

Magnolia Point Women's Club Minutes of the October 8, 2014 Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:35p by President **Norma Chao** in the Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club main dining room.

It was a festive day with members dressed in Halloween attire and a special visitor "Dr. Jane Seymour Butts" aka (**Cheryle Newman**) conducted a drawing for tickets to Sunday's MPGCC Member Guest Luncheon valued at \$20 each. Winners included **Dottie Lunt, Betty Bearden, Kathie Cornell and Katie Bean.**

Quorum: A quorum of members was present to conduct business. Sign-up sheets were distributed to ensure that we have an accurate count.

Business Meeting: **Mary Kendall** moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by **Kathie Cardon.**

Member Guest Sunday Luncheon: Norma issued an invitation to our members to attend the Sunday October 26th 11:30a luncheon presented for Men's Member Guest players and guests. The cost is \$20 and includes entertainment.

Membership: **Pat Jolly** reported addition of two new members, **Angie Ascott and Carol Sapp.** We had 9 new members in September and a goal of 10 additional members in October. We are currently at 241 members.

Outreach: **Shirley Matthews** reported the recent Bake Sale during the October Yard Sale was a success. We had a great turnout for the Heart Walk as well. Saturday October 11th is the Breast Cancer walk and everyone is urged to join this yearly event. They are requesting donations of peanut butter for the CROP walk scheduled November 2nd.

Holiday Boutique: **Dorothy Wood** reported that we have 50+ vendors signed up for the boutique. We have received donations from many organizations including Disney, Kennedy Space Center, Wild Adventures and many others. She announced that help is needed to manage the boutique that day and distributed a 10 sign-up sheets for volunteers. **Coral Nettuno** has contributed countless hours securing donations for this event and **Pat Ezzell** has received vendor sign-ups.

Orange Park Community Theater: **Jo Ann Johnson** reported MPWC will host a performance of "Murder Among Friends" at the Orange Park Community Theater on Thursday October 23rd at 8p. Tickets are \$15 each and will include appetizers and desserts. Doors open at 7p. Volunteers are needed to help that evening along with donations of beverages and baked items.

CEB: **Kathie Cardon** reported Back to School clothes were delivered and the children were thrilled to receive them. She thanked all volunteers. The Charles E. Bennett Charity Drive will begin shortly with letters going out at the end of this month.

Social: **Phyllis Skarbrevik** reported the Port of Jacksonville Pilot Club is sponsoring a historical walking tour of cemeteries October 11th and 12th from 9a-3p in case anyone is interested in this outing. Call **Jan Morse** listed in our directory.

There are still tickets available for the November Cookie Tour. Contact **Phyllis Skarbrevik** if interested. On December 10th, we will have a member appreciation event from 4p-6p at MPGCC. More details to follow.

Sunshine: **Kathryn Kossuth** reported four get well cards and one sympathy card during September and one get well card and one sympathy card in October. She thanked everyone for keeping her advised.

Grants: **Nancy Nettuno** reported receipt of a grant from another non-profit, "Communities in Schools of Northeast Florida, Inc." in Palatka. The total amount of the grant will be \$5000 with \$2500 already delivered to us last week and another \$2500 after the first of the year. They learned about our work at CEB to feed hungry children on the weekend and chose our program to receive grant money earmarked to help Clay and Putnam counties. The amount of the entire grant was \$10,000 evenly divided between Clay and Putnam counties. MPWC's BIB program was chosen to receive all the money allotted for Clay County.

The money will be directed to our Charles E. Bennett "Blessings in a Backpack" program as they requested. In order to qualify for the grant, we had to match \$2 (hours worked, in kind donations, other grants) for every \$1 we receive from them. We easily met the criteria. MPWC volunteers along with leaders Jean Cosby, Marilyn Cole and LeAnne Bargamin had already worked in excess of 88 hours in August and September and we had received a generous amount of "In Kind" donations from Waste Not Want Not this year. In addition, we had been approved for a grant of \$3500 from Comcast.

An informative handout was distributed at the meeting about this organization.

Box Tops and Can Recycling: **Geri Isgan** reported good member response to both initiatives.

Advertisements: **Shirley Orvosh** announced the Elks were collecting items to deliver to the St. Augustine Lodge where Amvets will reimburse them on a poundage basis. Any donations are appreciated.

Stump the Members: Our newest members competed for prizes by making a statement and if they were able to fool the majority of members, received a ticket to Sunday's Member Guest luncheon.

New Year's Eve Party: MPGCC has asked us to announce that they will host a New Year's Eve party this year featuring a popular band "Boogie Freaks" as entertainment.

Today's Program: Jan from Winn Dixie shared her flower arranging skills and lovely personality today.

Other: Anyone interested in touring Challenge Enterprises is invited Tuesday October 21st at 1p to their location on Enterprise Drive just outside our front gate. Challenge has always been a supporter of MPWC. They offer work to challenged individuals and a great service to our community and like us, in need of volunteers.

Adjournment

Kathie Cardon moved to adjourn the meeting and Cheryle Newman seconded it at 4:20p.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Nettuno/Acting Recording Secretary