

MINUTES OF THE WAKE FOREST WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING

HELD THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023

Members gathered and were welcomed by President Amy Brown at the Wake Forest Community House at 6:30pm. The Environment CSP hosted the gathering and placed cheese, meat, and fruit trays with crackers, fruit, and nuts as well as a dessert tray on each table. Committee members were introduced, and all were invited to eat. The General Meeting was called by President Amy Brown at 7:00pm.

Roll Call (Members)

There was a total of 35 members in attendance, meeting the quorum requirement of 1/3 of the general Membership. Guests were introduced: Rosie Lawrie, Kathy Myers, Nancy Cochran, Helen Champion.

Invocation/Pledge to the US and NC Flags

Chaplain Sharon Rasmussen read the Invocation. She also led us in reciting the US Pledge of Allegiance and Salute to the NC flag.

WF Junior Woman's Club

Guest Addison Harman

Addison is the owner and operator of Corner of Wake Forest event space and is very interested in bringing back the Junior Woman's Club to Wake Forest. She is working with two of our Club members, Tracy Mahl and Marilyn Bonnett. She is hoping to have a fully functional WF Junior Woman's Club by the fall of 2023 or early 2024.

Tonight's Program: Harriet Lewis

Introduced by the Environment CSP Chair Robin Oglesby

Harriet Lewis is a BOD member of Tri Area Ministry and a native of New York City where she worked with the NYPD for many years. She gave an overview of Tri- Area Ministry's services (located at 149 E. Holding Ave., WF). TAM is a non-profit organization which is 100% operated by volunteers and serves to assist food insecure people of Wake Forest and surrounding areas. Since the pandemic began, their clients have grown to around 1200 to 1400 people per month. Nonfood items are also included in the items distributed to their clients. She thanked our Club for the donations of egg cartons and plastic grocery bags and encouraged anyone interested to apply to volunteer at their facility. She also discussed the needs of their homeless clients and the special items provided to these individuals.

Review of Minutes from January 5, 2023,

Recording Secretary Glenda Grant

The draft minutes from the January 5, 2023, general meeting were reviewed and there were a few corrections under "Wake Forest Woman's Club" where 'women's should be "woman's". The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Frances Sandoval

Frances presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2023. The checking account starting balance from December 30, 2022, was \$25,936.88. After all operating expenses and appropriate dues were paid, the ending balance was \$23,183.24.

Finance Committee

2nd Vice President Karen Pettyjohn

Karen presented a request for an APC donation of \$200 for the Wake Forest High School PTSA Grants for area teachers. This APC request comes from Marilyn Bonnett and she will be giving the \$200 to the Juniors and encouraging other clubs to support the teachers by donating to this worthy cause. Karen then explained more details about the APC's and how they are to be used for individual's special desires to help organizations who are not helped by the CSP's. Karen made a motion as to the above change. The members voted and the motion carried.

Marilyn Bonnett explained the PTSA Grants for area teachers which is a student project to raise monies for teachers to be able to purchase supplies not provided by the schools.

CSP Reports

1st Vice President Maggie Anderson

Maggie Anderson invited CSP reporters to come up to the podium to report on their activities.

Maggie gave the following report:

Three WFWC projects were recognized as Top Ten Projects by the General Federation of Women's Club for 2021:

Safe Space Staff Appreciation Gift Bags, Pocket Constitution Booklets to Northern Wake Senior Center and Wake Forest, Juniors meet Mayor Vivian Jones.

Data from GFWC-NC State Statistical Form for WFWC in 2022 was shared as follows:

In 2022 WFWC had 55 projects, served 4,537 volunteer service hours, and gave with donations also coming from the community \$11,736 In-kind donations.

Project Warmth had the most volunteer hours with 1,773 hours and USO Snacks had the largest in-kind donation with \$1,465 given by club members and the community.

Arts and Culture CSP – Charlotte Palko

She announced that the WF Historical Museum is hosting a selection of works from WFU's Mark H. Reece Collection of Student-Acquired Contemporary Art that will be open to the public from January 31-June 30. She also reminded everyone that ART in Bloom at NCMA is March 15-19.

Education and Libraries CSP – Dora Pearce

She reported that some of the members have started tutoring in reading at Wake Forest Elementary-Pines Elementary. The CSP also completed the Black History Month project, making bookmarks which will be distributed in the community to celebrate the achievements of strong black women. The CSP also plans to begin collecting school supplies to be distributed at Hope House in August at the Back-to-School Giveaway. There will be a collection box at upcoming meetings.

