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| **1.** | **WELCOME**  The President welcomed 63 members and guests. We welcomed 8 visitors including one only weeks old. 2 New members joined. The President also welcomed Jean Clinch to the committee.  The members had a free drink from the bar as it was the 14th Anniversary of Saddleworth WI  The President welcomed the speaker Babs Bray to talk on decluttering. |
| **2.** | **SPEAKER**  Babs Bray spoke about Decluttering and brought copies of her book to sell – The A-Z of Declutter. The members enjoyed Babs’ quiz and the video of her daughter’s charity to which all money from her book is donated. |
| **3.** | **BREAK** |
| **4.** | **PRESENTATION TO 10-YEAR MEMBERS**  A presentation was made to Cath Fletcher & Sue Russell |
| **5** | **BURSARY**  The President thanked members for submitting applications for the bursary for which it was the deadline. The draw for the winner would take place on 5th October once the Secretary had returned from holiday, to ensure all submissions were included. |
| **6.** | **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**  **Saddleworth Cookery School Cocktails and Canapes** – October 10th - £55, maximum 36 people.  **Autumn Fair** – October 15th, Sacred Heart Church, Uppermill, volunteers needed to staff the event.  **Jersey Boys** – October 19th 2pm. £47, Manchester Opera House.  **Chatsworth** - November 15th £26 house, £12-13 coach, seats are still available on the coach  **Fashion Show** – November 24th, Dobcross Band Club.  **Christmas Party** – December 10th, Dobcross Band Club.  **Abaco Food & Drink Evening** - Weds 18th January 2023 |
| **7.** | **BOOK GROUP**  28th September Conservative Club, Uppermill, 7.30pm. “1984” by George Orwell |
| **8.** | **LUNCH CLUB**  16th September at the Huntsman, Holmfirth. Future dates 17th October and 18th November. |
| **9.** | **CRAFT GROUP**  The September and October groups will focus on items to sell at the autumn fair. Jumble jars and other craft items will also be needed for the WI stall at the autumn fair. |
| **10.** | **GARDENING GROUP**  Helpers always needed and the entry for the Huxley Cup has been submitted. |
| **11.** | **PHOTO GROUP**  September themes – Bridges and Arches. |
| **12.** | **SOCIAL GROUP**  Meeting once a fortnight at Abaco in Uppermill at 11.00 am for coffee and a chat. Next meetings 13TH & 27th September at Abaco. Suggestion for other events requested |
| **13.** | **WALKING GROUP**  Sunday 11th September Ripponden Circular 10.00 am  30th September Oldham Culture Crawl for Maggies 6.00pm Meeting place to be confirmed. 10 km |
| **14.** | **COMMITTEE MEMBERS APPEAL**  Lesley asked if any other members might be prepared to join our very active committee to share the workload and learn the ropes for the future. |
| **15.** | **MEDICINE FOILS, FLOWER FUND, CARDS & CAKE**  We are continuing to collect medicine foils to recycle.  Bucket provided for Flower Fund donations.  Donations from handmade cards (£1 each) will also go to the Flower Fund. |
| **16.** | **RAFFLE DRAW** |
| **17.** | **THANK YOU**  The President thanked the committee, the membership team and Linda & Richard for the venue. |
| **18.** | **CLOSE**  The meeting closed at 9.30. |

Approved as a true record by the committee on 26/09/2022

Signed…………………………………………………………………………………. Pam Armstrong, President