

MCADENVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2019

Attendees - 33

Georgia Andrews, Laura Arnold, Summer Bachman, Stefanie Baruk, Sheryl Beck, Linda Blackledge, Ellen Burns, Brandi Collier, Candice Cook, Jennings Dixon, Susan Elkins, Mona Fore, Darinda Fredricksen, Lesly Henderson, Courtney Humphries, Kristy Jenkins, Laura Lewis, Jennifer Lindsay, Annie Lodge, Shannon Martin, Vineetha Menon, Helen Niles, Linda Payne, Mandi Payne, Roxann Rankin, Julie Richardson, Pam Sowards, Erika Sutphin, Kristen Trum, Kristin Turner, Suzanne Washam, Ashley Westmoreland, Shannon White, Abigail Helm

Call to Order

Kristin Turner called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at the Pharr YMCA Ballroom.

Special Recognition: Michael Stout, Pharr YMCA

Michael presented the MWC a plaque for our 2018 donation to the Gaston County YMCA Giving Campaign. He shared the following story from a member/recipient of the scholarship program that the Annual Giving Campaign funds:

My name is Rita Cagle AKA GrandMommy,

I am a firm believer that God's love and promises are real and He put's people in our path's to help us along our journey. With that being said, I am truly grateful to our family at the Pharr YMCA for the impact they have made in my grandchildren's lives. They have been a saving Grace for our family and I don't know what I would have done without their love and financial help.

My grandchildren's YMCA experience has been life changing.

In 2017 McKenzie & McKaylee were placed in my custody due to a very traumatic experience that left them very emotionally abused. I was faced with the difficult decision to end my career after 24 years and focus completely on the healing of my granddaughters. It has been very financially challenging to say the least.

The girls came to us very shy and withdrawn, not trusting at all. We began their healing processes with a lot of love and in-home counseling, we were recommended to give Sports a try, it would be the key to their healing.

I have been a YMCA member since 1994 and enjoyed the atmosphere but I was not sure what they had to offer for children, so I reached out to Mr. Stout at the Pharr YMCA. He was very compassionate and got me the information I needed and shortly after we were granted financial assistance. It was reassuring to me that the girls would be in a safe environment surrounded by a positive, healthy atmosphere.

It was a true gift that McKenzie & McKaylee had the opportunity to have the time of their life and enjoy the magic of the Pharr YMCA camp this past summer. Gymnastics and Dance has become the love of their life. The amazing instructors at the Pharr YMCA have become our extended family, they have helped the girls overcome so many obstacles and it is important to us that we can trust them with our grandchildren.

It is a way of life for the girls now they look forward to their classes each week. They are both thriving in life, happy, healthy, confident, outgoing children and I could have not done it without our Pharr YMCA family.

God's Grace, Love & Mercy ♥ Thank you!

Michael thanked the club for our continued support.

Community Garden Info: Janice Holly Booth, Vice President, Gaston Rotary

Janice introduced 2 books that she has written, "A Voice of Nowhere" and "Only Pack What You Can Carry".

Janice shared the story of the Gaston Rotary Garden located on Franklin Blvd that is maintained by volunteers and provides fresh produce to 4-5 local groups in the area for free. The Garden has 4 Goals: (1) Feed the hungry, (2) beautify the city of Gastonia, (3) teach a new generation how to garden and (4) get to know our community. www.RCGOC.org

Ways to get involved:

- Adopt a Bed – Responsibility: Weed, plant seeds and harvest 1 week 3 times during the growing season. The harvest days are Sunday – Tuesday and Thursday. Tools, irrigation, pesticides and fertilizer are provided.
- Volunteer to harvest the garden, experienced gardeners are in great need. All ages are welcome, family involvement is encouraged.
- Accepting New Board – Meet 4 times a year

Roxann Rankin asked if the MWC should we make a donation to the Rotary Garden to help support their efforts/volunteers.

Erika Sutphin (# 16) made a motion to donate \$250 to the organization, the motion was seconded by Mona Fore (# 30).

Recognition of New Visitors

Abigail Helm (Guest of Sheryl Beck)

Invocation

Summer Bachman read a love letter from the Father to remind us of His love for us.

Approval of Minutes

January minutes were approved by Susan Elkins (# 15) and seconded by Erika Sutphin (# 16).

Treasurer's Report

January report was approved by Laura Lewis (# 8) and seconded by Roxann Rankin (# 22).

