

Magnolia Point Women's Club Meeting

August 8, 2007

The program was late starting due to technical difficulties. At 3:20 p.m., President Cindy Triay called the meeting to order in the dining room of Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club.

Gwen Alter introduced our guest speaker Janet Zimmerman. Janet did a very informative talk and slide presentation on the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTM NERR). The Reserve is one of the nation's 27 NERRS and encompasses over 60,000 acres. The reserve is located in Ponte Vedra Beach and is open 7 days a week, closed state holidays.

After a 15 minute break, the meeting started again at 4:00 p.m. Marguerite Riley introduced our next speaker, Dr. Virginia Hash, whom Marguerite had worked with for 10 years. Dr. Hash is the president of the Clay County Literacy Coalition. The coalition is an all volunteer organization and now has 70 students waiting for a tutor. Dr. Hash congratulated and thanked the women in the Magnolia Point Women's Club for all of the gifts they have given back to Clay County. She said the donation that was made by the MPWC to the coalition will be used mainly for books.

Books-A-Go-Go: Cindy explained that Betty Metz, who was a close friend of Gisela Ferrell's, visited our board meeting last week. Betty would like for our women's club to sponsor a book drive to provide books for children from low income families. Charles E. Bennett has the highest percentage of low income children in the county. The book drive would run for two weeks and books that are donated from the drive would stay in our community. Betty would match every book we collect up to 500 books. Our president asked for volunteers to help with this drive with one of our newest members, Candy McMillan, offering to help.

Membership: Jeanne Gorman introduced four new members: Candy McMillan, Dottie Curry, Penny Murphy and Paula Brobeck. There were other guest introduced by Joanne Montzka and Raquel Dutton. Lynn Kelly introduced her daughter, Colleen, who is visiting from California.

Hospitality: Kathryn Kossuth reported that the hospitality committee has delivered 10 welcome bags to new residents and 4 more residents will be called on this week. Kathryn said she just received a list of 10 more new residents.

Minutes: Cindy asked if everyone had a chance to read the minutes posted from the July Women's Club Meeting and concluded there were no additions or corrections. Susan Snow moved that we accept the July minutes. The motion was seconded by Kit Cella and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Susan Mitchell reported that as of July 11, 2007, we have a balance of \$5,696.61 in checking, savings and money market accounts. Balance of Charles E. Bennett account as of August 8, 2007, is \$2,803.87.

Directory Ad Sales: Susan Mitchell stated that we have just under \$500 in directory ads with August 31st being the last day to place ads. She thanked everyone who had brought in ads so far.

IRS Codes: Susan Mitchell passed out forms to show the advantages and disadvantages of changing our Tax Exemption Status from 501(c) 4 to 501(c) 3. Susan spoke with Marion

Wehner who is an accountant and would fill out all the forms and do the paperwork for us at a cost of \$300. Susan suggested we move forward and present this at the September meeting. Bev Jones made a motion that we accept this proposal and Mela Abate seconded.

C.E. Bennett: Sandy Eastman said that all the clothes for “back to school” have been purchased. The shoppers purchased 75 outfits for a little less than \$1200. The children will pick up these outfits at school on August 14th. Sandy presented each of the shoppers asking them to stand. She then thanked them for doing such an outstanding job.

Scholarships: Thresa Oliverio stated that scholarships are in remission right now.

Sunshine: Mela Abate said since she has been out of town that Bev Jones sent a card and flowers to Carol L’Hote after back surgery. Get well cards were also sent to Marilyn Maloney, Rick Alix and Dot Pagel.

Fund Raising: Denise Beauchamp said everyone has picked up their T-shirts. Six extras were ordered that are still left, 4 large and 2 X-large. Shirley Orvosh stated that Bingo has been planned for October and hopefully will be held upstairs in the dining room. The candle person she contacted should be here in October. Note cards still available through Susan Mitchell.

Day Trips: Jackie McCann said that a ghost walk in St. Augustine is being planned for Oct. or Nov. The cost is \$12 per person for a walking tour and \$22 per person for a trolley tour. Jackie said she would put out an email and hopefully a date that is suitable for everyone will be picked.

Luminaries: Pat Ezzel & Barbara Barclay placed their order this month for luminary supplies since cost may go up after September 1st. Next month they will be asking for volunteers who would like to be Block Captains.

Cindy reminded everyone that next month we will have Ben Franklin as our guest and wanted us to encourage our husbands to attend. Also, Ben Franklin is planning on staying for happy hour. After happy hour, there will be a buffet prepared by Chef Bill for that era. The cost will be around \$15 or less per person. You will need to make reservations.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucia Hipp, Acting Secretary