



2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: Saturday, 23rd November 2024

Time: 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Venue: Emperor's Garden Restaurant

Ms. Jessie Xiao, President of Way In Network opened the meeting at 4:50 pm.

1. **Present:** Helen Sham-Ho, Florence Chau, Jessie Xiao, Faith Tan, Rosanna Ng, Gabby Kwok, Felicia Hon, Elsa Shum, Ellie Huang, June He, Lisa Harris, Shelley Wang, Nicole He, Mandy Van, Queeny Pun, Karen Borda, Shinta Taylor.

Apology: Annie Tang, Linda Tang, Eugenia Lieu, Coco Zhou, Anny Chan, Polly Chan, Milly Yang.

2. **President's report:**

President Jessie Xiao did a detailed report of the events that Way In Network hosted in the past 16 month, namely:

1. Helen Sham-Ho 80th Birthday 6th Sept 23 , attended by 57 guests.
2. USYD Sydney Conservatorium of Music Chinese Music Ensemble with SCM Choir Concert – exclusive invitation for Way In 20th Oct 23; attended by 25 guests.
3. Way In Christmas Party 15th Dec 23 with 50 members and guests attended.
4. 19th Feb 24 committee CNY banquet at XOPP Golden Century Restaurant.
5. Women Empowerment Series: International Women's Day 8th Mar 24. Achieving Financial Freedom by Ms. Linda Tang, Shaw and Partners and Pierre Leung, Westpac Private Banking.

6. Stories of Enchanted Wisdom – Way In 32nd Anniversary Charity Ball

- Date: 22nd June, 2024
- Attendance: Over 400 guests, including special VIPs from the federal government
- Funds Raised: \$134K -
- Donations: \$30,000 to MSF, \$30,000 to Warrior Women
- Remaining Funds: \$74k for ongoing association expenses (seminar costs, emergency fund)

7. Women Empowerment Series: Your Body Your Health

- Date: 13th August 2024
- Speakers: Dr. Richard Ho, ophthalmologist and Rosanna Ng, physiotherapist.
- It was followed by a Thank you Dinner for the ball volunteers and sponsors/donors.

8. Way In Mid Autumn Festival

- Date: 20th September, 2024
- Location: Handpicked Cellar Chippendale
- Attendance: Almost 80 guests

9. Women Empowerment Series: Running Business in Australia

- Date: 4th October 2024
- Speakers: Shelley Zihan Wang (Lawyer & Treasurer of Way In Network) and Grace Li, Associate Dean of Law, UTS

10. Way In "Stories of Enchanted Wisdom" Book Launch

- Date: 2nd November 2024
- Funds Raised: \$10,000
- Donation: \$10,000 to AGCF

11. AGM and Way In Christmas Party:

- Date: 23rd November 2024
- Attendance: AGM: 17 members.
- Christmas Party: 48 guests
- supported by sisters & sponsors like Elaine Kong from Ettason, Milly Yang from Heng Fei

3. Confirmation of minutes of previous AGM 2023

Minutes of the previous AGM 2023 held on Saturday 26th August 2023 at Emperor's Garden Restaurant were presented and confirmed as a true record and account of the

proceedings at that meeting.

The motion was moved by Lisa Harris and seconded by Mandy Van.

All present members agreed and accepted the minutes from the last AGM 2023.

4. Treasurer 2023 – 2024 Financial Report

The Detailed treasurer's report was presented by Zihan Shelley Wang.

The annual financial statements for the period ended 30 June 2024 showed:

Total income was \$263,366.34. Total expenses \$175,797.06

Thus, we had a Profit from ordinary activities before income tax was \$87,569.28.

Shelley Wang reported that the closing retained profit was \$111,402.21.

Current account Balance is \$75,734.38. A bank statement was presented. Cash on hand was \$2842.55.

The motion to accept the Treasurer's report was received and passed by Queeny Pun and seconded by Florence Chau.

All present members agreed and passed the 2023- 2024 financial report.

The Financial report was attached.

5. Secretary 2023 – 2024 General Activity Report

The Secretary 2023-2024 General Activities Report was prepared by Angela Yang and Faith Tan. It captured the events and activities that were organized or attended over the 2023- 2024. It was presented to Way In Members by Faith Tan. The link of the report was:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/8z0ddwz8fhdpsyicg4ovg/2024-WayIn-Network-Annual-General-Meeting.pptx?rlkey=libr3e6myj73mwed4i9whpwt3&st=eafq6yj1&dl=0>

6. General Business:

1. President Jessie Xiao proposed the coming events.

i). ANHF Huang Ying Jung Nursing Home (黃應榮療養院) Elderly Luncheon

-Date: Friday 17th January 2025

-Decision: subcommittee will be set up to organize the event.

ii). CNY Gathering Members Dinner

- Date: Early February 2025 (exact date to be decided)

- Decision: Another subcommittee will be formed to organize this event.

iii). Women Empowerment Series - International Women's Day Morning Tea

- Date: 5th March 2025
- Time: 10 AM - 12 PM
- incorporation with: NSW Police
- Possible Invites: Police Commissioner, CoS, Sneha from Home Affairs, Chinese Consulate, HKETO
- Topic: Violence against women
- Event Location: Police Station

iv). Women Empowerment Series: Art & Wine Appreciation Seminar

- Date: April 2025
- Status: Sponsors and location have already been found.

v). Mother's Day Luncheon

- Status: Possible fundraising initiative.

vi). Women Empowerment Series: Photography & Floriade Outing

- Date: 13th September 2025 to 12th October 2025
- Theme: Spring colors

vii). Mid-Autumn Festival Party

- Date: 6th October 2025

viii). AGM Event with Election

- Date: to be decided.

2. Announcements and proposals by Helen Sham-Ho:

i) Language Usage Declaration

- Helen Sham-Ho, our Founder and Life President, declared that Cantonese should be the basic language used in the Way In Network.

ii). Policy on Tradition

- Helen announced: "Good tradition is to be continued. But there is no need to follow all tradition. Every president has their own talent. The committee can alter the policy if the minority follows the majority. New changes should be welcomed."

iii). Christmas Dinner Invitation

- Helen suggested that our auditor be invited to the Christmas dinner.


- Jessie reported that the invitation was sent, but the auditor sent his apologies

vi). Proposed Seminar

- Helen proposed a seminar on meeting procedures, minutes and agenda writing to broaden and formalize our AGM and committee meetings.

President Xiao declared the meeting closed at 6:30.



Jessie Xiao
President

Rosanna Ng
Secretary (English)