



**Call to Order/Welcome**-----Marilyn Bonnett

7:00 p.m. Quorum (1/3 of Members) in Attendance **YES**

**Announcing Voting Delegates to GFWC-NC Convention, 4/22-25/15**

Marilyn Bonnett and Salina Gary in Asheville

**Appreciations** to members of the International Outreach CSP: Quinn

Berardinelli, Betty Franklin, Salina Gary, Dottie Julio, Martha Loftin

Sandi Schwarz, and Carolyn Stoklas for serving as **hostesses**.

**Invocation/Pledge/Salute to Flags**-----Susan Smith

Invocation Theme: "History of Women's History Month began 1978 in Sonoma County, California"

**Introduce/Welcome Visitors**-----Gorland McBride

She introduced Robin Gary (Salina's daughter) and Jean Zeblo (Guest of Carolyn Stoklas).

**Program** -----**Mr. Kevin Murray**

Salina introduced Mr. Murray and read a descriptive bio of his background and accomplishments. Mr. Murray presented astounding and detailed incidences of human trafficking researched in NC and nationally. He shared the results collected by **Partners Against Trafficking Humans (PATH-NC)**. Sex and labor are the predominant areas of human trafficking in NC. Human trafficking occurs among young girls and boys. Billions of dollars are earned yearly by the predators. Trafficking may occur at communal enterprises, hair braiding salons, hotels, malls, modeling agencies, massage parlors, truck stops; to name a few. Some creative recruiting techniques such as kidnapping, fulfilling basic needs and making false promises to the victims are used to lure them. NC is ranked 10th in the U.S. He encouraged us to remain aware of the scope of this problem locally and internationally. Salina presented his gift from the club.

**Officer Reports**

**Minutes of Previous Minutes**-----Hilda Parlér

(Feb. 5, 2015)-Approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report**-----Martha Loftin

Balance of Operating Budget - Bank Account as of Feb. 5, 2015 is \$16,141.73.

**Correspondence**-----Sue Meehan

**Thank You Note Read: Murdoch Center**

The center thanked our club for the beautiful Valentine's Day cards made by participants at the GFWC-District VI Arts Festival in Raleigh, Feb. 7, 2015. The club provided all the supplies needed to create the cards.

**Community Service Program**-----Joy Taffar, Co-Chair

Joy passed out a list of items that members can donate as gifts to our 2015 Continuing Education Scholarship Winner, Emily Vukovich's gift basket; if they desire, at our May Banquet and meeting. The gifts will be presented then. Her parents are invited to the banquet, as well.

**Conservation**-----Katy Green, Chair

Arbor Day will be held March 21, 2015 at Joyner Park from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Tree seedlings will be given away. Please contact her if you wish to bake and donate cookies. Food vendors and entertainment will be provided.

**Home Life**-----Elaine Incorvaia, Chair

On Feb. 11, she, Marilyn and Tracy Mahl took a field trip to Murdoch

Center in Butner to deliver the Valentine's day cards made at the GFWC-NC District VI Arts Festival. A montage of the visit was shared. The Brown Bag Ministry held on Feb. 21 at Hope Lutheran Church was a success. 225 lunch bags were filled and delivered to residents in two neighborhoods.

**Standing Committees**

**Audit Committee**-----Marilyn Bonnett

She announced the appointed members: Nancy Perrone Susan Smith and Sandra Pearman.

**Banquet Committee**-----Tawana Nowlin, Co-Chair

Our Year End Banquet will be held May 7, 2015. Stephens Catering will be used again and will provide plated dinners. Coffee, tea and dessert will be supplied by the club. Tickets cost \$21 each. Sample menus were distributed.

**Nominating Committee**-----Wendy O'Neal, Chair

The nominees for Executive Officers were presented. There were no nominations from the floor. All officers were voted unanimously to serve 2015-2016.

President, Marilyn Bonnett, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Salina Gary Kathy Norris, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Hilda Parlér, Corresponding Secretary, Sue Meehan, Treasurer, Martha Loftin and Chaplain, Jennifer Nyland.

**Publicity Committee**-----Dawn Nakash, Co-Chair

She proposed that we replace the old GFWC sign on Stadium Dr. with a 22"x30" new one. Seconded. Vote was unanimous to do so. An anonymous donation of \$172 was received. Town of WF will install it.

**Resolutions & Revisions Committee**-----Gorland McBride, Chair

She called for any proposed amendments to the Bylaws and/or Policies and Procedures. Amendments must be written and submitted no later than March 20<sup>th</sup>. Revisions to Policies & Procedures can be submitted to the committee at any time.

**Unfinished Business**-----Quinn Berardinelli, Dawn Nakash

**Butter Braid Fundraiser:** Items Sold (177), Collected (\$2633), club profit (\$1017.75), donations (\$155), 16/46 of members participated.

**Federation Day Committee:** Proposal by committee, 3 Celebrations:

4/24/15 Proclamation made by Mayor Vivian Jones on 3/17/15 at town hall, 7 p.m., Build a Bench for local bus stop, luncheon at Heritage 1250 Club, 4/18/15. Members pay for own meal. Sign up for luncheon. Motion seconded and unanimous vote for 3 celebrations.

**New Business**-----Hilda Parlér

Smithsonian Institution Hometown Teams Sports Exhibition at WF Historical Museum, 4/16/15-5/31/15. Docents are needed. Sign-up sheets were circulated.

**Announcements:**

**WF Charity Car Show (6/20/15)-Kathy Norris**, 3 Silver Awards returned, all due at 4/2 meeting -**Salina Gary**, Katy Foley's **Habitat for Humanity, UNC Outreach (Salina Gary), Friends of the Library**

volunteers needed to sort books for the book sale (**Salina Gary**)

**March Birthdays:** 4 Betty Phillips, 9 Janet Lowe, 17 Mary Ann Iwig, 28 Nola Bailey

**Drawing:** 50/50 Raffle-----Kathy Norris

Quinn Berardinelli won.

**Adjournment:** 8:55 p.m.

*Hilda A. Parlér*, Recording Secretary Submitted 4/2/15