

Magnolia Point  Women's Club
Minutes of the June 10, 2009 Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Denise Beauchamp at 3:35 PM.

Guests

Denise introduced “Poptop Bob” from Challenge Enterprises. Geri Isgan presented Bob with three large jars of poptops. Bob thanked everyone for the poptops which will be donated to Ronald McDonald House.

Denise presented Tricia Kee from Camp I am Special with a check for \$500.00. Camp runs for 8 weeks over the summer. Campers are paired one-on-one with high school students for the week. Every camper who asks for a scholarship gets one. Because of donations, campers are only charged \$250.00.

Scholarship Recipients

Thresa Oliverio introduced this year’s recipients of \$1,000.00 scholarships, Patricia “Joy” Carroll, Francesca Sims, and Monica VanGyseghem. Joy, Francesca, and Monica all thanked MPWC for the opportunity to further their education. Scholarship committee members were recognized. Denise thanked the scholarship committee members for all their hard work. Thresa reported that Sharon Sprott will take over as chairperson in the fall.

Membership

Barbara Shinn was introduced as a new member. Susan Mitchell reported that only 120 members are paid. If you haven’t paid, you can forward your dues to either Susan or Jeanne Gorman.

Acceptance of Minutes

Susie Snow moved to accept the April minutes as written, seconded by Marguerite Riley. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Information

Denise commended Nancy’s efforts for the Celebrate Clay cash award of \$1000.00. Denise also invited members to present ideas or suggestions at the beginning of each Board meeting. Please call or email Denise if you interested in addressing the Board.

Treasurer’s Report

Susan Mitchell reported income from April 9-June 10 in the checking, savings, and money market accounts of \$5,977.43. Expenses totaled \$715.00. The balance as of June 10, 2009 was \$16,881.51. The Charles E Bennett account had an income of \$21.51. The balance as of June 10, 2009 was \$3,526.41.

Susan presented last year’s recap and the proposed budget for 2009-2010. The proposed budget includes an estimated income of \$16,050.00 and estimated expenses of \$17,417. Expenses include a cash carryover of \$11,604.00 which must be donated to charity in 2009-2010. Susan reported that we are now incorporated because as a 501(c)3 organization, we could not legally solicit funds unless we were incorporated. MPWC’s new address is PO Box 143, Green Cove Springs.

Charity/Grants

Nancy Nettuno presented the status of our grants. We have currently received \$3,500.00 and an additional \$1000.00 is pending thanks to Denise Beauchamp and her company, Key Corp. Nancy has written to Reinhold Corporation and Publix to tell them that their money was spent on scholarships this year. She will be working on a grant request to Winn-Dixie and exploring grants from Bank of America, BCBS, Amex, and perhaps General Mills over the remainder of the year. We have more money than normal at this time of the year so Nancy would like the charitable donation process to start earlier this year rather than waiting until February. This will get the donations to organizations before the end of the year and make us more likely to receive grants by lowering our cash on hand. Susan Mitchell thought it is a great idea. Nancy will notify Dorothy Wood of the new plan.

Committee Reports

1. **Charles E Bennett, Joanie Braatz:** Joanie passed around a sign-up sheet for the Back to School Program. Volunteers shop for three new outfits totaling \$50.00 for needy students. Joanie has guidelines and instructions for each shopper. Because we are a 501(c)3, we can shop tax free. The clothing will be delivered to the school on August 19. Needy families will be invited to come and pick out clothes.

Joanie gave a background of CEB. Seventy-Five percent of families whose children attend CEB are below the poverty level. We received \$6000 last year in donations from Magnolia Point residents. In addition to the Back to School program, we sponsored 36 families at Christmas, and donated various other items.

Joanie thanked Jo Ann Johnson, last year's chairperson. Joanie has Sandy Eastman shadowing her this year, and Marcia Elmore and Dee Pratt are both helping. Sandy Eastman has started a policies book. Joanie reported that everyone at CEB appreciates our help tremendously.

2. **Sunshine, Mela Abate:** In May, get well cards were sent to Coral Nettuno, Ginger Godfrey, Jim Arnold, Tom Sprott, and Jeanne Boyer. A sympathy card was sent to Russ Lewis so far in June.
3. **Fund Raising, Shirley Orvosh:** There are no fund raising activities going on right now. We will apply to sponsor a dress rehearsal at Orange Park Theater again this year. Shirley is looking into having a jewelry maker come to our meeting in October. That person would donate a piece of jewelry for a raffle. Shirley is working on pairing with the Food Pantry or other charity organization for bingo. Shirley will advise us of the dates for bingo.
4. **Box Tops/Labels for Education, Geri Pearson:** Even though school is out, you can still bring box tops/labels and drop them at the Pro Shop or bring them to meetings.
5. **Hospitality:** The committee is in transition and had no report.
6. **Community Outreach, Susie Snow:** Volunteers are needed for Seamark Ranch, Habitat for Humanity, and the Diabetes Walk. There will be more information at a later time. Marlene Jacobs reported on a mentoring class on June 11 at Fleming Island YMCA for

Take Stock in Children. Both male and female volunteers are needed. The children to be mentored are junior high and high school ages.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Shirley Orvosh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Lynn Kelly. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Barclay
Secretary

After a short break, Geri Pearson introduced Officer Dean Jones, Community Relations Deputy from Clay County Sherriff's Office. Officer Jones addressed personal safety, residential safety, and tips for avoiding identity theft. For information, visit www.claysheriff.com or email Officer Jones at crimewatch@claysheriff.com.