

Magnolia Point Women's Club (MPWC) December 2023, Reports/Updates

Even though there is no general meeting with minutes in December, it is important to report/update the month's important events.

Project REACH Food Delivery Program at CEB (Pam Young and Linda Thill)

On December 12, Pam Young, Linda Thill, Sandy Waldrup and Lorna Broughton gathered in Pam's garage and packed 20 boxes of groceries for the families of the Project REACH (Resources for Educational Access, Community and Hope) food delivery program at Charles E Bennett Elementary School (CEB). The food MPWC donates augments the monthly provisions of needy families identified by Project REACH. Pam and Linda delivered the boxes of food to CEB on December 12. They were greeted at CEB by social worker Kristen Waldorf and a guidance counselor who arranged for the food boxes to be offloaded from the cars and stored in the social worker's office. Ms. Waldorf said the school is having a Christmas dinner for the needy families on December 14, and will dole the food out then. Pam and Linda will pick up the empty boxes on December 15 and prepare to pack them again for the January delivery. Linda and Pam are still asking members to submit a "catchy" name for this program.

Magnolia Point Women's Club Holiday Luncheon December 13, 2023

Fifty-five women, dressed in holiday attire, attended the luncheon at Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Activity Center. It was great to visit with members we haven't seen in a while and meet new members. In the spirit of the season, our ladies filled the collection bins to overflowing with food for the Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs and lap blankets and socks for the Governor's Health and Rehab, a nursing home in Green Cove Springs. The festivities began with a welcome to all by President Lorna Broughton followed by a very special visit from Old Saint Nick, fresh from the North Pole. Saint Nick delighted us all by posing with us for photos and videos. Marlene Jacobs had the winning ticket for the door prize, a lovely reindeer basket of poinsettias. After Lorna said grace, we all proceeded to the luncheon buffet. Everyone enjoyed the chicken tenders provided by MPWC and the smorgasbord of appetizers, veggies, salads, and desserts prepared by our members. Following lunch, Marty Essex emceed, assisted by Sandy Waldrup, three rousing games of Christmas Carol Bingo accompanied by some "ad lib" caroling. Pam Young, Susann Milton, and Cindy Triay were the bingo winners. Each received a beautiful holiday arrangement, made by our own Suzanne Foster. We said our good-byes at the end of the party, hoping to see each other again soon. A special thank you to the Holiday Luncheon Committee headed by Sandy Waldrup. Thank you to Sandy, Kim Schlosser, Joanne LaBeouf, Chery Kennedy, Lorna Broughton, Linda Werring, and Mary Essex for setting-up, decorating, cleaning-up, delivering the donated items, and everything else that made this year's gathering so very special.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Lorna Broughton

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Bastress Anne	v//
Beauchamp Denise	I:
Brame Pam	
Broughton Lorna	/
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Maneval Jackie	vi
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Parker Marsha	✓
Schlosser Kim	✓
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Sprinkle Bonnie	✓
Syzmanski Barbara	✓
Thill Linda	✓
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Young Pam	/
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Minton, Kathy ✓
 Gilbert, Clara ✓
 Emery, Joana ✓
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 Gilbert, Clara
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**Magnolia Point Women's Club (MPWC)
Executive Officer and Committee Reports
December 6, 2023**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President (Donna Habing): Two blue-jean bags were given to MPWC at the Arts & Crafts Fair. Donna would like to discuss a use for them at the December 1 board meeting.

Corresponding Secretary (Pam Young):

- On November 7, the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society sent a letter thanking MPWC for the \$100 donation in memory of Evelyn Bullington, MPWC member.
- On November 20, member Sharon Murphy sent a note thanking MPWC for showing support for the passing of her brother David.

