

# **MINUTES OF THE WAKE FOREST WOMAN'S CLUB GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2023**

Members were welcomed by President Amy Brown at the Wake Forest Community Building at 6:30pm. The members or the BOD hosted the meeting and served cold foods such as sandwiches, salads, and desserts. The members of the BOD were introduced and all were invited to eat. The General Meeting was called to order by President Amy Brown at 7:00pm.

## **Roll Call (Members)**

There were a total of 30 members present, meeting the quorum requirement of 1/3 of the general membership. Our guests for this evening were our Scholarship winner, Evelyn Huntley and her mother Amie Huntley.

## **Invocation/Pledge to the US and NC flags**

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

## **Tonight's Program**

**Introduced by Nancy Ruffin**

Nancy Ruffin introduced the members of the Scholarship Committee: Maggie Anderson, Linda Johnson, Jo Lanni, and Lynn Wiss, LaRoyce Stevens. She thanked Elaine Incorvaia as she was instrumental in publicizing our Scholarship Program in the local newspaper and on Social Media. Nancy introduced our winner, Evelyn, who is a graduating senior of Franklin Academy with a 4.0 grade point average and has been accepted into UNC at Chapel Hill. Evelyn spoke about her interests and her plans for college and beyond. She thanked WFWC for the scholarship and all the wonderful gifts gathered for her.

## **Review of minutes from March 2, 2023**

**Recording Secretary Glenda Grant**

The draft of the minutes from March 2, 2023, general meeting were reviewed and there were a few corrections that were noted. The minutes were approved as corrected.

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Treasurer Frances Sandoval**

Frances presented the Treasurer's Report for March 2023. The checking balance from February 28, 2023 was \$22,919.40. After all expenses were paid and all income was totaled, the ending balance was \$38,002.56. The income included the monies paid by the Town of Wake Forest for our participation in the 2022 Historic Homes Tour. Frances reminded members to either turn in their checks for \$20 for the May Banquet to her this evening or to mail to Wake Forest Woman's Club at PO Box 1614, Wake Forest, NC 27588.

## **Finance Report**

**Kathy Norris**

Kathy reported the Finance Committee has approved the application from Elaine Incorvaia for a donation to the Triangle Disability and Autism Services. Kathy made the motion for the club to accept this. There was no need for a 2nd. There was no discussion. Members approved the motion and the motion passed.

## **2023-23 Audit Committee Report**

**1st Vice President Maggie Anderson**

Maggie gave the report for the Audit Committee(Misty Deyo, Charlotte Palko, Lynn Wiss, Maggie Anderson). They met on March 21, 2023 to audit the WFWC accounts. Maggie reported that no discrepancies were found and all was in good order. All receipts were in good order and all dues had been paid, and everything was up to date. She commended Frances on her diligence.

## **CSP Reports**

**1st Vice President Maggie Anderson**

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

## **Arts and Culture**

Carol Wirth reported that the CSP members had completed the Bunny project for Meals on Wheels and had enough bunnies to make a Bunny wreath for the Lemon Tree for Easter. The members had a day at the Wake Forest Historical Museum and 10 WFWC members participated. She also reported that in the future, they plan to assist at Joyner Park during the Six Sundays in Spring concert Series.

## **Civic Engagement and Outreach**

Marilyn Bonnett gave the report for the CSP. She reported that the Wake Forest Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, April 28, from 11am - 7pm - or until all fish plates have been sold. The seating will be indoors at the Fire Dept. Station #1, 420 Elm Avenue. Eat-in or drive-through take-out will be available. Plates are \$10 each and no pre-orders will be taken. Marilyn reported that she and Paula Johnson have spoken to Jill Bright about the possibility of WFWC providing desserts for the event. All types of desserts, from cookies to brownies to pies and cakes are welcomed. There are sign-up sheets and information sheets on the back table for anyone wishing to participate. All dessert items are to be delivered to the Fire Station on Thursday, April 27. She also reminded everyone of the Wake Forest High School PTSA Fundraiser at Chipotle on Friday, April 12. Anyone participating must have the code which has been sent in a previous email. Inquire to Marilyn Bonnett or Am Brown for the code if you do not have it.

## **Education and Libraries**

Dora Pearce gave the report. She mentioned the upcoming Wake Forest Stem Event and Teacher Appreciation at Wake Forest High School. She reported that she has not received any additional information from the community contacts for either event even

though several inquires have been made. Dora will be available at the end of the meeting to take names of those interested in case help is needed at the last minute.