Environment CSP – Robin Oglesby

She reported that our Club has collected 112 pairs of shoes through January 2023. These shoes go to developing countries to be sold in markets by local vendors. She also stated that they continue to collect egg cartons and plastic grocery bags for TAM. They also plan to have a 'garden day' in March.

Health & Wellness – Joanne D'Errico

She reported that their CSP plans to collect food items for TAM and will announce this in the next newsletter as well as specific items that are needed by TAM. There is an event planned at Hope & Vine next Tuesday at the store from 6-8PM. She also reminded members to get their flu shots at Walgreens in “get a shot, give a shot” program.

Correspondence Report – deferred until next meeting in March.

Resolutions and Revisions – Kathy Norris

Kathy reminded the members that she has previously emailed the revisions to the Club Bylaws and Policy and Procedures, and these have been reviewed and typos have been corrected. Kathy made a motion to accept the changes to the (1) Club Mission Statement, (2) statement of inclusion, (3) add Juniorette Advisor the Board of Directors. A vote was taken, and the majority of members voted ‘yes’ so the motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Paula Johnson

She discussed the proposed changes to the Messenger Award. These changes will be emailed to members and will be further discussed at our March meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Diane Hawkins

Diane introduced our two new members- Gina Joyner and Patricia Jennings. They received the official WFWC Yearbook.

FEDERATION DAY

DORA PEARCE

Dora discussed Federation Day, which is April 24, and introduced the Federation Day Planning members who are Marilyn Bonnett, Amy Brown, Jo Lanni, and Tracy Mahl. The project is to provide care packages to the WF Army RPTC Cadets. More information on this at our next meeting. She asked for members wishing to volunteer to assist with Federation Day to contact her, and a venue needs to be selected.

Arts Festival

Misty Deyo

The Art Festival was held January 17, at the American Legion Post. Misty thanked all participants who helped and entered works for this event. She listed the first-place winners in all categories. These winners will advance to the District Arts Festival at First Baptist Church in downtown Raleigh on February 11, 2023, with those winners moving to the state competition at the Mebane Arts Center in Mebane on March 11, 2023.

PROJECT WARMTH 2023 KICK-OFF

MARILYN BONNETT

Marilyn announced the date for the Kick-Off will be February 25, from 10am to 12 noon at the parlor in the lobby of the Worship Center for the WF United Methodist Church. All members who are interested, please let Marilyn know. Anyone wishing to learn to crochet is welcome but please let Marilyn know. She also reviewed the items which will be made for the completion of this project.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

SELINA GARY

Salina reminded members that there were handouts at each table listing the elected offices with a description of each position. She reminded that there were 3 open positions to be filled. These are Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and the Correspondence Secretary. A slate of officers will be announced at the next meeting. Anyone wishing to run for these offices, please let Salina know.

HISTORIAN

DORA PEARCE

Dora dressed as Lois Lee and reported that through the efforts of the WFWC International Dept. 100% of club members participated in the General Federation of Woman's Clubs CARE Food Production program.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

NANCY RUFFIN

Nancy announced that a scholarship winner has been selected and her name is Evelyn Huntley. She is a graduate of Franklin Academy. The criteria for the Betty Ann Wilkinson Technical Scholarship Award have been sent to area high schools. The deadline for this scholarship is March 1, 2023

SOUND SYSTEM

AMY BROWN

Amy reviewed the current drawbacks of the current sound system and need to purchase a new and more up to date sound system. Topic tabled for March meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AMY BROWN

District VI Arts Festival -February 11 -First Baptist Church in Raleigh -deadline to register is Feb. 4th.

GFWC-NC Arts Festival -March 11-Mebane – more info to come.

Board of Directors Meeting -March 14; 6:30 pm -The Forks Cafeteria.

GFWC-NC Annual Convention-April 21, 22 – Charlotte -more info to come.

GFWC Annual Convention -June 10-12- Louisville, KY.

Donations to the Durham Rescue Mission's thrift store on South Main Street will continue through April 6th. Those who donate items should report their volunteer hours to Diane Hawkins.

Debbi Wood reminds us that, through April 6, she will be collecting new and nearly new bras for "Free The Girls". Look for the donation basket on the table next to the sign-up sheets.

FEB. Birthdays: Alyse Cores. Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Alyse.

ADJOURNMENT: With all business completed the meeting adjourned at 8:37PM.

Respectfully submitted by Glenda Grant, interim Recording Secretary