

# Magnolia Point Women's Club

## June 11, 2014 Minutes

**Welcome:** President Norma Chao called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm in the Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club main dining room and welcomed everyone.

**New Members and Guests:** Pat Jolly introduced Ileen Penn and Shayla Allen as new members. She reminded everyone that it is time to pay dues for 2014- 2015 and also to let her or Marlene Jacobs know when someone new moves into Magnolia Point.

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Barbara Szymanski moved to accept the May 14, 2014 minutes. Marlene Jacobs seconded and the motion carried.

**Announcements:** Norma Chao announced that we are still in need of a Publicity/Public Relations Chair and a Program Chair. She said that the Program Chair would need to confirm the programs already scheduled for the year and to plan ones for the three remaining months. She also asked the committee chairs to email her the list of the members on their committees. Our July meeting will be a patriotic salute to the military and their spouses. The Magnolia Point Singers will entertain us with a sing-a-long. Norma asked that we wear red, white, and blue in honor of the occasion.

**Treasurer:** Susan Mitchell highlighted some of the changes to this year's budget: an increase in scholarship funding to \$8000; this past year we budgeted \$6000 and added an additional \$2000 in May; Social Expense was increased from \$1000 to \$1500; and Program Expense from \$250 to \$1000 for member appreciation events following our meetings. The most significant change to our budget is our Charitable Giving Process. The board allocated \$4000, but instead of giving funds to other 501c3s, this money will be used to fund "emergencies" that come up during the year. This decision supports our accountant's recommendation as well as eliminates the issue our potential grantors have with third party giving. Any funds leftover will be used for our own charitable projects such as Blessings in a Backpack (BIB) and Charles E. Bennett (CEB). The board already reviewed and approved our first "emergency" request. It approved a \$500 scholarship, sponsoring two Green Cove children to attend the Bright Minds Youth Development Camp for 8 weeks.

Susan Mitchell moved to accept the board approved budget. Denise Beauchamp seconded and the motion carried.

**Revision to Bylaws:** Denise Beauchamp made the following motion to change the revisions as follows:

3.1 Regular Meetings- change "shall" to "may" or strike "monthly" to allow for the chance that we don't have a meeting due to hurricane preparation, social only event, or non-contemplated events

3.6 Quorum-revert back to 30 members present for a quorum

7.2 Executive Committee- stipulate this committee shall have all the powers and authority of the board **for emergency purposes only** in the intervals between board meetings

9.1 Amendments- change from a two-thirds majority of the board to a quorum of the membership

Nancy Harrison solicited comments from the members present and committed to looking at these items and the feedback provided. Denise withdrew the above motion and made the following one: the above recommendations cited in her initial motion are reviewed and that any changes made to the bylaws be highlighted so that the members can easily identify those changes. Susan Mitchell seconded and the motion carried.

**BIB:** Marilyn Cole solicited volunteers for this project which involves helping to pack bags 4 times a year, about an hour commitment each time. The bags provide food for the weekend for needy children at CEB and at the Junior High.

**Sunshine:** Kathryn Kossuth reported that she sent 4 cards in May and 2 cards in June as well as flowers.

**Community Outreach:** Katie Bean announced that they are collecting toiletries for The Way Free Medical Clinic from June 16- July 16. You may leave your donations at her house, the clubhouse, gate, or at Eloise Burman's.

**Fundraising:** Magnolia Point License Plates- Marlene Jacobs is looking for suggestions for vendors to produce the license plates.

**Holiday Boutique:** Shirley Orvosh reported that Magnolia Point is willing to be the venue and will provide a box lunch for a reasonable price. The committee will solicit vendors from our own members first and then from the outside. The event will be held on Monday November 10 with extended hours to allow for those who work. Dorothy Wood is co-chairing the Boutique with Shirley. Coral Nettuno will solicit potential donors for our raffles.

**Kans4K9s:** Lynn Vernon, Donation Coordinator, reported that once the new facility is complete, they will be able to go from supporting four warriors suffering with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder to 14. The warriors must apply for the project. Currently there are 4 from Clay County. She thanked the Isgans and all our members who have donated cans. With the money we have donated, the organization was able to buy a vest for a dog.

**Labor Day Fall Kick Off Event:** Norma reported that Jeanne Murphy, representing the Community Association, Susan Mitchell, Eloise Burman, Mary Kendall, and she currently make up the committee for this event which is to showcase the offerings of MPWC as well as those of Magnolia. The River City Dulcimers and a DJ will provide entertainment. There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, face painting, and even a Pet Parade. She encouraged others to join in the effort to make this a fun and informative day for our members and neighbors.

With no further business, Susan Mitchell moved to adjourn and Kathie Cardon seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Alix  
Recording Secretary

After a short break, Thresa Oliverio, Chair of the Scholarship Committee, introduced this year's scholarship winners highlighting their accomplishments. Susan Mitchell then introduced April Williams and Tyara McCray, our first two winners from 2003. They gave inspiring speeches during which they highlighted their accomplishments and encouraged this year's winners to believe in themselves and persevere. All the winners expressed gratitude to the members for awarding them the scholarships. Refreshments were served.