

Magnolia Point Women's Club

Minutes of the October 11, 2023, General Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order: President Lorna Broughton called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm in the Crystal Dining Room of the Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club (MPGCC).

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Lorna Broughton

New Members/Guests: Lorna Broughton welcomed new member, Beatrice Baun, and guest, Susie Comer, a friend of Marlene Jacobs. Susie presented MPWC with a beautiful, framed picture of a magnolia blossom.

The Pink Pig: Three members forgot their name badges and contributed to the Pig.

October Birthdays: The October birthday celebrants were Nancy Nettuno, Barbara Phelps, Valorie Shepard, Shirley Orvosh and Mary Kendall. Each was presented with a \$2 lottery ticket.

Quorum: A quorum was present with 39 in attendance (list attached).

Approval of Minutes: Linda Thill made a correction to the September 13 General Meeting Minutes: Anne Bastress won the 50/50 raffle not Linda Thill. Jackie Maneval moved, and Linda Thill seconded, to accept the corrected September 13 General Meeting Minutes. The motion passed.

Announcements (Lorna Broughton):

- The HOA is looking for coordinators and other volunteers for their Community Holiday Decorating project. If you are interested, please contact our CAM Laura Burgess at 904-940-1002.
- Barbara Phelps is the Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair Event-day Volunteer Coordinator. She is still seeking volunteers to sign up to be event-day floaters, to sell tickets, and to be greeters. If you are interested, please contact her. She needs about 30 volunteers and has 17 so far.
- A big shout-out to Cheryl Kennedy for her time and imagination in creating a first-class video promoting MPWC's upcoming Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair. The video may be viewed on MPWC's Facebook page and on Next Door.
- Cheryle Newman will deliver today's candy donations to the Green Cove Springs Police Department for Trunk-Or-Treat to be held October 27.
- Please support MPGCC's Cart & Candy event on Sunday, October 29.
- Eloise Burman will be collecting new, unwrapped toys in November for J.P. Hall Children's Charities. More information will be forthcoming.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE BRIEFS (see Officer and Committee Reports for more detail)

Activities (Cindy Triay): Currently there are 32 people signed up for the Dolphin and Wildlife tour for October 18. The deadline to sign up was October 10, but there is still plenty of room. Contact Cindy if anyone still wants to sign up. Cindy suggested The Village Bread Café, a restaurant near the boat dock, for those who may want lunch before the cruise. Next month's program will be Art Yeaman, who will present his new character Ben Abrams.

Clay Country Schools (CCS) (Suzanne Foster):

AMIKids (Suzanne for Donna Habing): On September 26, Donna and Suzanne delivered the toiletries donated by MPWC members to AMIKids. Suzanne was very impressed with how respectful the boys were and with the AMIKids program in general.

Bannerman Learning Center (Bannerman) (Suzanne for Mary Austin): On September 26, Suzanne purchased and delivered sixty-four \$5.00 gift cards from Hardee's, McDonald's, and Wendy's for Bannerman's Citizen of the Week Awards program.

Clay High School (CHS) (Mary Kendall): Mary stated that the Clay County high JV football dinner will be Thursday, October 12. She has all the volunteers needed for the dinner.

OLD BUSINESS

Charitable Giving Opportunities/Service (Lorna Broughton for Donna Habing): Lorna thanked all the members who completed the survey of charitable organizations to support at the last general meeting. Donna is in the process of organizing the input and will let us know more soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Charitable Giving Opportunity (Joanne LaBeouf): Joanne reported that MPWC will be donating \$100 to VFW Post 1988. Two veterans will be at the MPWC Arts & Crafts Fair and will be handing out American flags.

OTHER BUSINESS

\$1.00 Commercials:

- Lorna Broughton recommended contractor and handyman John Cardinell of Magnolia Home Services.
- Sharon Murphy and Bonnie Sprinkle from The Friends of the Library displayed a beautiful quilt that will be raffled off to benefit the Green Cove Springs Library. The Friends will also be selling raffle tickets for the quilt at the upcoming MPWC Arts & Crafts Fair.

ADJOURNMENT: President Lorna Broughton adjourned the meeting at 3:51 pm.

AFTER MEETING ACTIVITIES

50/50 Raffle Drawing: LAST ONE! Sandy Andrews won the raffle of \$73.50.

