2. Minutes were tabled and signed following the meeting
3. i) the Chair spoke to the Annual Report, as previously circulated, and encouraged members to publicise the variety and extent of TWL holdings, as well as the achievements of 'the red white and green'.
ii) the Membership Secretary spoke to her report as previously circulated, and urged Friends to recruit more members; she also referred to the Friends Centennial Fund, to which contributions could be made, and recommended a fresh circulation of the details.
iii) the Treasurer spoke to her draft financial statement as previously circulated.
4. Last year's Independent Examiner (Philip Hall ??) was re-appointed *nem con*.
5. Election of Officers and Executive Committee: the Chair apologised for the absence of Nomination papers. These had been temporarily mislaid and, when retrieved, would be posted on the website. With one exception, existing Committee members were willing to stand for re-election, and had been duly proposed and seconded. As the number did not exceed the constitutional maximum, an election was not required. It was reported that Dr Catherine Clay was willing to be co-opted.
6. Diana Dollery's departure from the Executive after 30 years of service was marked by warm thanks, a general toast, and the presentation of a bouquet and a framed photograph of the 1911 suffragette coronation procession, together with a stereoscopic viewer.
7. Reports were read by Martin Reid, Deputy Director of LSE Library; Fabiana Barticioti, archivist; and Debbie Challis, Education and Outreach Officer.
8. With the end of formal business, the Friends enjoyed a thought-provoking presentation by Professor Emerita Mary Evans on 'The complexities of women and gender: politics in the 21st century'.