OLD BUSINESS

5K Committee

Ashley Westmoreland made a motion to update the committee description. The motion was seconded by Kristen Trum (# 9) and Pam Sowards (# 23).

A check was presented to the club in the amount of \$12,623.08 for the 2018 Race.

Fundraising Committee

Stefanie Baruk announced that all youth and adult small shirts from 2016 MWC Shirt Fundraiser were taken to McA School to add to the coat closet.

Shannon Martin presented a \$100 gift card to McAdenville Table and Market to Mona Fore and family for all she did to help with the shirt sells at her shop (115 Main).

2018 Nutcracker DVDs

Kristy Jenkins presented the MWC with 2 DVD copies of the 2018 performance. She offered to make copies of the DVDs for members who wish to have their own. Over 300 people came to watch the performance.

New Procedure Reminder

Ashley Westmoreland reiterated and introduced the NEW Sign In & Information Table that displays a list of current officers and committee members, information flyers (if any) and info that others would like to share with the group. Going forward, all active members should sign in on the pre-printed active member sign in sheet, take their name tag and record their paddle number. Visitors will sign in on a separate sign in sheet.

The new sign in procedures will help maintain the active member list and enhance the ability to network, communicate, hold club business (voting and motions), populate committees, get to know each other, fellowship, etc. A Picture Directory of Active Members was introduced and will be stored in Members Only area of the MWC website. The directory includes the following: Picture, Name, Phone numbers, Email address, Home/mailling address, Title of officers and committee chairs, Etc.

65th Gala Committee

Kristin Turner advised that the committee met on January 13th to start planning the Gala. They will meet again on February 10th.

The date for the event will be Saturday, May 18th at the Pharr YMCA. The time is TBD. There will be two events that day.

- Tea Party: Early Afternoon on the plaza of the YMCA. We will invite all past and present members, our partners, community leaders, town businesses, churches, the school staff, past Women of the Year, Girl of the Year, Ms McAdenville, Jr Ms McAdenville, etc. The lounge will have historical pictures and videos on display. The women of the club will bring a desserts/finger foods. Funds will be needed for invitations, tents, linens, paper products, etc. This event will be free.
- Gala: That evening in the YMCA Ballroom there will be a formal dinner/party. The attire is cocktail. The guest list is being finalized but will include active members (as of April 2019 meeting) and their guest, as well as, close business partners, etc.

Kristin Turner made a motion to charge up to \$25.00 per person for the Gala. The motion was seconded by Susan Elkins (# 15) and Stephanie Baruk (# 3). Roxann Rankin made Motion to spend up to \$1,000 of the general fund for the Tea Party. The motion was seconded by Helen Niles (#13) and Jennifer Lindsey (# 11). Roxann Rankin made Motion to spend up to \$5,000 of the general fund for the Gala. The motion was seconded by Mona Fore (# 30). The club agreed and voted to spend up to \$6,000 combined on the entire event.

Historical Committee

Roxann Rankin advised the committee met recently and are working with Pharr to find a location for a MWC Museum.

NEW BUSINESS

McAdenville Athletic Club (MAC)

Roxann Rankin gave an update on the current status of MAC. MAC started in 1974. The past several years have been tough on the club. Recently, MAC left the Pop Warner League (joined AYF) and formed a new board in hopes to revitalize the program. To date, they have less than \$600 in their general fund. The field and field house are in terrible shape.

The location of the field house and practice field are at the head of the thread trail. They are seeking anyone with handyman type skills to help get the building back up to code, revamp the concession stand, re landscape/cut trees, refinish the field, etc. MAC club has recently retained an attorney (pro bono) to help gain their 501c status and secure sponsors.

Roxann asked that members check out the field and field house locations over the next month. She will visit topic again at the March meeting to ask for support from MWC as it relates to funding and ideas on how to enhance the property. The MWC beautification committee has also been looped into the needs.

The Football Team Banquet is scheduled for this coming Sunday at the YMCA Ballroom, Laura Arnold asked what we can do for the banquet as we realize the funds are extremely limited. Roxann will find out and email the club.

Sandra Brittian

Erika Sutphin made an announcement that Sandra Brittian was back in hospital and is now home. She wanted to let the club know, there is nothing she needs at this time but would like to be in our thoughts and prayers.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 PM in the Pharr YMCA Ballroom.