15-minute break

Today's Program: Paul Grybb is an At-Large Director of the Duval Audubon Society. Mr. Grybb discussed the organization and its mission to "Connecting people with nature, conserving and restoring natural ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife." He shared his expertise and pictures of local birds and answered all our "birding" questions. The program was well received.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Young, Acting Recording Secretary

Magnolia Point Women's Club

Attendance at 10/11/2023 Meeting

Please Sign In

1. <i>Lillian Hill</i>	26. <i>Nancy Mills</i>
2. <i>Anne Postress</i>	27. <i>Lori Miller</i>
3. <i>Barbara Wheeler</i>	28. <i>Adelle Murphy</i>
4. <i>Marianne Foster</i>	29. <i>Jackie Maxwell</i>
5. <i>Allen DiCaradio</i>	30. <i>Sharon Kennedy</i>
6. <i>Janet Babcock</i>	31. <i>Joyce St Mary</i>
7. <i>Rebecca Coffey</i>	32. <i>Shirley Smith</i>
8. <i>Sharon Murphy</i>	33. <i>Janice Hurst</i>
9. <i>Jenny Erickson</i>	34. <i>Nancy Catudal</i>
10. <i>Mrs. Olivero</i>	35. <i>Lana Broughton</i>
11. <i>Susan Mitchell</i>	36. <i>Marguerite Martin</i>
12. <i>Nancy Nettin</i>	37. <i>Mary Kendall</i>
13. <i>Libbe Merson</i>	38. <i>Mary Gustin</i>
14. <i>Elouise Surman</i>	39. <i>Pat Jones</i>
15. <i>Jean Turth</i>	40. <i>Jan Shepard</i>
16. <i>Martene Jacobs</i>	41. <i>(Guest)</i>
17. <i>Susie Comer</i>	42.
18. <i>Cindy Trican</i>	43.
19. <i>Margaret Acheson</i>	44. 39
20. <i>Sandy Waldrop</i>	45.
21. <i>Lynette Decker</i>	46.
22. <i>Reenie Sun</i>	47.
23. <i>Marsh Fields</i>	48.
24. <i>Dee Butler</i>	49.
25. <i>Bonnie Sprinkle</i>	50.

**Magnolia Point Women’s Club (MPWC)
Executive Officer and Committee Reports
October 4, 2023**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President (Donna Habing): Donna compiled and will share the survey results from the last general meeting of suggested organizations to support and give us an update on the status of the calendar of monthly charitable projects and services.

Corresponding Secretary (Pam Young):

September 8 – MPWC received a thank-you card from the Clay Education Foundation for participating in their recent Tools 4 Clay Schools program.

Treasurer (Linda Werring):

Bank Balance Dated September 30, 2023	Actual Bank Balance as of September 30, 2023
Checking Account \$465.65	Checking Account \$465.65
Savings Account \$8084.33	Savings Account \$8084.33
Unrestricted Money Mkt \$8669.27	Unrestricted Money Mkt \$8669.27
Restricted FCCN \$3432.29	Restricted FCCN \$3432.29
Restricted Schools Acct \$3170.38	Restricted Schools Acct \$3170.38
Restricted Scholarship \$10,063.50	Restricted Scholarship \$10,063.50

- During the month of September, the club paid for the luminaria supplies that were put on the club credit card. This explains the balance in the unrestricted money market account decreased by a little more than \$4,100.
- MPWC received a check from Winn-Dixie in the amount of \$33 for the “Bloomin 4 Good” bouquets purchased during the month of May. The check was deposited into the restricted FCCN account.
- The club has 187 paid members; sadly, member Evelyn Bullington passed away and we should make a \$100 memorial donation in her honor. Her obituary did not specify any family wishes where donations should be sent. The Treasurer will solicit suggestions at the October 4 Board meeting.
- Last month, the Treasurer reported the net proceeds to charities from the directory ads sales was \$2,800.43. The updated total is \$2,791.19. Some directories were mailed to members that live out of the area. The postage cost was \$9.24, thus the decrease in net proceeds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities (Cindy Triay):