### **Environment**

### **Robin Oglesby**

Robin announced that Wake Forest Forest Fest is April 15 from 9am -2pm, and Environment CSP will have a booth in the non-profit section located at the Town Hall Centennial Plaza and will be doing a children's project planting flower seeds in small flower pots and decorating the pots.

### **Health and Wellness**

### **Joanne Seacott and Alyse Cores**

Joanne and Alyse announced that there will be a small group of members traveling to the Murdock Development Center for their Arts Festival on May 10. Only 6 to 8 people are allowed as the center is still following Covid guidelines for small groups. A tour of Royall Cottage is planned so as to meet our pen pals. They will also visit the handcraft store where items made by the residents are for sale. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table with a wait list in case someone drops out of the tour.

### **Correspondence Report**

### **President Amy Brown**

Amy announced that the Club has received a letter from Joy Shillingburg thanking us for the generous donation of feminine Hygiene products that were given away at the Wake Forest Community Table events on Monday evenings at Hope House and on Wednesday evenings at Olive Branch Baptist Church. (She also reported that we have received a congratulations card for our membership growth)**Amy, I'm not sure how this should read as my recording didn't work.**

Amy also reminded us to keep Martha Loftin in our prayers on the death of her husband and also Carolyn Furr on the sudden death of her son.

### **May Banquet**

### **President Amy Brown**

Amy reminded all members planning to attend our May Banquet to please turn in their \$20 tonight to Frances or to mail to our PO Box 1614, Wake Forest, NC 27588. The checks are due by April 15.

### **Communications**

### **Paula Johnson**

Paula reminded everyone that nominations for the Messenger Award is due by the end of the meeting. Please give your nominations to Janet Lowe. The Executive Committee will decide the winner of the award. She also announced that the position of Newsletter Editor is still open and she encouraged anyone interested to please let Amy or anyone on the Communications Committee know of their interest. Paula said that most any computer program that allows writing and editing should be ok to use as not everyone has Word or Publisher on their computer.

### **GFWC-NC Arts Festival**

### **Misty Deyo**

Misty reported that WFWC local Arts Festival for students and WFWC members was

held in January at the American Legion Post here in Wake Forest. The GFWC-NC State Arts Festival was held in Mebin on March 11. Our Club had a 1st place and a 3rd place winner. Our members who won awards were Miriam Blinne, Kathy Norris, Marilyn Bonnett, and Elaine Incorvaia. Many thanks to all who participated.

### **Federation Day**

### **Historian Dora Pearce**

Dora announced that the actual Federation Day is April 24 but our club is celebrating on April 26 @ 6:30pm at the Wake Forest United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall with breakfast for dinner. The day is to celebrate and remember what we as Women's Clubs collectively have accomplished through the years since the General Federation of Women's Clubs was established. Dora announced that the meeting will conclude with a service project where we will assemble CareKits for Cadets aka goodie bags for the Wake Forest High School Junior ROTC Cadets. There will be a Sign Up Genius sent by Amy to members to sign up for items to contribute to the dinner. There is also a sign-up sheet on the back table.

All Club Members were instructed to complete and turn in their ballot for Club Woman of the Year to President Amy Brown, CSP Selection, form to 1st VP Maggie Anderson, and Committee Selection form to President Amy Brown. Members were instructed to complete these tasks before leaving this evening's meeting.

Maggie reminded members that a member can only be on the same CSP for 2 years. Please list your 1st and 2nd choice for a CSP and also list if you would like to chair or co-chair a CSP. Also, please list any special project that you would like to see our Club do next year. She stressed to members to not be afraid of taking a leadership position as members always help each other.

### **Announcements**

### **President Amy Brown**

Save the date, April 12: Reminder that the Wake Forest High School Juniores are hosting a Chipotle Mexican Grill fundraiser for PTSA Teacher Grants. Food purchased between 4 and 8 p.m. with the PROMO Code TDRJHGN will return 33% to the fundraiser. Pick up a flyer on the table in the back of the room.

Edenton Woman's Club - Edenton Pilgrimage Tour of Historic Private Homes -April 14 & 15 – for more info and tickets - [edentonpilgrimage.org](http://edentonpilgrimage.org)

GFWC-NC Annual Convention-April 21, 22 – Charlotte, NC

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

Please sign up for Art in the Park Committee – July 4

April Birthdays: Sharon Rasmussen, Marilyn Bonnett, Diane Hawkins. Everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to our birthday ladies.

With all business completed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted by Acting Reporting Secretary, Glenda Grant