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**MINUTES OF THE WAKE FOREST WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023**

Members gathered and were welcomed by President Amy Brown at the Wake Forest Community House at 6:30 PM. The Arts & Culture CSP hosted the gathering with a light dinner of sandwiches, salads and sweet treats. Since January is National Hobby Month, tables were decorated with various "crafty type" hobby projects. Committee Members were introduced, and all were invited to eat. The General Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call (Members)

Membership Chair Diane Hawkins

There was a total of 29 members in attendance, meeting the quorum requirement of 1/3 of the general membership. Guests were introduced: Kathy Myers, Hetal Petal and Tara Southerland. New member Patricia Jennings was introduced as well.

Invocation/Pledge to the US & NC Flags

First Vice President Maggie Andersen

Maggie read the Invocation (Poem), shared by Sharon Rasmussen named "One View and Then Another"- Author Unknown. Maggie also led us in reciting the US Pledge of Allegiance and the Salute to the NC flag.

Tonight's Program: Ed Harris

Introduced by Art & Culture CSP Co-Chair Charlotte Palko

Ed Harris is the Executive Director of the Wake Forest Historical Museum located at 414 N. Main St. He gave an interesting and engaging talk on the changes and growth of Wake Forest over the years. His presentation was very informative and delivered with joy and exuberance. He invited all WFWC members to consider volunteering as a docent or to spread the word about the museum and its many offerings. There will be an upcoming art exhibit worth visiting over the next few months. Spread the word to friends, families and neighbors.....

Review of Minutes from December 1, 2022

Recording Secretary Susan Goodman

The draft meeting minutes from the December 1, 2022, general meeting were reviewed, and only 1 correction needs to be made. At the end of the meeting, we celebrated December birthdays...not September as noted. Changes were made and the Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frances Sandoval

Frances presented the Treasurer's Report for November, 2022. The checking account starting balance from October 31, 2022, was \$25,296.07. Operating Income from Member Dues and Juniorette Dues totaled \$230.14. Operating Expenses for storage rental, Juniorette Dues and office supplies totaled \$170.34. Charitable Income from Hope Lutheran Harvest Fest and Pay Pal (Poinsettia sales) received was \$1413.19. Charitable Expenses totaled \$850.18 for Reach Out and Read (Ed. CSP), Tunnel 2 Towers (Civic CSP), reimbursement for Civic CSP speaker gift card and Homewood Nurseries (poinsettia plants). The checking account balance as of November 30, 2022, is \$25,936.88.

Finance Committee

2ND Vice President Karen Pettyjohn

An Additional Club Project request has been submitted by Marilyn Bonnett for \$200 to purchase yarn for the Project Warmth Program. The yarn will be knitted and crocheted into caps, blankets, scarves, etc. The Financial Committee brought this approved request to the club members – no motion or 2nd needed. No discussion or questions asked. All members voted to approve the funding. Motion carries.

CSP Reports

First Vice President Maggie Andersen

Maggie Anderson invited CSP reporters to come up to the podium. Each CSP gave a brief overview of upcoming projects. See the most recent WFWC Newsletter for all upcoming projects and program dates.

Arts & Culture – presented by Charlotte Palko. The Wake Forest Lighting was a huge success. Crafts were enjoyed by all participating children. Letters to Santa were a hit and the mailbox was emptied 3 times due to the large volume of Santa Letters. Attendees created 70 holiday letters for seniors and they were delivered to Hillside Senior Center. Thank you to all that participated and helped in the holiday efforts.

Civic Engagement & Outreach – Diane Hawkins reported that MLK Day is coming up and club members are encouraged to participate in giving back to the community by donating gently used goods to the Durham Rescue Mission so that they can sell items in their Thrift Store. Clean out your closets and drawers and bring your items to the 10:00 AM Saturday collection effort. Collection will continue throughout the spring.

