



Minutes of the Wake Forest Woman's Club General Meeting

Held Thursday, November 7, 2013

Members Present: 26

Call to Order: President Gorland McBride called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed two guests attending our meeting, Gisela Baxter and Sue Meehan, and said she would introduce a third guest after the Invocation. President McBride also thanked members of the Public Issues CSP for hosting the refreshments.

Invocation: Was given by Chaplain Susan Smith. She reminded us to be thankful for the good things in our lives. Don't wait until Thanksgiving Day to express to people that we appreciate them, do it now. Don't let the opportunity pass; because once something important is lost, then we see how valuable it was. If we don't know something, look for opportunities to learn. Take on challenges, they help to build character.

Pledge of Allegiance: To the Flag of the United States and the Flag of the State of North Carolina, was led by Chaplain Susan Smith.

Introduction of special guest: President McBride introduced Stephanie Wallace the 1st Vice President of GFWC-NC District VI. She was in town to attend the afternoon meeting of the Wake Forest Woman's Club Juniors at Wake Forest High School, with Juniors advisors, Marilyn Bonnett and Salina Gary. She stayed to give greetings from the District to our Club as well. She has recently been elected to become President of District VI in 2014.

President-elect Wallace gave special thanks to Marilyn Bonnett and Salina Gary for the work they are doing to help start-up the Wake Forest Juniors. She spoke about how she enjoyed her afternoon with the girls. She described them as mannerly, enthusiastic and very much engaged in the activity of the day, which was making Thanksgiving turkey decorations (from pine cones), for distribution to seniors needing assisted living. President-elect Wallace is also the advisor for Juniors clubs throughout NC, being involved for over 10 years.

She encouraged our members to attend the District VI Arts Festival (Feb, 2014), and the summer and fall meetings. It's important to get to know your fellow members and find out what going on around the

District. As a follow-up to President McBride's introduction of our guests, President-elect Wallace reminded us to keep recruiting. She said we need ladies to keep our community going strong, and it's good for your health. Volunteers garner feel good benefits from their activities. It keeps the memory sharp, and it's a drug-free way to keep you feeling young, and living longer.

Public Issues Program Speaker: Judy Davison, Public Issues CSP chairman, introduced Wake Forest DARE Police Officer, Scott Graham. He spoke about the Police Department's Canine Program. He said the dogs provide safety for the officers, and kids love seeing them. His partner, Officer Pender, is a dog handler to canine officer Kiera, who is eight years old. He said a Police Dog is considered an official Police Officer and has a badge and number. Wake Forest has 4 dogs and 4 handlers.

Officer Pender then brought in Kiera. She is a Dutch Shepard, and was bred and imported from the Czech Republic. When she arrived she was sent to training for 6 weeks, with a head trainer. Full patrol dogs are taught to track bad guys, find evidence and detect narcotics. They are not trained to detect bombs. In our area alone the 4 dogs have seized over \$70 K in narcotics in the last year. Officer Pender mentioned that his uniform (green) is meant to help camouflage him when searching for bad guys. He wears a bullet proof vest and there is also a vest for Kiera, but it is very heavy and restrictive. He conducted a demonstration for us, where he asked for several pocket books and then planted some contraband into one of the purses. Kiera went down the row and was able to detect the purse with the substance quickly. Judy thanked both officers and Kiera for a most informative discussion and demonstration and presented them with a donation from the club.

Approval of Minutes: A request for approval of the minutes was made by Recording Secretary, Salina Gary. No changes were received. A motion was made by Quinn Berardinelli and seconded by Carolyn Furr to approve the October 3, 2013 General Meeting Minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.

Parade of Homes: Member Carolyn Furr reported that our club earned \$3080 for participating in the event, which was well above the \$2500 that we had projected. We covered 18 shifts with the help of friends and spouses. She thanked all who gave their time, and especially those who covered multiple shifts.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kathy Norris reported our current balance is \$12,837.15. Total income was \$5,755.10; Total expenses were \$2,974, leaving a balance as of October 31 of \$15,618.25. She cautioned that most of the money is spoken for.

Treasurer Norris said that she has some extra club T-shirts and polo shirts for sale, as a result of previous orders. Club members should contact her if interested.

