

  
**Magnolia Point Women's Club**  
**Minutes of the March 13, 2013 Meeting**

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**Call to Order**

President Cheryle Newman called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. and welcomed everyone.

**Membership**

President Cheryle reported 231 paid members. Lynn Kelly will be sending dues notices out in late April. Jaci Shields introduced her guest, Kathie Cornell.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Dorothy Wood moved to accept the February minutes. Dotti Curry seconded and the motion passed.

**Committee Reports Synopses**

1. **Charles E Bennett, Dee Pratt & Phyllis Skarbrevick:** Dee reported the shoppers have been given their "Spring Fling" assignments. They will have \$35 to spend on clothing for each of the 53 students. The unwrapped outfits can be dropped off at the homes of Phyllis, Kathie Cardon or Dee and will be delivered to school the first week of April. Dee has ordered additional gray tax-exempt cards from Wal-Mart.

2. **Sunshine, Kathryn Kossuth:** Kathryn reported "lots of sick people in February even though it was a short month." So far in March she has sent 11 Get Well cards, 1 Birthday card, 2 Thinking of You cards, 1 Sympathy card and delivered flowers to 2 members.

3. **Outreach, Eloise Burman & Pat Jolly:** President Cheryle reported we will not participate as a group on "The St John's River Clean-up" this Saturday, 3/16 as the information arrived late. Susan did send an email out with all the necessary information. Participants are asked to donate a book & canned good. Lunch will be provided for volunteers at Camp Chowenwaw. Cheryle reminded us of the "Safe Animal Shelter Drive." Collection boxes are in the Clubhouse and at the Guard Shack until 4/17. An email was sent out listing needed items.

4. **Fund Raising, Shirley Orvosh:** Raffle tickets are being sold & drawn at today's meeting. Susan has the tickets for "Moon Over Buffalo" (admit 2) playing at the OPCT. Shirley has the tickets for a "Red Hat Wine Glass" hand painted by her daughter. The MPWC tables for the "Spring Community Yard Sale" (4/27) will be set up on the front paved parking lot of the real estate office. Donations can be dropped off there starting at 7:00 a.m.

5. **Social/Day Trips, Dotti Curry:** Dotti passed around sign-up sheets for the MPWC Cocktail Party to be held at the home of Pat & Judy O'Neill outside on the lawn, (1975 Medinah Lane) on Friday, March 22 (5-7 pm). Members, spouses, significant others or guests are welcome. The Women's Club is supplying paper goods & ice. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, BYOB and a chair. Our program for the April 10 meeting will be a "Fashion Show." Susan will send out an email with all the information.

6. **Programs, Mary Kendall, Joanie Braatz & Sandy Eastman:** Mary is setting up hands on demonstrations with the crafters from last month's program. They will start on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Saturday of April and spread out over 4 Sat. in the St Johns Room. She is also setting up the "Self Defense Program." Interest is too large to hold in the St Johns Room at the Clubhouse. Susie Snow suggested the Elks Club. Mary will first check with the Police Dept. for available dates.

**7. GCS Jr./Clay High, Sharon Sprott & Barbara Szymanski – Grants, Nancy Nettuno & Nancy Harrison:** The four committee members listed above attended a meeting at GCS Middle School this morning with the Principal, Asst Principal, Rebecca Hancock (Clay Schools Social Worker) and several other school personnel to discuss a new charity initiative between the MPWC and middle school students. **A).** Nancy Harrison explained the school is initiating a “Character Building Program.” Asst. Principal Paul Goodier will meet weekly for lunch with approximately ten 7<sup>th</sup> grade “at risk” boys, academically & otherwise, in an effort to build character and motivate the boys to become successful. Seven of the ten boys do not have a male figure in their home life. The Asst. Principal will invite male guest speakers from different walks of life to have lunch and speak with the boys. They are in need of funding for the lunch for the boys and asked if MPWC could help with this. The cost of \$360-\$430 which is needed to finish out the school year is over & above our budget. President Cheryle stated the current MPWC budget ends in 4 weeks but perhaps incoming president Shirley would continue this test initiative in her term. Nancy Nettuno is surprised with all the need at GCS Middle. She hopes this initiative becomes permanent and can be funded with grants in the future. Sandy Eastman moved to go ahead with this test initiative and allow the additional funds needed. Several questions & answers ensued during “On the Question” of the motion. After all discussion ceased, Marlene Jacobs seconded and the motion passed. Nancy Harrison asked for volunteers to pick up (fast food) & deliver to GCS Middle School for the meetings. Nancy Harrison, Susan Mitchell, Phyllis Skarbrevick and Nancy Nettuno volunteered. **B).** Sharon Sprott spoke on a second possible initiative for future consideration, “In School Suspension Mentors.” This would involve volunteers willing to meet with in school suspension students on school grounds in view of a school employee to help them with homework or give them needed attention. Once the school matches you up with a student you would spend 1 hour a week or as little as 2 hours a month. A coordinator will also be needed to schedule the visits. Sharon asks that we think about this for next year.

**8. Nominating Committee, Shirley Orvosh:** The committee did not present the recommended names to fill next years slate of officers. Shirley Orvosh noted the Nominating Committee still needs a Vice President. Open Chairman positions; Directory Ads, Fundraising and Publicity. Shirley explained all the open positions and asked members to consider volunteering. New members are strongly encouraged to volunteer to bring new ideas to the vacancies.

**9. \$ Commercials:** Mary Kendall spoke on a current DAR project she & Norma Chao are working on; crocheting sleeping mats for our homeless veterans out of empty plastic grocery bags, (“CLARN” – plastic yarn). Mary explained how the mats are made and asked everyone to save their plastic bags, (500-700 bags =1 mat). Susan will send out an email. President Cheryle asked members to check out her Facebook page. She also reported cognition & bladder issues have improved for member Marguerite Riley since her Boca Raton treatment with Dr. Tobinick.

### **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, President Cheryle asked for a motion from the floor to close the meeting. Delores Leisy moved, Barbara Szymanski seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Murphy  
Recording Secretary

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Upon the 4:25 pm. arrival of Bob Rawlings, Geri Isgan presented Bob with 98 lbs of pull-tabs for our yearly pull-tab donation to Ronald McDonald House.

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After a short break Sandy Eastman introduced Kathy Felten who spoke on “Travel Tips.”