



Minutes of the Wake Forest Woman's Club General Meeting

Held Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at the Wake Forest Historical Museum

Members Present: 26

Guests: Janet Lowe, guest of Carolyn Furr; Bonnie Mwanda, Guest of Hilda Parlér; Tawana Nowlin, guest of Sue Meehan

Call to Order: President Gorland McBride called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. She welcomed all members and guests and thanked the Home Life CSP for the wonderful St. Patrick's Day themed refreshments. President McBride thanked the members and guests in attendance for coming out on a rainy and cold evening, and for sticking with us through the postponements and rescheduling attempts due to previous inclement weather.

Invocation: Was given by Dawn Nakash, filling in for Chaplain Susan Smith. Smith's message was on the subject of Women's History Month, which is also celebrated in the United Kingdom and Australia. At its inception, Women's History was rarely the subject of serious study. Now many colleges offer degrees on the subject. Three factors led to the development of increasing consciousness and knowledge around the topic of Women's History: 1. The Women's movement of the 60's; 2. The social history of the 70's; 3. Public health and the media, politics and poverty. We should take the time to celebrate the character, courage and commitment of the women who came before us as pioneers in a variety of fields. These role models of the past can show us the way to make our time effort and talents count in making this a better world for future generations.

Pledge of Allegiance: The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the US Flag and Salute to the Flag of North Carolina.

Program: Katy Green, Chairman of Home Life CSP introduced Mary Kate Keith, Director of Development and Communication for Meals on Wheels of Wake County, Inc. The organization was started on February 12, 1974; has served over 8 million meals; and is now celebrating their 40th year of service in Wake County. They initially received funding through the Older Americans Act, which was established to provide assistance to communities. Current funding continues through the federal government, private funding sources and community organizations. At present they have approximately 150 volunteers who serve about 1300 people weekly, Monday thru Friday.

Keith read the testimony of an elderly couple, "Dot and Frank," who receive meals delivered to their home. It is hard for them to get out and sometimes for the elderly it is unsafe for them to prepare

meals. They said, "We enjoy meeting the people who deliver the meals." In many cases the same volunteer has been serving the same people for over 20 years. Another relative of a "Meals" recipient who lives in Raleigh, named Alice, said, "The organization has been a lifesaver for keeping my aunt healthy and safe." If upon delivery a volunteer finds the person isn't home, he or she will call into the service center for a follow up call to check on them.

The organization also has senior dining room sites (in Churches and Senior Centers), where they serve about 3000 meals daily.

Keith said that Wake County currently has no waiting list for services. However, the Feeding America organization says that 1 in 12 seniors between the ages of 60 and 69 are food insecure. Our state ranks 9th in the nation for seniors going hungry. In 2013 Meals on Wheels lost \$60 K due to Sequestration. They hope no further cuts will occur.

Volunteers who deliver to homes serve approximately once a month, and deliver during the lunch hour. If interested in volunteering contact Marlene Silva, Volunteer Coordinator at marlene@mow.org.

At the end of the presentation, Keith received a gift from the Home Life CSP and a \$50 donation for the Meals on Wheels organization.

Dawn Nakash had the membership participate in folding washcloths for the Home Life's "Bunny Project." The bunnies will receive eyes and noses and will be included with the delivery of meals in time for the Easter holiday.

Moment of Silence: President McBride asked for us to observe a moment of silence to remember our club member, Dottie Julio, who recently suffered the loss of her son and mother.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the general meeting held on Thursday, February 6, 2014 were presented by Recording Secretary Salina Gary. One change was noted and a motion was made to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kathy Norris said our February balance was \$10,174.39. Income for the month was \$3260.20, supplied by the Butter Braid fundraiser, Wake Weekly subscriptions, and Arts Festival registrations. Operating Expenses were \$528.48 and charitable budget expenses were \$1,817.26, leaving a current balance of \$11,088.85.

Corresponding Secretary: Judy Davison said we received a thank you note from the W.E.E. Preschool at Wake Forest Baptist Church for a gift card we donated to purchase a plexiglass art display case. A note was received from Carolyn Zahnow of the Shore Grief Center, thanking us for our gifts; and Guy Trawick, Chairman from the Northeastern Regional Business Alliance sent a thank you for our support of the Youth Leadership Conference.

Award Returns: First VP Marilyn Bonnett requested the return of the Silver Award Plates received by the Awardees at last year's Annual Banquet, in preparation for this year's event.

Proposed Amendments/Changes to By-laws or Policy & Procedures: Parliamentarian Dawn Nakash, asked members to provide any requested changes or amendments for consideration by the Thursday, March 20, 2014 amendment deadline.

Request for Charitable Donations: Second VP and Finance Chairman Martha Loftin, presented copies of the funding requests submitted for consideration to receive funding from the remaining Discretionary Charitable funds for this club year. The Finance Committee recommended the following: \$200 to the Shore grief Center; \$200 to Mercy for America's Children, "Forever Families" (for adoption of children in U.S. foster care); \$200 to Art in the Park (for July 4 celebration), and \$125 to Meet in the Street (for arts and crafts). A previously approved donation of \$250 to Meals on Wheels has already been processed.

Motion to approve Discretionary Charitable Funding Requests

A motion was made by Martha Loftin and seconded by Sharon Rasmussen to approve the funding requests as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

Chairman Loftin thanked the members of the Finance Committee for their assistance. They are: Wendy O'Neal, Kathy Norris, Susan Smith and Hilda Parlér.

