

Grand Stampers June 2022 Newsletter

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Today's first In Person meeting took place at Grace United Church in Caledonia and was attended by 21 members --- Lynne Bell, Audrey Derii, Sandra Hahn, Lilo Breid, Susan Sholer, Dede Reiach, Marg Catania, Pat Ottaway-Bryan, Marina Coxe, Ellen Anscombe, Pat Freeman, Lynne McCutcheon, Marcia Smelser, Kris Kerfont, Elvira Lester, Diana Wiggins, Jutta Picard, Betty Tapp, Bev McMurrich, Etta Cryer and Mary Jo Panetta.

Audrey commenced the meeting.

Business:

Audrey mentioned Elaine's diagnosis and sending her cards of well wishes.

We deliberated **Meeting options**:

A comparison of the differences between the Lodge Hall and the Grand Hall at Grace United Church was discussed..

Rental at the Lodge will be \$96 after our July meeting. The July meeting at the lodge is our last free one. Ellen was told by Mr. Forbes of the Masonic Lodge Hall that the rent will be going up substantially in the future to help pay for insurance, hydro, snow plowing and taxes. In addition, there is no Wifi or immediate plans for Wifi in the future.

Audrey explained Grace United Church is asking \$100 for the rental, has a clean facility, Wifi, a plowed and larger parking lot, and good lighting. The kitchen facilities are off limit at this time. We may have to give up the hall should there be a special event whereby the meeting could be moved to another date.

Most everyone agreed to move from the Masonic Hall to Grace United Church as the place for our future in person meetings starting in August.

Meeting options:

- 1. Totally Zoom
- 2. In person providing videos of the demonstrations
- 3. Varied format: For example in person meetings with videotaping and also have Zoom during winter months or during inclement weather.

If the church hall is not used by Grand Stampers there will be no rental charge

Audrey also mentioned asking a member of the church who is technically capable --- to attend a meeting and show us how we can do the videotaping.

It appeared that many members like the idea of the varied style of meetings. Aline has done a selfless job of creating the Zoom meetings by demonstrating our member's ideas and providing tips and techniques to everyone. Members enjoyed the meetings especially the show'n tell portion whereby they were able to ask questions about the cards and obtain ideas for the next demonstrations. Giving up the Zoom entirely was not a favorable idea for the majority of the group. It has been extremely worthwhile to those that are unable to attend in person.

It was suggested that we ask Aline to have some demos ready to go for future Zoom meetings especially and not exclusively Jan to March or December to February. Then it was suggested that the members send Demos in advance to Aline in preparation for Zoom meetings in order to be ready for those months that Zoom may be the best option.

Membership Fees:

It was agreed the GrandStampers are to cover the cost of Jane Campbell's membership as a Senior founding member.

It was voiced by Ellen that Lois Nixon's membership fees were not charged to her and paid for by GrandStampers.

As a gesture of appreciation the group voted unanimously for Aline's membership fee to be paid by the GrandStampers.

It was suggested that Ellen should consider the church's insurance company for a quote. Ellen told us



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President/meetings facilitator: Audrey Derii Treasurer: Ellen Anscombe Memberships: Ellen Anscombe Newsletter: Lilo Breid

<u>Door prize coordinator</u> Dede Reiach <u>Card Exchange Coordinator</u>:

Kris Kerfont

Card secretary
Betty Tapp

we needed our own insurance so the members are not held liable should someone be injured during our meetings. Ellen to check with the current insurance company and to inquire about Grace United Church's insurance company to see if we can obtain a quote from them as well. It was suggested the insurance company used by the Church may offer a reduced price.

GrandStampers has an email address now grandstampers@gmail.com. Ellen stated the email address can be used in online etransfers when paying membership fees. Ellen distributed membership forms to fill out with information for the membership list.

A decision will be reached as to the annual cost of the membership fees in the future once it is determined how much the insurance will cost.

In addition, it was stated that the membership fees should be the same for all members whether they attend in person, on Zoom or not at all.

It was also shared that should the membership fee be higher then \$40 maximum \$50 some members have expressed an unwillingness to return.

Fun Portion of the meeting!

Audrey challenged us for a June card contest using one of June's symbols on a card. Quite a few cards were entered.

Betty Tapp and Dede tied for first place . Second place was won by Karen Johnston and third place went to Bev. CONGRATS to all. All the entries were lovely.

Future Meetings:

Etta Cryer kindly offered to do a Demo in July and Sandra Hahn might do one as well.

There will be a **CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR LOIS NIXON**

on Sunday July 24, 2022 at the Hagersville Legion, 5 Alma Street North, Hagersville between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. A short memorial service will be held at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to stop by and share their memories of Lois.



Some Show'n Tell









Above and below are the entries for the June Card Contest.



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