

MCADENVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2017

1. Call to Order

Laura Arnold called the meeting to order at 7 pm on September 5th in the fellowship hall of McAdenville Wesleyan.

2. Attendees - 34

Kristin Turner, Linda Blackledge, Susan Elkins, Laura Arnold, Shannon Martin, Ashley Westmoreland, Stefanie Baruk, Alison Hannon, Laura Clawson, Brandi Collier, Suzanne Washam, Sheryl Beck, Mary Roberts, Lisa Keaton, Angela Bradmon, Summer Bachman, Erika Sutphin, Kristen Trum, Pam Sowards, Shannon White, Courtney Humphries, Laura Lewis, Mona Fore, Darinda Fredrickson, Sandra Brittan, Pat Leathco, Linda Wilcox, Linda Payne, Roxann Rankin, Karen Kauffman, Candice Cook, Deborah Kay Dinius, Sherry Kubbs, Kelly Jones

3. Recognition of Visitors

Mona Fore, new gift shop owner; Mary Roberts and Lisa Keaton, Wright Street; Alison Hannon, Wesleyan; Karen Kauffman; Laura Clawson, Cedar St

4. Invocation

Summer Bachman read a message titled "How can you laugh without fear of the future"

5. Approval of Minutes

June minutes were approved by Erika Sutphin and seconded by Susan Elkins

6. Treasurers Report

Report was approved by Pam Sowards and seconded by Stefanie Baruk

Program

7. YMCA Nutcracker Performance

Kristy Jenkins with the YMCA dance department discussed the vision and plans for the first Nutcracker performance. Volunteers are needed for several parts in the ballet, including stage hands. And she needs help in the months leading up to the performance with set and costume design. The ballet will be Tuesday, December 19th at 6 pm with a dress rehearsal the night before around 4 pm. The ballet will be on the square in front of the Y. Sign up sheets were available for volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

8. 5K Update

Ashley Westmoreland announced we have 225 runners already registered for the race. Shirts for the runners will be traditional green. The volunteer shirts will be in red. This is the 5 year anniversary of the race, so ornaments will be given out to all runners. In addition a special gift of some sort will be presented to the runners who have participated in all 5 races. Packet pick up will be moved to the ballroom of the Y. The bridge is scheduled to be opened around October 20, so it should not be an issue with the race. Volunteers are needed, as always. Kristen Trum is in charge of volunteer assignments. Check with her to sign up and get a waiver.

9. PTO Sponsorships

Ashley Westmoreland announced that McAdenville Elementary was holding a sponsorship campaign. Once again the Women's Club agreed to be a platinum sponsor for the current school year. Anyone wanting to donate can fill out a form. There are opportunities for families as well as businesses.

10. Shirt update

Shannon Martin shared the design for the 2017 shirts. It features the state of NC with the words ChristmasTown USA inside the state. A Santa hat hangs from the state. The shirts will be navy with the design in white, red and green. There will be pre-orders for club members and possibly kids sizes as well. Kids sizes have not sold that well in years past, so there will be a small amount of those available. Long sleeved shirts and hoodies will be available. The committee will sell the shirts at all December events as well as Georgios, the Gaston Visitors Center, and possibly Southern Sass.

Shannon discussed the idea of purchasing a Square credit card reader to allow the club to take credit payments. The reader would cost \$50, and with a referral link from the school PTO processing fees would be waived on the first \$1,000 charged. Courtney Humphries made a motion to move forward with this and Roxann Rankin seconded. Motion was approved.

11. Beautification Committee

Shannon White announced the next clean up day at the school will be Saturday, September 16 from 8:30 to 11:30 am. She requested \$150 for flowers/mulch and containers. Shannon Martin approved and Ashley Westmoreland seconded. Motion was approved.

She also discussed the old benches at the front of the school that need to be replaced. It will be around \$600 for 2 benches. We can purchase them and give to the school, however then we are responsible for their upkeep. We also can just give the money to the school and allow them to replace them. However the school will have to use certain vendors for this process. The PTO officers asked if the strict vendor rules still applied if the money was donated to the PTO instead of the school. The decision was made to table the discussion till October when the PTO will report back with the answer to this question.

12. Donation from McAdenville United Methodist Church

The church closed it's doors this summer. Laura Arnold read a letter from the church saying that would like to share their remaining funds with the club. We were gifted with \$2,000 and want to use the money in a lump sum. Laura said she would like to recognize the church's place in the community somehow in our contribution. She made a motion to build a committee in January that will explore ideas for how best to use the donation. Laura Lewis seconded the motion and it was approved.

14. Movies in the Park

Roxann Rankin announced that the last Movie in Legacy Park will be September 22nd. Sing is the movie and food trucks from Hillbillies and 2 Chicks and a Truck will be there. Popcorn, candy and soda will be sold during the movie. The school is going to use it as a spirit night. Roxann will email the flyer to everyone for advertising.

15. Nominating Committee Election

Laura Arnold highlighted the new procedures set up for nominating officers.

The nominating committee's job is to present to the club their recommendation for officers for the new club year (on a yearly basis). The nominating committee shall be elected by the Executive Council in September of each year. The nominating committee shall be composed of five (5) members: President, Vice-President, Secretary, one Club committee chair, and one at-large club member. In October the Nominating Committee will meet to search for a new slate of officers. In November the nominating Committee will present the new slate of officers for the club's approval.

Laura Lewis agreed to be the club committee chair representative. Erika Sutphin agreed to be the at large club member. Laura Arnold made the motion to approve these selections. Kristen Trum seconded and the nominees were approved. The committee will meet in October to discuss new officers.

Reminders

Give 2017 dues to Linda Blackledge. 2018 is not due till January.

18. Adjournment – Next meeting Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 pm