CSP Reporting:

Arts: Marilyn Bonnett reported that she and Salina Gary attended the State Arts Festival at Campbell University on Saturday, March 8. They participated in the Juniorette Jamboree event, although no Juniorettes from our local Wake Forest High School Juniorette Woman's Club was able to attend. The two also took along the two winning Murdoch Center arts and craft entries from the District VI Arts Festival. Neither one was a winner at the State Festival this year. Both members are planning to attend the State Convention in April to receive the Juniorette Club Charter.

Conservation: Salina Gary filling in for Chairman Sandi Schwarz, asked for volunteers to assist on Saturday, March 22 at the Arbor Day event at Joyner Park, to distribute water to participants. Those interested should contact Chairman Schwarz.

Education: Chairman Hilda Parlér reported that she attended the District VI Arts Festival, and Madison Pontrelli our 2014 Continuing Education scholarship winner was selected as the First Runner Up in the District VI Arts Festival Scholarship competition. She also asked members to wear a summer hat, bring a favorite tea cup and saucer and tea bags to the April General Meeting, which will be hosted by the Education CSP. They are planning a High Tea, such as one would experience with the Queen of England. Chairman Parlér also introduced her guest in attendance, Bonnie Mwanda, a teacher at Heritage High School. She will be the guest speaker in April, and will talk about her "Sisters of Distinction" club at the school. Also requested was the submittal of a report on tutoring hours for January thru March, 2014. Lastly, Chairman Parlér reported on the Youth Leadership Conference, held on March 6 at the Baptist Seminary. Over 250 students attended from local schools and at the Woman's Club table they were encouraged to write notes to military service members. We received 130 hand-written notes.

International Outreach: Chairman Quinn Berardinelli said a large donation of school supplies and clothes were provided for the student her CSP is sponsoring in Haiti. Another group of missionaries is planning a trip to Haiti in July, and the CSP is asking for donations of new or slightly used clothing for children at the Ryan Epps orphanage located there.

Home Life: Chairman Katy Green said Kathy Norris attended the recent Habitat for Humanity breakfast. Volunteers are still being solicited for support at the Northern Wake Library to straighten shelves and replace books. She also requested donations for Safe Space.

Public Issues: Chairman Judy Davison said her committee is sending a \$100 donation to the Dream League. They have also purchased grilling utensils for the Police Department, and will be putting together a “goodie basket” for the Fire Department.

Standing Committees:

Birthday Recognition: President McBride noted that three members were celebrating March birthdays: Betty Phillips, Rita Davis and Nola Bailey. Although none of the three were present, all sang “Happy Birthday” in their honor.

Nominations Committee: Committee chairman Wendy O’Neal stated that she and her committee, which includes Barbara Kingrey and Sandra Schwarz, were pleased to present the candidates for Club Officers for the 2014-2015 Club year:

President	Marilyn Bonnett
1 st Vice President	Salina Gary
2 nd Vice President	Kathy Norris
Corresponding Secretary	Sue Meehan
Recording Secretary	Hilda Parlér
Treasurer	Martha Loftin
Chaplain	Susan Smith
Parliamentarian	Gorland McBride

President McBride called for any nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were received. She also noted that Parliamentarian is an appointed position, and is not to be included in the voting.

Motion to approve the Candidates for Club Officers for the 2014-2015 Club Year

President McBride made a motion to accept the nominees as presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by Quinn Berardinelli and was approved by unanimous vote.

Appointment of Audit Committee: President McBride appointed the following members to the Audit Committee: Carolyn Furr, Angela Mills and Sandra Pearman.

GFWC Federation Day: Member Debby LaPierre said that GFWC Federation Day is observed on April 24th each year. In reviewing the survey responses solicited at the February 6 meeting, 27 members responded “yes” we should do something to celebrate; 2 members responded “no.” Those who responded yes said we should keep it simple this year and plan a larger celebration next year in recognition of the 125th anniversary. Most responses were in favor of sharing a Dutch treat lunch, and signups will be available at the April general meeting. It was also noted that 100% of the members present at the February meeting completed the survey.

Other business:

Gleaning Opportunity: Member Anne Triebert said the latest opportunity for gleaning was held on Saturday March 8. If you are interested in participating in future events, get with Anne or Kathy Norris for further details.

Butter Braid Fundraiser: Co-chairman Quinn Berardinelli reported that sales this year had increased. We sold 228 loaves (201 in 2013); took in \$2983.80 in total sales, resulting in our profit share of \$1193.60. We also received an additional \$275.20 in member donations, for a total club profit of \$1468.80. Member Betty Franklin sold the most pastry with 37 loaves. Her prize is two additional free loaves.

Wake Forest Charity Car Show: First VP Marilyn Bonnett reported on the upcoming car show, which will be held on Saturday, June 14 (rain date is June 21). This year the committee is soliciting input from the supporting volunteer organizations to identify their selected list of charities for funding from the proceeds of the event. It was suggested that we think about identifying an organization of our choice in the near future for advertising and publicity. Members were encouraged to solicit sponsorships for the event, which range in price from \$100 to \$500 and above. Member Anne Triebert noted that selling sponsorships for this event now, might take away from sponsorships we will shortly be soliciting for our Bowl-a-Thon. It was agreed that this topic will be discussed further at the April general meeting.

Adjournment: No further business being presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

OFFICER OF THE BOARD: Salina M. Gary, Recording Secretary