Corresponding Secretary: Judy Davison, Corresponding Secretary, asked members to please inform her if we know of someone who is sick or has experienced a death in the family. She mentioned that there were 2 recent incidences that caught her unaware. Her job is to send out a note from the Club to the member or family. She also informed us that she had received a note from the BW Wells organization, thanking us for our contribution the Fishing Tackle Program at Falls Lake. We also received a thank you from Wakefield High School for supporting lunch for their Leadership Luncheon.

Finance Committee: Finance Chairman, Martha Loftin, urged members to submit requests for charitable funding by the November 15 deadline. Forms are available on our website or from members of the

Finance committee. President McBride reminded members that the executive committee took to heart the comments received about membership having a say in how our charitable giving funds are disseminated. She also urged members to make us aware of any charity in our area needing help. Chairman Loftin informed the membership that at the fall District VI meeting it was announced that District VI dues next year will be raised by \$4.00.

Juniorettes: Juniorette advisor Marilyn Bonnett reported that 6 members have paid their dues thus far; one more than needed to submit a request for a Charter. The deadline for payment of dues is November 15, and it is expected that a few more interested candidates will sign up.

Wake County Northern Regional Center: Club member Wendy O'Neal reported that our club purchased \$250 for Layette items and gas cards to be given to new mothers who need support through County Human Services. Wendy and Martha Loftin shopped and presented the items on behalf of our club.

CSP Reports:

Arts – Marilyn Bonnett asked members to please stop in at Fidelity Bank to take a look at our Display Case. All are welcomed, whether you bank there or not. This month 's display features art work from Forest Pines Drive Elementary school students, produced in Ms. Sherman's class. In January the display will feature items from club member Miriam Blinne's church nursery school.

It was also reported that CSP members will be taking a field trip to Elmcroft Nursing Home on November 21, to help residents with a craft project of making sachets for their dresser drawers. They also plan to bring along snacks to share with the residents.

Friday, Dec. 6, members will participate in the Lighting of Wake Forest, downtown at Town Hall. They will help with craft activities for the kids.

February 22, 2014 is the date of the District VI Arts Festival. Members are invited to submit art work, crafts or other handiwork for the event. We will also take several entries from the Murdoch Center, as we have done in past years.

Home Life – Dawn Nakash, reporting for CSP chairman Katy green who was absent, said there are still 9 pen pals left on her list for the Murdoch Center. Pen pals send cards on birthdays and at Christmas. She also has 3 names left from the Christmas list, all are men. She reminded members to keep gathering toiletries and soaps for Safe Space.

The committee is also making wash cloth dolls and bunnies for the Northern Regional Center.

Public Issues – Judy Davison thanked her CSP members for providing refreshments. She also mentioned that Tri-Area Ministry food bank needs food, their supplies are very low. They are open on Monday and Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. President McBride said this is exactly what she meant in her earlier remarks about identifying a charity that needs help. She expressed a thought that perhaps our club could involve other local organizations to pool monies together for support of Tri-Area Ministry. Club member Carolyn Furr said that the Community Council will be meeting next Wednesday (Nov. 13), and that most of our local service organizations attend. President McBride will pursue getting a cooperative effort going with other organizations. She instructed Martha Loftin and Kathy Norris to send a check to Tri-Area Ministry on behalf of our club, as set forth in the 2013-2014 Charitable Budget approved by the membership at the Sept. general meeting.

Christmas Party: Committee chairman Marilyn Bonnett referred members to the invitations that were placed on each table announcing our Christmas Party. There is also a sign-up sheet that is being circulated for members to identify what finger food or dessert they will bring to the event. She gave an overview of how the evening is planned:

6:30 p.m. – members arrive

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7:00 p.m. – Heritage Middle School Choir will begin a concert of Christmas songs (goodie bags will be provided to their members at the conclusion of the concert)

7:20 p.m. – Concert concludes – food, fun and games begin for our Club members

8:30 p.m. – evening ends with drawing of the 50-50 raffle

Birthday Recognition: This month there is only one birthday to be celebrated – Barbara Kingrey. All members present acknowledged her special day and sang Happy Birthday.

Announcements: Social Media chairman Dawn Nakash encouraged members to call us up on Facebook and “like” us.

Carolyn Furr said she is selling tickets for the 66th Annual Wake Forest Christmas Dinner, which will be held on Monday, Dec. 2 at the Forks Cafeteria. The tickets are \$15.00 per person.

Adjournment: No further business being presented, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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