Treasurer (Linda Werring)

Bank Balance December 1, 2023 (interest is not recorded in the actual balance column)	Actual Balance as of December 1, 2023
Checking Account \$1,550.53	Checking Account \$945.79
Unrestricted Money Market Acct \$11,426.24	Unrestricted Money Market Acct \$11,417.97
Restricted Schools Account \$2,850.87	Restricted Schools Account \$2,850.64
Restricted FCCN Account \$3,437.98	Restricted FCCN Account \$3,435.18
Restricted Scholarship Account \$12,877.79	Restricted Scholarship Account \$12,866.26
Reserve Savings Account \$8,085.68	Reserve Savings Account \$8,085.02

- Interest is not recorded in the actual balance column since the November statement has not come in.
- Outstanding checks are:

Constant Contact, Inc.	\$436.80
Jon Bastress reimbursement (Arts & Craft Fair)	\$ 21.14
Vendor Refund (Arts & Craft Fair)	\$ 96.80
Audubon Society (October general meeting donation)	\$ 50.00
- The \$1,000 donation from Sacred Heart Catholic Church has not yet been transferred from the unrestricted money market account into the FCCN account.
- Linda will provide a detailed account of our finances from the November 11, 2023, Arts & Craft Fair at the December 6 board meeting.
- The total number of paid MPWC members is currently 189.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities (Cindy Triay):

- Cindy reported that the November 8 Survey on Future Programs and Social Outings offered many suggestions for consideration.
- January 10 Program: Chris Gay will speak about growing orchids in northeast Florida.
- February, March, or April Program: Cindy is working on a speaker from the Cummer Museum.
- Possible social outings: Tour of Cummer Museum and Gardens; Tour of St. John's Botanical Gardens.
- Holiday Luncheon (Sandy Waldrup): Sandy sent out an eblast for the luncheon on December 4 with a list of attendees and food assignments. The luncheon will be held at the Activities Center at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on December 13 from 11:00-1:30. In addition to enjoying the cuisine, activities for the day include Christmas song bingo, some caroling, some visiting, maybe another game, and a special holiday treat. There will be no member gift exchange this year. Instead, MPWC is asking members to donate nonperishable food

items to The Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs and unwrapped lap blankets/throws and/or socks to Governor's Health and Rehab, a nursing home located in Green Cove Springs. Collection bins will be available at the luncheon. Donations are strictly voluntary.

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

Clay Education Foundation (CEF) (Suzanne Foster): No information at this time.

AMikids (Donna Habing): No report.

Bannerman Learning Center (Bannerman) (Mary Austin): No report.

Charles E. Bennett Elementary (CEB) (Pam Young/Linda Thill): Pam and Linda have made progress on the final details of MPWC's part in the Project REACH (Resources for Educational Access, Community and Hope) monthly food delivery program for CEB's needy families. Pam Young and Linda Thill met with the social worker Kristen Waldorf to go over the details regarding the families and the pickup day. REACH identified 20 families to be part of the program at CEB. Most families have 4-5 members, one is a family of 8. Since the last board meeting in November Pam and Linda have done the following:

- Submitted application to Waste Not Want Not to get on a monthly food distribution. They will follow-up the week of December 1, but are not sure MPWC will be included for the December food pickup.
- Created 10 meal plans for rotation each month. They compared prices at local area stores.
- Have boxes for family delivery, which will be returned each month to be reused.
- Did the first round of shopping and buying food items. The goal is to provide grocery items for at least 2-3 meals per month, along with breakfast food items. They are planning for food delivery to CEB the week of December 11. They will assemble the food for each family at Pam's house and deliver it to CEB that day.
- Are requesting ideas on a name for this project.

Suzanne, Pam, Linda, and Lorna Broughton met on November 20 to discuss the future of the CEB Pantry. They decided that, for the time being, the CEB school liaisons (Pam and Linda) will oversee restocking the CEB Pantry upon request from Principal Strickland.

Communications (Sandy Waldrup):

Directory Database (Barbara Barclay): One new member was added in November. The member was also added to the Constant Contact (CC) member lists to receive Women's Club communications. The CC database was reviewed again, and several members were identified that needed to be added to the Director's "forward" list. These members' emails had been marked as "waiting verification" or "unsubscribed" by Constant Contact.

