

MCADENVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Feb 4, 2020

Attendees -

Ashley Westmoreland, Jennings Dixon, Suzanne Washam, Georgia Andrews, Roxann Rankin, Susan Elkins, Bailey Gula, Laura Lewis, Summer Bachman, Helen Niles, Laura Arnold, Kristin Turner, Pam Sowards, Shannon Martin, Stefanie Baruk, Jennifer Lindsay, Linda Blackledge, Kelly Jones, Angela Bradmon

Call to Order

Shannon Martin: Shannon called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at the Pharr YMCA, McAdenville.

Recognition of New Visitors/Members

New Visitor: None

Two thank you notes were read; one from Catherine's house thanking the club for the donations to help assist with their new kitchen. Pam Smith thanked the club for the floral arrangement sent for her mom's funeral.

Invocation

Summer Bachman provided the Club with a Devotional entitled "Unseasonal Expectations". The devotion compared the unseasonal weather we have had and how sometimes we don't like the weather depending on what time of the year we are in; to those times in our life where we become unsatisfied with the things/seasons that are occurring. Something in the season isn't right and sometimes it doesn't always look the way we want it to. However, the Lord is working in the midst of it all. Summer referenced Daniel 2:21.

Presentation: Jane Cacchione from Catherine's House

Jane Cacchione is the Director of Development at Catherine's House spoke to the Club tonight. Catherine's House serves women and children facing homelessness due to a variety of circumstances such as: domestic violence, unemployment, the shortage of affordable housing, unexpected tragedies, and the lack of a support network. Jane gave a heartfelt thank you for the MWC donating items to help remodel their kitchen during Christmas. Jane showed pictures of Catherine's House with the new kitchen items MWC helped to purchase during Christmas. Catherine's House has space for 100 women and children. Currently there are 14 women and 11 children staying at Catherine's House. Residents stay at Catherine's House for 4-6 months at a time. This is a hands-on program with a person-centered approach. Services provided for residents include individual case management, supportive counseling, financial literacy, parenting programs, and job seeking assistance. Catherine's house receives 60-80 calls a month for people looking for shelter. Catherine's house has a car raffle each year as a fundraiser. Tickets will go on sale soon. Another fundraiser is the pink lemonade party at Daniel Stowe botanical on 5/7/2020.

Approval of Minutes

Jennifer Lindsay provided the January meeting minutes. A motion to approve the January meeting minutes as written was made by Kristin Turner and seconded by Ashley Westmoreland

Treasurer's Report

Linda Blackledge presented the January Financial Report. A motion to approve the January financial report was made by Suzanne Washam and seconded by Roxanne Rankin and Pam Sowards.

OLD BUSINESS

Christmastown 5K Update:

Ashley reported the earnings from the 5K were \$12655.72

NEW BUSINESS

Community Assistance Committee Report

Laura Lewis gave a 2019 Community Assistance Committee Report. MWC contributed \$250 to the Gaston Rotary garden. MWC also donated to the Least of these Carolinas by supporting 10 children. The committee shopped and donated gifts for Christmas for these children. Laura thanked committee members Suzanne Washam and Angela Bradmon for helping with the Walmart shopping required to purchase the gifts for Least of These. \$2600 was donated to a family who were in urgent need in the community. The mother was dealing with a debilitating chronic illness, Lupus. She was unable to work due to the severity of the illness and the medical bills were piling up. They were having to pay bills on their credit card. Due to the hardship, the Committee voted to also pay \$500 toward their electric bill. Cynthia passed away in January 2020. She was 35 with advanced stage lupus. She left behind her husband and three children.

Are You Smarter Than A 5th Grader update

Ashley Westmoreland gave an update on Smarter than a 5th grader- Members of MWC who are also members of the McAdenville Elementary PTO incidentally found out in a meeting about the countywide competition Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader. This is a fundraiser sponsored by the Gaston Educational Foundation. This competition is also important to 5th graders and is considered a right of passage for 5th graders to be able to participate. Pharr has always sponsored McAdenville in the past, but this year due to the changes at Pharr, they were not able to commit this year to a sponsorship. The registration was late, but the Foundation allowed McAdenville Elementary to enter sponsored by the McAdenville Women's Club. MWC paid the entrance fee for the school. The name of the team is "Buddy's brigade". Ashley shared the T-shirt design and chant created by the team. Buddy is expected to make an appearance at the event. The competition is Thursday Feb. 6 at Stuart Cramer- 6pm if you want to come. Club members can sit together. The Corporate Team consists of Kevin Lamp, Abigail Kelm, Pam Barret, Jack from Pharr.