- Programs:
 - October 11: Paul Grybb from the Audubon Society will be the speaker.
 - November 8: Art Yeaman will perform his new character “Ben Abrams.”
- Social Outing: Cindy has arranged and sent out an eblast for the Dolphin and History tour. The tour is a 60-minute cruise with a knowledgeable guide who will discuss Jacksonville’s history and the St. Johns River. It will be Wednesday, October 18. Participants should arrive by 1:30 p.m. at the dock which is located behind and east of the Doubletree Hotel, 1201 Riverplace Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL. Adult pricing is \$18 and reduced pricing of \$15 will be offered to seniors (65 and older), children, and Freedom Boat Club members. The Committee suggests members leave Magnolia Point early in the day to eat at many of the wonderful restaurants along the way as they head to the boat. To secure a seat: Please pay by October 10 by sending your reservation to Cindy Triay (cindyt52@msn.com). Make your payment online using this link: [October 18 River Cruise Payment Link](#)

Clay County Schools (CCS): (Suzanne Foster):

Clay Education Foundation (CEF) (Suzanne Foster): No report.

AMikids (Donna Habing): On September 26, Donna and Suzanne delivered toiletries collected from MPWC members.

Bannerman Learning Center (Bannerman) (Mary Austin): On September 26 Suzanne purchased a total of sixty-four \$5.00 gift cards from Wendy's, McDonald's, and Hardee's, and delivered them to Bannerman to be used as rewards for their Citizen of the Week Awards program.

Charles E. Bennett Elementary (CEB) (Pam Young/Linda Thill): Pam and Linda met with CEB Principal Amanda Strickland September 29 about starting up a monthly food pickup to take the place of the stocked food pantry and Maggie meals. Principal Strickland says there are 19 children who have been identified by the school social worker to be part of Project REACH (Resources for Educational Access, Community and Hope) which helps children considered homeless because they are not living in their home and most not with parents but other family or friends. She is offering a room in the Media Resource building that could be used to store food. This room also has a refrigerator and a kitchen area and is off-limits to children, so dropping items off a day or so ahead of time will not be a problem. CEB staff will set up the time slots for pickup each month and Linda and Pam will advise them of the projected schedule based on who can help each month. It seems flexible. If for some reason a pickup can't be made by the family, the CEB staff will deliver it to them. A starting date has not been set yet; it could even be pushed as far as January 2024. Linda and Pam would like to start in December. Pam also researched the website for the Waste Not Want Not Program (<https://wastenotflorida.org/>). She thinks Waste Not Want Not could be the answer to getting the more balanced type of foods for distribution. With only a \$2000 budget MPWC really can't do much so she feels getting into the Waste Not Want Not program would be ideal. MPWC does qualify as a not-for-profit that can receive donations from Waste Not Want Not. There is an application to fill out which she will do upon Board approval. She is also proposing that a grant may help with the monies needed to purchase food for this project.

Clay High School (CHS) (Mary Kendall): The 2023 Junior Varsity Football dinner scheduled for August 28 has been postponed until further notice.

Green Cove Springs Junior High School (GCJ) (Barbara Szymanski): No report.

Spring Park Elementary School (SPE): No report.

Communications (Sandy Waldrup):

Directory Database: All is quiet after the membership directory project concluded; new members will be added to the database on an ongoing basis. The member lists on Constant Contact (our 3rd party email provider) were reviewed using our current members' information in the database to confirm that every member matched and are receiving our communications, with discrepancies being fixed.

Social Media: Susan Mitchell is continuing to post photos on the Women's Club Facebook page. The October issue of *The Magnolia News* concludes the series on past presidents. One past president declined to provide an article; two never responded to multiple personal requests; and one is residing out of state. The series was very well received and garnered positive feedback.

Printshop: In addition to printing numerous materials for the upcoming Holiday Arts & Craft Fair, Luminaria documents are being prepared with an eye towards printing in mid-November.

Website: The Home and News and Information pages are updated routinely with new minutes, board highlights, and upcoming events/emails sent. Kim Schlosser has separated the HKF and Samba pages into their own area, complete with documents needed for the games.

Fundraising (Joanne LaBeouf):

Directory Ads (Lorna Broughton):

- Allocation of Directory Ads sales proceeds: Lorna proposes that the allocation of directory ads proceeds be discussed at the board meeting. Since 2016, the proceeds have been placed in the Scholarship fund. In January 2023, the board approved, without a vote, that funds could be given to the general fund. Several members felt that even though it wasn't voted on in January, the change was approved with the approval of this year's budget. Lorna proposes that the Board should either vote on this issue now to make an official decision or wait until January 1 when the results of all scholarship fundraising are known and there is a clearer understanding of MPWC finances.

