

# MCADENVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING MINUTES

## November 7, 2017

### **1. Call to Order**

Laura Arnold called the meeting to order at 7 pm on November 7 in the ballroom of the Pharr YMCA.

### **2. Attendees - 34**

Kristin Turner, Linda Blackledge, Susan Elkins, Laura Arnold, Shannon Martin, Ashley Westmoreland, Stefanie Baruk, Alison Hannon, Brandi Collier, Suzanne Washam, Sheryl Beck, Angela Bradmon, Summer Bachman, Kristen Trum, Pam Sowards, Shannon White, Courtney Humphries, Laura Lewis, Mona Fore, Darinda Fredrickson, Linda Wilcox, Linda Payne, Roxann Rankin, Candice Cook, Kelly Jones. Georgia Andrews, Shana Bretzius, Ellen Burns, Pat Leathco, Kerri East, Sandra Brittain, Sherry Kubbs, Julie Richardson, Jen Lindsey

### **3. Recognition of Visitors**

Ellen Burns, Academy Street; Kerri East, Pharr Yarns employee

### **4. Invocation/Program**

Summer listed everyone in our community who is struggling with health issues and lifted them up in prayer.

### **5. Approval of Minutes**

October minutes were approved by Susan Elkins and seconded by Darinda Fredricksen

### **6. Treasurers Report**

Report was approved by Roxann Rankin and seconded by Stefanie Baruk

### **7. Program**

Courtney Humphries introduced our speaker, Larry Capps with Gaston County PAWS (Piedmont Area Wildlife Stewards). Larry discussed the various ways they are working to preserve local habitats and wildlife, including osprey platforms, bird houses, and seed distribution. He presented us with several bags of seeds that are considered local to our area and asked that we put them out between now and January. These wildflowers will attract bees and butterflies to our area. You can register your flowerbed on the wildlife federation's website.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **8. Nutcracker**

Laura Arnold reported that the Gaston County Y's production of the Nutcracker is coming along well. The performance will be Tuesday, December 19th on the front of the Y beginning at 6 pm. The dance will last an hour and features many of our own children and members!

#### **9. Parade**

The ChristmasTown parade will be Saturday, November 18th. Everyone who is interested in participating should meet behind Pharr's offices that morning at 9:30. Laura is going to verify that time and email it out to everyone once she does. Please wear your 2017 shirt.

#### **10. Shirt Update**

Shannon Martin announced the shirts have arrived! They have flyers with information on them on where we will be selling them in person. In addition to the local events, the following businesses will be selling them: Georgios, Southern Sass, Visitors Center in Belmont. Linda Wilcox will also have a supply of them. Mona Fore mentioned selling them in 115 Main as well. Shannon said they would get with her to discuss that.

For the first time, we will be selling the shirts on the website! Long sleeve tees and sweatshirts will be available online

beginning this Friday, November 10. The prices listed are \$5 higher to cover shipping and handling costs. See the committee after the meeting to pick up your pre-orders.

Sheryl Beck asked if people would be able to trade out sizes after they have purchased them. In the past we have not allowed this b/c it creates an issue with keeping track of inventory and what was sold. The website also lists that all sales are final.

### **11. 5K**

Ashley Westmoreland reported that we have 852 runners at this point. The club will be prepping the bib packets on Sunday, November 19th here in the Y ballroom beginning at 2 pm. If you are available at this time, please come help us stuff shirts, ornaments, etc. in bags. Each packet will include flyers from these local businesses: William Henry, 115 Main Gifts, See Jane Bake, Kinkade Gallery. If you know a business in town that would like to include something please let Ashley know. She has tried to contact Mane Stylin hair salon, so if anyone has a contact for her please pass it along.

Bells for the residents are being ordered and we have a letter to distribute with those. Roads will close at 5 pm and parking for those coming in later will be from Harold Rankin park with shuttles. Kristen Trum is doing a great job with volunteers, and if you still need a spot to volunteer let her know. She needs someone for race day bib pick up from 3 to 5:30.

Resident Jeff Lindsey will be performing on the route with his band, and we have added Ray Hardee's band to the entertainment line up as well.

Pam Sowards has met with Angelo at Georgios to discuss the volunteer dinners. It will be boxed again this year so we can easily deliver them to people along the route or they can pick up the food and take it with them.

Restrooms will be located both behind the Y and along Park Drive this year. It was suggested we put up signs with arrows to help people find them and keep them out of the ballroom.

Later in the meeting Ashley showed the ornament all runners and volunteers will be receiving. It is flat, red and shatterproof. It will be included in each bag and not available on race day.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **12. Beautification - Fire Department Decorating**

Shannon White announced that we will be decorating the fire department on Saturday, November 18th at 2 pm. We will help Laura's father put up the large wooden decorations and lights. Shannon also said the Beautification committee will be presenting the Home Decoration Winners again this December.

