

**\*\*\*BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – December 2023\*\*\***

- Treasurer Linda Werring reported that the November 11 Magnolia Arts & Crafts Fair profited \$6,354.64. Linda reports that MPWC currently has 189 paid members.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay is bursting with ideas for after-meeting programs and social outings in the coming year. She reported that the November 8 Survey on Future Programs and Social Outings gave her lots of great ideas going forward. For the January 10 general meeting, Cindy has lined up Chris Gay to speak to us about growing orchids in Northeast Florida.
- Sandy Waldrup has finalized the plans for the December 13 Holiday Luncheon and has sent out an eblast announcement to members that includes suggested food assignments. So far, 64 ladies have signed up!
- Charles E. Bennett Elementary School (CEB) liaisons Pam Young and Linda Thill have begun the process of purchasing food for the Project REACH food pickup program at CEB. Pam and Linda will begin packing food for delivery to CEB on December 12. Each packed box will include 2-3 meals and breakfast items. An eblast will be sent in the next week, explaining the program and asking members to help come up with a catchy name for the program.
- Communications Director Sandy Waldrup reports that the Social Media subcommittee will no longer be posting on Nextdoor for non-MPWC functions or activities.
- Fundraising Director Joanne LaBeouf reported that the Magnolia Arts & Crafts Fair was a team effort and, by all accounts, a success. Since the Clay County Fairgrounds was such a successful venue, as reported by vendors, shoppers, and MPWC volunteers, the Board voted to reserve it again for next year's Fair. The dates proposed are December 9, 2024, with December 2, 2024, being the back-up date.
- Grants Director Nancy Nettuno announced that she has sent in applications for four Board members to attend the Reinhold Foundation leadership classes and is awaiting a response.
- MPWC volunteers are still selling and delivering Luminaria kits. Most kits have been delivered for display on Light Up Magnolia Point, Saturday, December 9.
- At the November general meeting, Donna Habing recruited 11 volunteers to make Christmas cookies for this year's Tad's Toys Christmas Wish Party to be held December 9. She will pick up the cookies on Friday, December 8 and deliver them to the party. Suzanne Foster donated 60 holiday mugs to be given as gifts at the party.