Minutes General Meeting December 4th. 2025

Ron East – Secretary

Warren Gregg – President presiding

Meeting started at 9:55 AM

Ken Marchant – Chair Activities Committee

Xmas luncheon on track

Valentines' Day luncheon February 14th at Symposium restaurant

Martin Alderwick – Chair Membership Committee

Guests: Carl ?, Doug ?, Irvin?, Elmer Walkerton

David Rowley – Chair House Committee – thanks to past members of the Committee for their service and advice.

Special thanks to Julian Sale for his generous donation to the Club

Title
Downtown Guelph Homeless, Hunger and Hope

Since 2014 the Wellington Catholic Teachers with their friends at GW Coalition of Social Justice and the Guelph District Labour Council have journeyed together in assisting several organizations that are advocating and trying to help the Downtown Community. This talk will give a brief recap of our journey with several organizations working to provide relief for those living on the edges of poverty. We will trace some history of 40 Baker Street, Sister Christine's The Drop In Centre, The Bench, The Royal City Mission and Your Friends of Downtown Guelph. We will focus on our interaction while describing what these organizations did or are doing.

'Better small than not at all' Ed Pickersgill inspirational quote.

Mark Berardine is the retired Past President of the Wellington Catholic Teachers Association, Executive Member of GWCSJ (Guelph Wellington Coalition for Social Justice) and Treasurer for the GDLC (Guelph District Labour Council). Though 'retired' Mark still works as a Teacher for the WCDSB (Wellington Catholic District School Board). Mark along with his wife Maria chair the Social Justice Committee which works with all three organizations to provide meals and other assistance for our Downtown Guelph Community. In 2025 the committee estimates that it will have provided for over 5,000 meals.

Speaker – Mark Berardine introduced by Ron East

Presentation – see slide presentation posted on website

Attendance 60 members. Meeting ended 11:05 AM