

# MCADENVILLE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING MINUTES

*January 7, 2020*

## **Attendees - 24**

Ashley Westmoreland, Jennings Dixon, Suzanne Washam, Georgia Andrews, Roxann Rankin, Susan Elkins, Hannah Fore, Mona Fore, Brandi Collier, Shannon White, Mandi Payne, Bailey Gula, Laura Lewis, Summer Bachman, Darinda Fredrickson, Helen Niles, Laura Arnold, Kristin Turner, Pam Sowards, Shannon Martin, Stefanie Baruk, Erika Sutphin, Jennifer Lindsay, Linda Blackledge

## **Call to Order**

Shannon Martin: Shannon called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the Pharr YMCA Ballroom, McAdenville.

## **Recognition of New Visitors/Members**

New Visitors: None

## **Approval of Minutes**

Jennifer Lindsay: December minutes were approved by Suzanne Washam and seconded by Mona Fore.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Linda Blackledge: December financial report was approved by Roxanne Rankin and seconded by Darinda Fredrickson.

## **Presentation: Bonnie Owens from Mantle Realty**

Bonnie presented on the "Prom Project" sponsored by Mantle Realty. Flyer given to members regarding needed donations for the project which are prom dresses, dress shoes, accessories/jewelry, unopened makeup samples, clothing racks, hangers/dress bags, Gift cards for Door Prizes. The project is not based on an income based situation. The purpose is that if girls do not have to buy a prom dress, they can use that money for something else. The project is to give the students a full shopping experience for prom. One prom dress per student. You do not have to be from Davidson to get a dress, they had people come from other counties last year. The Prom Project Free Pop-up Shoppe will be on February 29th From 9am-2pm in Lexington. Please bring needed items to the February 4th Club meeting or you can drop them off at Ashley's house.

## **Installation of new Officers:**

Georgia Andrews initiated Shannon Martin as President, Ashley Westmoreland as Vice President, Jen Lindsay as Secretary, Linda Blackledge as Treasurer, Summer Bachman as Chaplain and Roxanne Rankin as Historian.

## **Committee Sign-up**

Shannon Martin: Shannon encouraged all members to sign-up to be on a Committee as this is where the bulk of the work occurs for the Women's Club. Everyone will have the opportunity to sign-up during refreshment time. Jen will also send out a link for members not present to be able to sign up for a committee online. It is okay to sign-up for more than one committee if you would like. Laura Arnold is the Scholarship Liaison and Kristin Turner is the Publicity Chair which handles Facebook and the MWC website.

## **2020 Club Dues:**

Linda Blackledge: Club membership dues for the 2020 year are currently due. Dues are \$15 and you can pay by cash, check or charge. If you use your charge card, this will incur an additional \$0.50 charge to use the Square.

## **ChristmasTown 5K Update:**

Ashley Wesmoreland shared the 5K was a huge success. She thanked the committee members and all of the hard work put into the race. Ashley stated the committee this year was able to improve several logistical things to improve the race. We are still working on the final numbers of the race but the total should be around \$25,000 split with the YMCA. We had more expenses this year. May have to raise the price of admission for the race as this hasn't been raised in 7 years.

## **Fundraising Committee Update:**

Stephanie Baruk gave an update on the T-shirt fundraiser. We had a successful T-shirt fundraising this year. We ordered 1400 shirts all at once this year. Sold 1,301, 99 left. \$11,475 spent on shirts. Total Sales of \$22,927.12 after deducting fees and expenses which makes a total profit of \$11,452.12! Thanks to committee chairs Shannon and Kelly, and Kristin who helped design this year's shirt. Completely sold out of sweatshirts and hoodies. Our bestseller is the still the Adult long-sleeve tee in sizes Large, Medium and X-Large. Our leftover inventory consists of Adult short-sleeve tees, youth tees and Adult medium long-sleeve tees. Linda Wilcox sold 112 shirts on her own! Having shirts at Mona's was such a huge help. Unfortunately Giorgio's fell through this year. Mona sold a total of 685 shirts with total sales of \$12,200!! Mona was given a Gift card for her and her family as a thank you and appreciation for all of their help and dedication to the club with the fundraiser.

Stephanie also gave an update on the items that were donated to Catherine's House (Transitional Housing for Women and Children who are Homeless) during December. Stephanie reported Catherine's House was overwhelmed and very grateful for all of the contributions donated by the Women's Club. Donated items were to help equip their kitchen. Currently there are about \$500 worth of items left needed to finish equipping their kitchen. Stephanie made a motion for the Women's Club to donate the \$500 for Catherine's House to be able to complete the kitchen project. A second was made by Roxann Rankin. The \$500 will be taken out of the Special Projects Fund.

### **Invocation:**

Summer gave a devotion from the Streams of the Desert Devotional Book. Asked us to think about what you want your life to say about you 10 years from now.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Community Foundation Run:**

Shannon Martin: Shannon discussed with the club the Community Foundation Run as a great way for the Women's Club to raise money. The Community Foundation Run is a day filled with a 5k Run and 2k Fun Walk, entertainment, games and nonprofit informational booths. The Run has increased awareness about the work of local organizations and has enabled them to raise over \$19 million in the last sixteen years. The Run will take place on April 4, 2020 in Downtown Gastonia at the Rotary Pavilion. Some ways to help the club raise money would be for runners to sign up for the run and they would designate their money to go to our non-profit. There is also a FB challenge in which non-profits would submit a picture of something representative to our club and they will put on their FB page. Which ever picture gets the most likes, can win up to \$250. We are working on picture options now. Another way is Corn hole tournament. You would have a 2 person team. Could win up to \$500. You can also sign up to have a booth. May wait and do one year and see what the other booths look like first. May be an option for a future. You can't sell anything, it is only to get your name out there. Can open race registration during that time too. 1st and 2nd winner runners add money. Man or women winner from a non-profit wins \$1000, If we register the most walkers, can win \$500. Registration opens Feb 1st. There is also an opportunity for matching funds from the Foundation up to \$10,000. Will have more information for the next meeting in Feb.

#### **Historical Committee Update:**

Roxann Rankin discussed preserving the Women's Club scrapbooks due to their age by getting them digitized. Advanced Imaging in Charlotte is currently the company that is giving the club quotes of what this might cost. We don't know the exact cost but we do know it is going to be very expensive. They are looking into seeing if we would qualify for any discounts. We will vote next month on what we want to do once we have all of the information. To preserve our scrapbooks moving forward, we can also do Shutterfly books each year which will be a less expensive way to digitize.

Roxanne also discussed the committee is looking for places that we can store all of the historical items of the Women's club. We thought the church was going to have a space but this fell through. We are not able to use the Fire Department. Still looking for other options to be able to place these items. More to come on this.

#### **Additional Meeting Notes or Announcements**

- Hannah Fore made an announcement regarding the Tim Tebow Night to Shine Event which is Feb.7th, 2020. Hosted by SouthMinster Church. The vision of the Tim Tebow Night to Shine is to provide an unforgettable prom night experience for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. Volunteers are needed for the event and they are in special need of buddies which accompany those individuals to the prom night experience. Buddies have to be 16 years or older. Boys are paired with boys and girls are paired with girls. If you are interested in volunteering for the event, please let Hannah know.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Pharr YMCA Ballroom.