

Minutes of the Magnolia Point Women's Club
June 14, 2006

Nancy Nettuno opened the meeting at 3 p.m.

Judy Williamson welcomed the new and past members to the meeting. Mary Beine is one our new residents who was introduced. Judy asked that Jeanne Gorman introduce the guests at her table: Mary Austin, Mary Ayers and Cheryle Newman. Geri Pearson, a new member, was also present.

The minutes from the last meeting, displayed on the MPWC website, were accepted.

Thresa Oliverio spoke about the scholarships that the Women's Club were able to award. The selection process is a difficult one and her committee was very diligent, leading to a very rewarding experience for all. MPWC awarded \$1,000 scholarships to three very deserving women graduating from Clay High in 2006-- Lauren Buchanan, Jeannine Camp and Tiffany Silcox.

Susan Mitchell gave the treasurer's report. Balance as of April 12, 2006 was \$6,107.36. \$959.97 was added to this amount (income from dues, classified ads, cookbook sales and dividends) and \$3,328.00 was subtracted from it (Don Simpson Golf Tournament donation, Hospice donation, printing of newsletters and three \$1,000 scholarships) leaving a balance as of June 14, 2006 of \$3,739.33. In the Charles E. Bennett Account, the June 14, 2006 balance is \$1,855.68.

Judy Williamson reported we have 51 paid members so far. She reminded members that they may renew their membership by dropping their checks (made out to MPWC) or cash in the envelope outside her front door on 3583 Long Cove Court. Or the money can be mailed to her. If any information has changed (interests, email, phone, address, etc.) be sure to send her a white information form, which can be found on the Women's Club Website (www.MPWC.org - Members Only section).

Barbara Szymanski introduced Sandy Eastman as her co-chairman this year for Charles E. Bennett Elementary. The school will ready this summer for back-to-school needs and Sandy asked for 10 shoppers to get 3 outfits in specific sizes for the children at this school, limiting their spending to \$50 for these 3 outfits. A sheet was sent around to sign up to help.

Mela Abate gave a report from the Sunshine Committee. Several cards have been sent for illnesses and a flower arrangement was delivered to Hope Allenson following her hospitalization. Dottie Lunt will also receive a floral arrangement in the next few days now that she is home after her recent knee surgery.

A Helping Hands report will come from Kathie Cardon next month.

Denise Beauchamp said that a speaker from Habitat for Humanity will speak to us about their projects today after our meeting.

Jackie McCann reported on day trips. The St. Augustine Ghost Walk will be rescheduled during the haunting month of October. She also presented the possibility of a boat ride out of Jacksonville or St. Augustine or the Casino Boat, which received the most enthusiasm from the group present. She will look into that.

Sue Dake gave a report on her committee's ideas for Luminaries. Included in these ideas is the need to advertise (2 large, colorful banners will be placed at each entrance to MP, postcards will be included in the new members' welcoming packet). Also Sue said that many more Block Captains are needed so that we can have face-to-face visits with homeowners and an offer to deliver the luminary kits. One other area to improve is the sound system and lighting for the Clay High School choir.

Dorothy Wood reported on Fund Raising. Several WC ladies met with Joe Wyzkoski and talked about the possibility of a poolside family outing, sponsored by MPWC, with games for the kids--open to the Magnolia Point community. The WC could raise some money with a 50/50 raffle. They also talked about a Bingo Night in early Fall.

Susan Mitchell needs volunteers to help sell ads for the new MPWC directory, which will be printed in September. The ad sales begin now and go through August. Any member of the Women's Club can ask a merchant/retailer whom they deal with if they would like to take out an ad in the directory. Forms for these individuals to fill out are on our website (www.MPWC.org).

Nancy advised that Sandy Magyar and Marsha Zupan are contacting the GCS Mayor, City Engineer and Chief of Police to talk with us at future meetings to advise what is proposed/happening in the city.

Nancy thanked Geri Isgan, Val Flemming and Cary Hanley for all the work they have done in the past as they step down from their respective roles in our club. Following is a list of the new members who will shadow/work with the current Board so as to make an easy transition for next year:

Jeanne Gorman will shadow Judy Williamson in Membership.

Barbara Barclay will shadow Susan Mitchell as Treasurer.

Carol L'Hote will chair the Hospitality Committee.

Sandy Eastman will shadow Barbara Szymanski at Charles E. Bennett.

Mary Kendall is the new Historian.

Candidates proposed by the Board to be voted on at this meeting are the following:

President - Dorothy Wood

President-Elect - Cindy Triay

Secretary - Phyllis Peterson

A vote was taken and these candidates were approved by a quorum of the members present.

Changes in the by-laws have been posted on the MCWC Website for the past month. These changes were voted on and approved by a quorum of the members present. The changes include use of the internet for presentation of ideas/decisions, year terms for the President and the newly-created position of President-elect, clarification of Sunshine and Charity Committees, and a raise in dues to \$20.

Nancy handed down the gavel to Dorothy Wood as she begins her term as the 2006/07 President.

A gift for Nancy for her 2 years of past service as President was presented to her by Susan Mitchell.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m., followed by a brief talk by Gamble Wright, a representative from Habitat for Humanity. Gamble encouraged us all to get involved in this worthwhile group activity.

Thresa Oliverio introduced Lauren Buchanan, one of the recipients of our \$1,000 scholarships. Thresa also read about the accomplishments of the other two students as way of introduction of them since they were unable to attend the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Peterson

Sub for Val Flemming, Secretary