Community Foundation Run update

Shannon Martin updated the club on the Community Foundation Run. She shared a brochure of the Community Foundation Run which provides a list of nonprofit agencies participating which includes McAdenville Women's Club. The registration and donor link officially opened this week. The Run is April 4th at 9am. There will be a 5K and 2K fun walk. You can register by going online or the brochure has registration information which you can fill out and take over to Foundation instead of paying online. \$10 for 2K and 5K \$20 by March 15th and then goes up and additional \$5 after. To learn more about the Community Foundation run go to <http://www.cfgaston.org/Learn/CommunityFoundationRun.aspx>. Tells you everything about race. If you register for the run, go to the drop down and choose our club MWC. If we have overall winner or 1st and 2nd place men and women it gives donations back to MWC. You can also make a donation using a separate link. Type in who you want money to go to. Or you can put in "match fund" and the donations that are matched goes to everyone. MWC has put this on the website and FB. We get donations and whatever matching percentage the foundation decides. Money raised goes to the scholarships MWC gives away. We have to use the money within 6 months. At the March meeting Shannon will have more brochures in March. We are also obligated to put up three posters to advertise the Run around McAdenville. We have runners signed up and have a corn hole team. Shannon's and Ashley's husbands have signed up. If we win, we would receive \$500 and 2nd place would win \$250. There is also the Facebook challenge. It is a picture of Wes and Buddy. Ashley will take more pictures at the Smarter than a 5th Grader event to see if we have any other photos that might be good. To win FB challenge of \$250 Like and Share the website. Email Shannon if any trouble registering or donating. Foundation has already mailed brochures to previous donors.

Publicity Committee Description Change

Shannon Martin gave an update on the Publicity Committee change. After reviewing the bylaws, it was noted that it really was not clear who made up this particular committee. In the past, Kristen has done publicity. We feel we need more clarification in our bylaws. We need to have a true committee that can help if needed. We would like to have a Chair and then one representative from the Fundraising and 5K Committee which would help with publicity. These two committees usually have the most publicity needs and are already familiar with using the website and FB. Kelly Jones will help from the Fundraising Committee. Shannon made a motion that we add to the bylaws the following, "*The publicity committee will be made up of the publicity committee chair and one representative from the Fundraising Committee and one representative from the Christmastown 5K committee and should be made up of at least 2 members.*" Roxann Rankin seconded the motion and all members approved.

December Meeting Date Change

Shannon Martin gave an update on our December 2020 meeting and the need to change the date of the meeting due to the meeting falling on December 1st this year. That would be the same day as the McAdenville Tree Lighting. It will need to be either Thursday December 3 or December 8. Shannon made a motion to change the meeting to December 3. Georgia Andrews seconded the motion and all members approved.

Hostess Committee Update

Kelly Jones reported that our March meeting will be at McAdenville Town Hall. We will have a salad and potato bar. Thank you to Reid Washam who helped the club secure Town Hall for our meeting. The Hostess Committee has been discussing what the committee is responsible for? Currently it is the responsibility to recruit new members and to hostess the meetings. The committee would like to focus more on new members. We can all invite a neighbor. The committee would like for us to be more welcoming to visitors so that they return and become members. The committee would like to be able to give visitors something when they come to a meeting. They would like to give a little Gift bag and flyer that talks about the club. They would like to have a Scan code that takes the visitor to our website. Information on the brochures would also help get the word out. The committee is also looking into having some more social events outside of meetings. For example; Bowling night, top golf, Ladies night out, Bunco night. Invite new members to activities to get to know club members before they come to a meeting so it is not so overwhelming for the visitor. Email new members after they come. Other Ideas shared about reaching out to old and new members

Digital Books Update

Roxann Rankin reported that all of the MWC Scrapbooks have been converted to digital hard drive. All records are now preserved. Advanced Imaging System donated all of their services and fees for this project which was unexpected. Moving forward Roxann discussed exploring and letting the Historical Committee negotiate a contract and come up with a proposal cost for each year. The digital information can be stored on our website and club members may be able to purchase their own digital keepsakes. Roxanne on behalf of the Historical Committee made a motion to use Advanced Imaging Systems and come up with a contract with the company so that each year we can make a digital scrapbook. Bailey Gula seconded the motion and all club members approved.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:30 PM at McAdenville Town Hall.

Additional Meeting Notes

- Remember your Club Dues and bring to the next Meeting. Dues are \$15.00.