

MCADENVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2017

I. Call to Order

Laura Arnold called the meeting to order at 7 pm on October 3rd in the ballroom of the Pharr YMCA.

2. Attendees - 32

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, Deborah Kay Dinius, Kelly Jones, Emily Goodrich, Georgia Andrews, Jennifer Lindsay, Holly Carrier, Shana Bretzius, Melissa Rushing

3. Recognition of Visitors

Jen Lindsey, Wesleyan

Roxann introduced Jim Pruitt and his wife. Jim announced he is in a partnership to bring a coffee/taphouse to the old gas station/McAdenville Market building. Hopz and Beanz will serve locally-sourced organic coffee, pastries, bagels, etc. in the morning and local craft beer in the evenings. Jim said this is still in the planning stages, but he wanted to make us aware of the project and get our feedback. It is not his intention to create a bar atmosphere, but more of a space where guests can come to socialize as well as do work. They plan on being involved in the community as much as possible, and anticipate being open by the spring if all goes well.

4. Invocation/Program

Summer Bachman passed out information on The Least of These Carolinas and told a bit about the organization. This non-profit ministry serves children and caregivers in the foster program. One program is the 12 Hours of Christmas which provides Christmas presents for many foster children. Summer suggested we use this program as our community assistance project for the holiday season. She offered to be the liaison between the club and the organization.

5. Approval of Minutes

September minutes were approved by Linda Blackledge and seconded by Linda Payne

6. Treasurers Report

Report was approved by Pam Sowards and seconded by Stefanie Baruk

OLD BUSINESS

7. 5K Update

Ashley Westmoreland showed this year's bib and ornaments that each runner will receive. We have ordered 1500 ornaments to be put in runner packets and volunteer bags. They are flat and shatterproof. None will be given out on race day. So far we have 367 runners registered, which is ahead of pace. Volunteers will be parking on Park Drive. A shuttle will escort runners from Harold Rankin Park in Lowell beginning at 6:30 and continuing after the race. Water stops will still be at the roundabout, but they will only be manned on 2 sides instead of 4. A runner shirt was presented. It is Kelly green with the logo in red and white.

A letter has been prepped to send to all residents informing them of the race, road closures and procedures. For the past 2 years we have made handbells to deliver along with this letter. This year, there is the option to purchase bell wristbands that you can wear. This will save us the time of having to make them, however they will cost a bit more than what we have spent on supplies in the past. Mona Fore, owner of 115 Main, offered to use her wholesale license for anything like that we might need to order. Roxann noted that we have sponsors providing both the bananas and the ornaments, so there is room in the budget to spend a bit more on the bells. Ashley motioned that we spend up to \$250 on these bells. Kristen Trum seconded and the motion was approved.

Packet pick up will be held at the Pharr Y this year. We will meet the Sunday before the race to stuff bags and prep all the bibs. Kristen Trum is in charge of volunteers. She still has need for someone for packet pick up on Friday. Everyone who volunteers needs to sign a waiver.

We have one band that will play on the route, Husband of new WC member Jen Lindsay. We would like one more band or choir, so if anyone has a lead let Ashley know.

8. Shirt Update

Shannon Martin showed a sample of the shirt. She passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to sell shirts at the various ChristmasTown events. She also passed around a sheet for club members to place their orders. You can order short sleeve, long sleeve, sweatshirts, hoodies, and youth long sleeve. Payment will be due at the next meeting when orders come in. You can pay cash, check or card. Shannon made a motion to raise the price of youth shirts to the same price as the long sleeve adult shirts \$15. All other prices stay the same. Kristin Turner seconded the motion and it was approved.

9. Beautification

Shannon White thanked those members who helped at the school clean up day. The club purchased mulch and mums. Special thanks to Suzanne and Reid Washam who purchased and put out pine needles. The worn out benches in front of the school have been refinished with new wood. The principal got quotes on new benches if we wanted to donate additional benches. Shannon asked if the club was still interested in purchasing more benches and if so, which ones. After discussion it was decided the club would rather use money on other projects at the school since they now have better benches. Shannon is going to check with the principal to see if the refinished ones will be stained or painted.

The committee has also been in discussion to update the bricks in the corner lot and fix the podium. The idea of engraving some of the bricks to honor club members was discussed and there was interest in moving forward with that idea.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Community Assistance Committee

Laura Lewis met with the committee, and they are proposing the club sponsors 10 children for The Least Of These 12 Hours of Christmas. She made a motion that we spend \$1,250 on Christmas presents for these children. Shannon Martin seconded the motion and it passed. Summer will select the children that we sponsor and members will go shopping for the presents.

Julie Richardson mentioned McAdenville resident Eric Jacobs. He was diagnosed with cancer in December and has not received good news. His family is financially struggling as his wife is also battling health concerns. Laura Lewis made a motion that we donate a \$500 gift card to Food Lion and a flower to his family. Candice Cook seconded and the motion was approved.

11. Finance Committee

Linda Blackledge said it is time for the finance committee to meet to discuss next year's budget. The by-laws state that one member-at-large needs to be on the committee. Julie Richardson volunteered to join the committee that will meet one time before the end of the year.

12. Parade

The annual ChristmasTown Bowl parade will be on Saturday, November 18th. Laura Arnold asked if everyone was on board with participating again. She will make arrangements with Lewis Farms for the carriage. Wear your 2017 shirt to advertise.

13. Adjournment – Next meeting Tuesday, November 7 at 7 pm