### **13. Club Website - Publicity**

Kristin Turner said we had to upgrade our website subscription to have the ability to sell shirts. It was an additional \$35 for the year. She made a motion that we move the webmaster position underneath the Publicity committee as opposed to the Secretary, where it has been up to this point. Kelly Jones seconded the motion and it was approved.

### **14. Community Assistance**

Laura Lewis announced we had donated \$250 to the McAdenville Athletic Club to sponsor cheerleaders heading to national competition.

### **15. Nominating Committee**

Laura Lewis announced the nominating committee (Susan Elkins, Laura Arnold, Kristin Turner, Erika Sutphin and herself) met last week and would like to appoint the following members for executive board in 2018:

Susan Elkins - President; Kristin Turner - Vice President; Kristen Trum - Secretary; Linda Blackledge - Treasurer; Summer

Bachman - Chaplain; Sandra Brittain - Historian.

## **16. Finance Committee**

Linda Blackledge presented the 2018 budget that was created by the finance committee (herself, Kristin Turner, Laura Arnold, Julie Richardson, Laura Lewis) last week. If you are a chairperson of a committee, this is the money that you are free to spend without approaching the club. Any funds over your budget will need to come before the club for a vote.

Community Assistance is up to \$10,000 because the majority of our expenses come from this fund. Any requests for assistance from the community need to be run through Laura Lewis. She will know how much money we have to spend based on the budget and prior expenses and will be able to assist.

Discussion took place around the special meetings budget. It was increased by \$200 to \$1400, but some club members asked that we raise that amount to \$2,000. Kelly Jones said that as our club grows in numbers it is harder to offer these special events for the same prices. Laura Arnold said we need to be careful on how much money we spend on ourselves, especially considering we are a non-profit organization. Linda Blackledge said we struggle with having guests attend these special event meetings when it's really a way to reward those of us who have worked hard all year. Kelly Jones said it was difficult to ask someone who had been interested to not come for that particular month. Candice Cook asked that we bump up the amount to \$2,000. Laura Arnold emphasized that the budget is just a guideline and you can go over the amount as long as the club approves ahead of time.

Linda Blackledge made the motion to approve the budget, Kristen Trum seconded and the motion passed.

## **17. Adjournment**

Next meeting: Our annual Christmas Party will be on Tuesday, December 5th. 6:30 pm at South Main Chophouse in Mt. Holly. See attached flyer for more details.

2018 committees were posted for volunteers to sign up. This will allow us to hit the ground running in January and not take time from our holiday meal to accomplish it.

**McAdenville Woman's Club**  
**Annual Christmas Dinner**  
**December 5, 2017**  
**6:30 PM**

**128 South Main Chophouse**  
**128 South Main St.**  
**Mt. Holly, NC**

Please bring a gift to share with the residents at Meadowwood Nursing Center this year instead of a Christmas ornament. We will put the items in baskets and deliver to Meadowwood for residents that are in need of toiletry items, socks, and Health and Beauty items. Here is a list of the most needed items, but please bring anything! Every single item will be greatly appreciated!!

There are 48 residents currently at Meadowwoods. Many of these people have very few family members or friends that visit regularly. The staff will make sure that each person receives an item that they are allowed to have.

Hand, face, and body lotions	Hair brushes
Shampoo- Conditioner	Combs
Body powder	Shaving items for men (aftershave)
Cosmetics- (samples of lipstick, blush, etc.)	Nail polish- nail polish remover & nail files
Perfumes	Sanitizer
Soap	Wipes
Socks- footie's- men and women- slippers	Small fleece blankets- fleece shaw
Kleenex	Color books and crayons
Dental items (denture cleaner, toothpaste, adhesive, etc.)	Puzzles and games
Box candy for the holiday	Scented room spray
Books ( gently worn will be fine)	Boxed greeting and note cards- pens
Powdered drink mixes ( individual on the go)	Hard candy
Crackers/cookies	Wall calendars

# McAdenville Women's Club 2018 BUDGET

INCOME SOURCES	
Christmas Town 5K	
Christmas Town Shirt Sales	
Membership Dues (\$15 per member; 25 members)	
EXPENSES	
Committee Expenses	
Community Assistance Committee	10,000.00
Publicity Committee	250.00
Maxine Porch Scholarship Committee	3,000.00
Special Meetings Committee	1,400.00
Beautification Committee	300.00
Programs Committee	75.00
Member Care Committee	300.00
Officers Expenses	
President & President Elect	
Shirley Rankin Award	50.00
Secretary	
Administrative (binders, paper, stamps, etc.)	50.00
Treasurer	
PO Box Rental Fee	64.00
Bank Account Fees	48.00
Historian (Scrapbook)	25.00
<b>Budget Expense Totals</b>	<b>\$15,562.00</b>