

Magnolia Point  Women's Club
Minutes of the January 14, 2009 Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Kelly at 3:02 PM. Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Acceptance of Minutes

Nancy Nettuno moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Kathie Cardon. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Membership

In the absence of Jeanne Gorman, Cheryle Newman reported that there are currently 196 paid members. There were two guests at the meeting. Beverly Whipple was the guest of Lois Kastl and Barbara Kirkman was the guest of Sara Spurrier.

Board Members Needed

Lynn Kelly reported that several board positions are open for 2009-2010 as follows: Two people for Programs; a shadow for Charles E Bennett; two people for Luminaries; and two people for Hospitality. Anyone interested should speak to a board member.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Mitchell reported a total income in the checking, savings, and money market accounts since the November meeting of \$6,005.09. Expenses were \$2,385.68. The balance as of January 14 was \$14,841.74. The Charles E. Bennett account had donations totaling \$3,110.00, dividends of \$1.69, and expenses for Christmas gifts and Winn-Dixie gift cards of \$3,479.53. The balance as of January 14 was 3,131.21. A full Treasurer's Report is attached in hard copy.

Committee Reports

1. **Charles E Bennett, Jo Ann Johnson:** Jo Ann thanked everyone who helped with the fund drive and Christmas shopping. The fund drive raised \$6,055.00. This year MPWC sponsored twelve families with a total of 34 children for Christmas. Every family received gifts and a \$75.00 gift card to Winn-Dixie. Gifts were delivered to the school on December 16. School staff was so appreciative and told Jo Ann and Joanie Braatz that the families we sponsor would only have Christmas gifts with our help. Jo Ann asked that shoppers stand up and be recognized. She also read thank you notes from the Charles E Bennett principal and from several of the sponsored families.
2. **Scholarships, Thresa Oliverio:** Thresa will begin reporting next month on scholarships.
3. **Sunshine, Mela Abate:** Mela reported that Helen Wagner has recently been in the hospital and will be moving to St. Louis soon. Get well cards were sent to Helen Wagner, Dick Sankey, Tony Nettuno, Geri Isgan, Jan Pence and Pat Ezzell. A sympathy card was sent to Marlene Jacobs and a thinking of you card was sent to Mary Kendall.
4. **Helping Hands, Kathie Cardon:** Help was offered to Pat Ezzell help but no help was needed.
5. **Day Trips, Dotti Curry:** Dotti asked that everyone fill out the day trip surveys so she would know what interests to pursue.

6. **Charities, Nancy Nettuno:** Ten charities will be considered to receive money from MPWC. Eight charities submitted their applications on time and two were late. The committee will decide on whether to consider the late applications at the Charity Committee Meeting. The ten charities are: *Camp I Am Special, Clay County Literacy Coalition, Quigley House, Inc., Seamark Ranch, Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs, Outreach Program, Take Stock in Children, Waste Not Want Not, Safe Animal Shelter, and GCS Athletic Association.* Three charities did not submit applications. They were: *Clay County Council on Aging, Honor Air, and Voices for Children.* Attempts were made via calls, emails and faxes to prompt the non-responding charities. They will not be considered this year.

The Charity Committee will meet on January 20 to allocate \$5085.00. There will be five voting members as follows: Debbie Brown, Sandy Eastman, Carolyn Hickman, Susan Mitchell, and Thresa Oliverio. This team will select the charities to receive the money and how much will be allocated. Dorothy Wood and Nancy will facilitate. Lynn Kelly, Denise Beauchamp, and Kathie Cardon will observe. A proposal will be made in February to the Executive Board and if approved, submitted to the members to consider at the February meeting, and voted on at the March meeting. Funds will be disbursed in April. A request was made that members provide input on the charities to assist the team in their decision. Nancy will draft an email to be sent to the membership.

7. **Grants, Nancy Nettuno:** To date, MPWC has received grants from Publix in the amount of \$500.00 and has been awarded the Reinhold Team Grant. The Publix grant has been deposited in our bank account. Regarding the Reinhold Team Grant, Lynn Kelly, Susan Mitchell, Denise Beauchamp, and Nancy will attend classes during January, February and March conducted by Rollins College of Orlando. Upon graduation each attendee will receive \$500 for MPWC for a total of \$2000. All grants must be used for either scholarships or to support our work at Charles E Bennett. Nancy will continue to apply for additional grants throughout the year.
8. **Luminaries, Cindy Bonk:** In the absence on Cindy Bonk, Lynn Kelly read a thank you note from Cindy thanking Lynn, Susan Mitchell, and all other luminary volunteers. Luminaries netted \$3152.40.
9. **Fund Raising, Shirley Orvosh:** Shirley reported that we had disappointing news about Bingo since Joe is not keeping the clubhouse open after 7:00 PM. Joe proposed that Bingo be held on the first Friday of the month. Shirley will meet with Joe to propose that Bingo be held after the regular meeting on the second Wednesday in February, March, September, and October. Shirley will report to the membership at a later date.

To date, 64 tickets have been sold for *Sin, Sex, and the CIA* on January 22. Susan Mitchell has tickets. Tickets need to be paid as soon as possible. Doors will open at 6:30 PM for a wine and cheese reception. Seating is open so it is first come, first served. There will also be a 15-20 minute intermission with sale of refreshments. Cheryl Newman asked if she could donate wine. Shirley welcomes any donations. Susan will also email a map.

One of our members notified Nancy Nettuno about an HR Block referral program

benefiting registered 501(c)3 organizations. Nancy has already registered MPWC. To receive money, volunteers hand out coupons to potential customers and MPWC receives \$25.00 for each customer who uses HR Block to for taxes. HR Block locations honoring the coupons are Middleburg, Walmart on 103rd Street, and Publix at Kingsley and Blanding. Volunteers can stand outside of HR Block and hand out the coupons to customers walking in. Nancy asked for a volunteer to lead this project.

10. **Elvis Performance, Susan Mitchell:** Susan has tickets for 91 members and guests. Those who want to sit together should email Susan. The clubhouse is planning a dinner before the performance. Three different menu items will be offered for \$15.00 each. Reservations should be made with Dyal.
11. **Box Tops/Labels for Education, Geri Pearson:** Geri thanked everyone for box tops and labels. The school is very appreciative. Geri counted the November donations. There were 500 box tops and 250 soup labels.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Barclay
Secretary

After a short break, the barbershop quartet *4 His Glory* performed show tunes, music from the 1940's, and gospel music.