Health & Wellness – Joanne D’Errico thanked everyone for their generous support of the Murdoch Center (close to \$1,000 in donations), shoes donated to Benevolent Kicks Shoe Drive and Hope & Vine. Don’t forget to report your shots for Get a Shot Give a Shot.

Correspondence Report

Recording Secretary Susan Goodman

Susan reported for Corresponding Secretary Meghan Shriver. The WFWC received the following;

- Note of Congratulations from Paulette Parker, Past Federation Day Chairman. The WFWC is a 1st place winner for an entry in 2022. \$100 gift card enclosed.
- Note of Thanks from Molly Goldson from Saving Grace for our ongoing partnership.
- Thank You Note for a gift of \$50 received from the Reach Out and Read National Center.
- 2 Christmas Cards and Thank You from the Murdoch Development Center for the Pen Pal Project and Donation of Gifts to the center.
- Thank You Note from Anna & Amanda with the Town of Wake Forest for participation in the city programs.

Membership Report

Chair Diane Hawkins

New member, Gina Joyner will be introduced at the next meeting. There will be an informal gathering at The Lemon Tree next Thursday January 12th at 1:30. Several members will be there to answer questions and get to know our organization better. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors. There will be a social media effort coming out soon.

Arts Festival

Chair Misty Deyo

Misty clarified questions regarding the arts festival. This year they are adding a local arts festival to add student works as well. On January 17th at the American Legion, bring/submit your art. Categories are Visual Arts, Craft, Photography. Please let Misty know if you will be submitting an entry by January 13th. Drop off of art entries is Noon – 4:30. Look at page 10 of the Arts Festival Guide to find the entry form to fill out and bring with submission. Photos do not have to be on backing for the local festival. If your piece goes on – it needs to be mounted for submission to go further in the festival.

Historic Homes Tour

Martha Loftin

The tour was a huge success! A huge thank you to all that were involved in supporting the Historic Homes Tour. Martha will report the income from our participation as docents when she receives the final total. It was a joy to have the tour back and in full swing (although smaller) ... hoping the tour will grow in years to come.

Historian Presentation

Historian Dora Pearce

Lois Lee reporting from the Calvin Jones House. An Arts & Crafts Festival is being held and participants have come from as far away as Alabama. Money raised will go towards restoration and upkeep of the Calvin Jones House.

Nominating Committee

Salina Gary

The 2023 Committee was introduced, and the slate process was reviewed. Committee Members are Chair Salina Gary, Martha Loftin and Elaine Incorvaia. Each member will reach out to WFWC members to inquire about interest in leadership roles. The slate of nominees will be presented in March.

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Chair Nancy Ruffin

Applications have been submitted and the deadline is January 6th. The Committee will be busy reviewing applications and setting up interviews with candidates.

Wake Forest Junior Women's Club

Marilyn Bonnett

Marilyn proposed that the WFWC assist to re-establish the Junior Women's Club. Junior Women's Club Members ages are 18 – 45, General Clubs are 18 to Infinity, Juniors are Jr. High and High School Students. There was a previous Junior Women's Club that ran from 1978-2015. Marilyn made a move to assist WF resident Addison Harman to re-establish the Junior Women's Club. Seconded by Quinn B. There was a brief discussion of goals and hopes for the new club extension. Questions answered. A vote was held...all in favor. The motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Amy Brown

- **WFWC Meet and Greet – January 12 – The Lemon Tree Café, 1:30 pm**
- **WFWC local WF Arts Festival – January 17, American Legion Hall in Wake Forest**
- **District VI Arts Festival – February 11 – Raleigh – more info. coming**
- **GFWC – NC Arts Festival – March 11 – Mebane – more info. coming**
- **WFWC Board of Directors Meeting – March 14, 6:30, The Forks Restaurant**
- **Sign-up sheet on the back table for Federation Day**

January Birthdays: Club women sang to Martha Loftin, Kandria Harry, Barbara Doran and Elaine Incorvaia. Happy Birthday!

Adjournment: No further business was discussed; the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.