Printshop (Sandy Waldrup): Printing of all raffle basket tags/silent auction bid sheets was finalized in time for the November holiday Arts & Craft fair. Last-minute requests for Luminaria documents were completed.

Social Media (Sandy Waldrup): Facebook postings are ongoing. Susan Mitchell will continue posting until she decides she is having too much fun traveling. Susan will advise how she would like photographs to be sent to her once she has left Magnolia Point. A posting to Nextdoor was made of an upcoming concert at Penney Farms on December 10; a member requested an email blast be sent, but the information was posted on the Magnolia Point Residents' Nextdoor page since it did not involve the Women's Club.

Webmaster (Kim Schlosser): The online Luminaria order form went live on November 2 and has been a great success. Many thanks to Kim for her hard work. Kim and Sandy have been discussing improvements for next year's online forms and are waiting on a response from Web904 about a crucial component needed to build calculations into forms going forward. Additions/updates to the site are being maintained as needed.

Fundraising (Joanne LaBeouf):

Directory Ads (Lorna Broughton): Susan Mitchell shared an idea with Lorna for next year. To keep ad sales from falling into two different fiscal years, start the ad campaign about April 10, and state that all checks will be cashed on or after May 1. That way all income and expenses will be in the same year. Change the deadline for directory ad sales to June 1; it can always be extended for another two weeks if needed. MPWC really doesn't know who is dropping their membership until around July 1 and doesn't want to pay for a directory for someone who no longer will be a member. The only issue to consider timewise is the online payment option for ads or dues.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair (Joanne LaBeouf): The Holiday Fair at the Clay County fairgrounds was a team effort and a success by all accounts. The presence of representatives from the local VFW post 1988 in Green Cove Springs reminded us of what Veterans Day means to everyone. Many aspects of putting the fair together this year

were new. The fairground venue allowed for expansion of the number of vendors and the space provided. Vendor space costs were increased. Overall, vendors said they were pleased with the larger space of the new venue despite the cost increase for spaces. Sandy Waldrup managed all our advertising and worked on the online vendor form. Co-Chair Kim Schlosser, among many other vendor-related tasks, developed the online vendor form that was well received by vendors. Co-Chair Cheryle Newman provided the food trucks and orchestrated parking at the fairgrounds. Co-Chair Anne Bastress worked closely with eight coordinators to help in all general areas of the fair. Coordinators Coral Nettuno, Bobbe Marion, Pat Jolly and Eloise Berman were responsible for the corporate and local donations for the Silent Auction and raffle sales. Barbara Phelps coordinated a long list of dedicated member volunteers as ticket sellers, greeters and floaters. Pam Young and Linda Thill put together a beautiful array of baskets for our raffle sales and Silent Auction. Many donations for the baskets came from our generous members. Thresa Oliverio, our hospitality coordinator, provided coffee and snacks to vendors and volunteers during set-up time. Anne Bastress and Lori Miller coordinated the cleanup. Last, but not least, six Clay High volunteers helped with set-up, tear-down and acted as floaters. The final profit tally will be available in January.

Luminaria (Sarah McWhorter): Sarah reports that online orders are coming in. Block captains are still actively selling. Sales since Thanksgiving have increased. There is no indication at this time as to how many kits will be sold in the long run. A handful of captains have needed extra kits for their blocks. Final kit sales results will be more evident next week. A full profit and loss report will come in January.

Grants (Nancy Nettuno): Nancy is awaiting The Reinhold Foundation's approval of MPWC's four applications for the Leadership Class, "Best Practices for High Performing Boards."

Membership (Marguerite Martin)

Hospitality (Diane Lochner): The Homeowner Transfer report shows from September 1 to November 27, 2023, a total of 10 new homeowners have moved into our neighborhood. Diane was not able to distribute New Residents' Bags in November but will resume in December.

Sunshine (Sharon Murphy): In the month of November, Sharon sent one sympathy and 1 get-well card, and delivered one bouquet of flowers.

Helping Hands (Barbara Adams): No report.

Scholarships (Marsha Fields): No report