- Resolution of advertiser omitted from Directory: Lorna reports that one advertiser was inadvertently left out of our directory. Susan Mitchell contacted the advertiser and offered him a refund. He very graciously declined saying that he was “pre-paying” for next year. Lorna wrote him a letter of apology and offered to do a \$1.00 commercial highlighting his business at the next general meeting.

Luminaria (Sarah McWhorter): Sarah currently has a good list of Block Captains for soliciting and delivering luminaria kits to all streets within Magnolia Point. She continues to work with the Scholarship and Communications Directors on the pamphlet that will be distributed with the kits. More to follow regarding volunteers willing to help assemble kits. November 10th is the target date for sales.

Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair: Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair Team: (Joanne LaBeouf, Sandy Waldrup, Kim Schlosser, Anne Bastress and Cheryle Newman).

- The Fair team and all affected coordinators met at the fairgrounds on September 25. The gathering’s purpose was so that all involved could get a sense of the space where they will be working and volunteering. The last optional 50/50 cash raffle will be held at the October meeting. Proceeds go toward Fair operating expenses.
- **Event Day Volunteers: Coordinator Barb Phelps** will be asking for about 30 members willing to donate some time to sell raffle tickets and serve as event day floaters. Look for more information coming soon.
- **Vendors: Kim Schlosser** reported that we have 55 inside vendors selling various wares, and that the vendor online registration has been a success.
- **New Coordinators:** Anne Bastress will manage Event-Day Set-Up and Lori Miller joined the team as Event-Day Clean-Up Coordinator. Thresa Oliverio will be Hospitality Coordinator.
- **VFW - Sandy Waldrup:** In the spirit of the day, our local VFW in Green Cove Springs will provide two “uniformed” veterans from 10:00 a.m. to approximately noon on the day of the fair. Our Fair Team is purchasing mini flags to distribute (thank you to Patricia Nisley for the flag idea). The veterans will distribute the mini flags and also have literature on their organization for interested shoppers.
- **Advertising/Veterans: Sandy Waldrup**
 - Hometown Trophies is revising MPWC fair banners. The City will be contacted about placement of our banners on City-owned property by mid-October.
 - Announcements have been placed on Next Door (Magnolia Point Residents only) and the Homeowners Forum asking for anyone holding a garage sale on Saturday, October 7, to contact Anne Bastress and she will provide fair mini flyers to distribute to their customers.
 - Printed supplies have been delivered to Coral Nettuno, Bobbe Marion, Eloise Burman and Pat Jolly, who are soliciting corporate and local donations.
- **Food Trucks/Parking:** Cheryle Newman has confirmed two food trucks, and we will have access to an outside covered picnic table area. She has had parking signs made-up and is ready to roll.

Grants (Nancy Nettuno): No report.

Membership (Marguerite Martin):

Hospitality (Diane Lochner):

- Twelve new addresses were listed on the Transfer list through August 28, but one was a foreclosure. Eleven welcome bags were delivered to these new homeowners.
- Diane met with Kim Belcher to receive instructions on how to apply the MPWC Seal on the new residents’ bags. After much thought, Diane regrets that applying the Seal is not something she feels comfortable with. Maybe someone else will be willing to do the application.
- Diane also reports that the bags are approximately \$2.00 each. The Seal breakdown cost is \$2.25 for small to \$4.50 for large. If the small Seal is used, the cost per bag is \$4.25 plus the cost of the printed paper and ink. Diane feels the printed material and folders within the bag are of the utmost importance, and a plain bag is a nice gesture. Had she delivered these last 11 homeowners a bag with the Seal it would have cost us approximately \$25.00 extra. As a cost cutter to MPWC, Diane asks that the Board consider eliminating the Seal on the bags.
- Because the community map is included in the directory this year, what remains of the inventory of the printed

maps will continue to be added until they are gone. If anyone has another use for the maps, please tell Diane and she will hold them aside.

Sunshine (Sharon Murphy): Sharon sent 6 cards in the month of September: four sympathy cards and two get well cards.

Helping Hands (Barbara Adams): Helping Hands provided two meals for the family of Grady Law, who passed away.

Scholarships (Marsha Fields): A previous scholarship recipient has been selected to appear in the luminaria brochure for 2023 and her information has been provided to Sarah McWhorter and Joanne LaBeouf for inclusion in the brochure. Scholarship flyers and forms will be distributed to Clay High in early October.