

# **Magnolia Point Women's Club (MPWC)**

## **Minutes of the November 8, 2023, General Meeting**

**Welcome and Call to Order:** President Lorna Broughton called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. in the Crystal Dining Room of the Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club (MPGCC).

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lorna Broughton led the Pledge.

**New Members/Guests:** Sharon Murphy brought Connie Gladding as her guest. Connie is President of Friends of the Green Cove Springs Library,

**The Pink Pig:** Five members forgot their name tags and paid the Pig.

**November Birthdays:** The November birthday celebrants were Eloise Burman, Susan Mitchell, Sharon Sprott, Jennifer St. Mary, Cheryl Newman, Melanie Carlson, and Margaret Acheson. Each was presented with a \$2 lottery ticket.

**Quorum:** A quorum was present with 44 in attendance (list attached).

**Approval of Minutes:** Phyllis Skarbrevik moved, seconded by Marguerite Martin, to accept the October 11 General Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved.

**Announcements (Lorna Broughton):**

Luminaria kits are assembled, block captains are ready, the Luminaria pamphlet is done, and the optional online ordering and payment process is all set up. Sales begin on November 10.

The Magnolia Arts and Crafts Fair is this Saturday, November 11, at the Clay County Fair Grounds from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is Veteran's Day and there will be two representatives from our local VFW Post 1988. MPWC volunteers have organized one of the best Fairs ever! Our talented ladies have prepared 50 beautiful baskets to be raffled and 50 incredible silent auction items, including Jaguar tickets and a golf package for four. There are 52 vendors, three food trucks, and plenty of parking.

MPWC's annual Holiday Luncheon will take place at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Activity Center on Wednesday, December 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be no gift exchange but there will be Christmas Music Bingo and a special holiday surprise. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned food items for the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry and lap throws and socks for the residents at Aspire, formerly known as Governor's Creek Nursing and Rehabilitation Facility. Look for an email detailing more information.

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE BRIEFS** (see attached Officer and Committee Reports for greater detail)

**Activities (Cindy Triay):**

Cindy conducted a Programs and Social Outings Survey to ascertain the types of after-meeting programs and social outings MPWC members would like to have. Each table was given a survey with potential events/social outings listed. Members indicated their choices and wrote in suggestions for next year's activities.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Charitable Giving Opportunities**

Donna Habing provided information about a local Christmas charity known as Tad's Toys. The charity was created by Kathy Lawrence, project manager of the Multi Agency Network for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities (SEDNET) and serves Clay, Duvall, and Nassau counties. Tad's Toys sponsors a Christmas Wish Party and provides Christmas gifts for homeless children, children in foster care, and local underprivileged children in Clay County. Donna asked for volunteers to help bake Christmas cookies for the party, which will take place December 9, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Orange Park Elementary School. Donna will pick up the cookies on December 8 and deliver them to the party. She requested interested members to sign up during the break.

Eloise Burman provided information about the annual J.P. Hall Children's Charity Toy Drive, which collects toys for all the needy children of Clay County. The giving of the toys is open to all Clay County Children and will take place on Saturday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The organization collects new, unwrapped toys for children (ages, infant to 14 years). Toys will be collected within Magnolia Point until December 1. Collection bins will be located at the homes of Marlene Jacobs and Thresa Oliverio, as well as at the Magnolia Point Clubhouse in the upstairs lobby and downstairs Pub.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

**\$1.00 Commercials:** None

Linda Werring announced that Sacred Heart Catholic Church donated \$1000 to MPWC to be used to help provide food for local families in need.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Lorna Broughton adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m.

## **AFTER MEETING ACTIVITIES**

**10-minute break.**

**Today's Program:** Art Yeaman introduces his new character, Ben Abram. Ben Abram (1796-1891) was born near the cradle of our Republic - Philadelphia. Ben is a U.S. sharpshooter in 1812, traveling to the Ohio Valley, the Atlantic Coast, and on to Northeast Florida. Ben is a teller of our Nation's younger years. Art's performance was entertaining, educational, and immensely enjoyed by all, including many guests and spouses.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Young, Acting Recording Secretary

## Magnolia Point Women's Club

Attendance at 11 / 8 / 23 Meeting

Please Sign In

1. Donna Habing	26. Phyllis Skarbo
2. Linda Kening	27. Jackie Maxwell
3. Lona Broughton	28. Melanie Ove
4. Barbara Coker	29. Louella Hurd
5. Nancy Kettero	30. Adele Murphy
6. CABODDEN	31. Sharon Sprout
7. Barbara J. Shum	32. Lorette Vock
8. Sandy Archers	33. Nancy Catndal
9. Cheryl Newman	34. Rosa Oliverio
10. Susan M. dice	35. Marquie Martin
11. Linda Thiel	36. Patti Shears
12. Anne Bastress	37. Glenda Harder
13. Melanie Carlson	38. Jill Kennedy
14. Sharon Murphy	39. Jennifer H. May
15. Barbara Szymanski	40. Peggy Kendall
16. Suzanne Foster	41. Bette Martin
17. Cindy Hiay	42. Mary Frelb
18. Martene Jacobs	43. Elaine Burman
19. Joan Knox	44. Lisa Buratto
20. Pat Jolly	45. Shirley Orvosh
21. Paul Young	46.
22. Joanne Laberuf	47.
23. Ann Brame	48.
24. Jean Kurth	49.
25. Margaret Acheson	50.

Guest ★

**Magnolia Point Women’s Club (MPWC)  
Executive Officer and Committee Reports  
November 1, 2023**

**EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS**

**Vice President** (Donna Habing): Donna is currently compiling a calendar of prospective monthly charitable projects and services.

**Corresponding Secretary** (Pam Young):

- On October 6, a donation letter was sent for \$100.00 to Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society in memory of Evelyn Bullington, MPWC member.
- On October 19, a donation letter was sent for \$100.00 to Community Hospice & Palliative Care in memory of Judith O’Neill, MPWC member.

**Treasurer** (Linda Werring):

<b>Bank Balance as of October 30, 2023</b>	<b>Actual Bank Balance as of October 30, 2023</b>
Checking Account \$408.09	Checking Account \$358.09
Unrestricted Money Market \$6,987.33	Unrestricted Money Market \$6,987.33
Restricted Schools Account \$2,850.38	Restricted Schools Account \$2,850.38
Restricted FCCN \$3,432.29	Restricted FCCN \$3,432.29
Restricted Scholarship Account \$12,854.69	Restricted Scholarship Account \$12,854.69
Reserve Savings Account \$8,084.33	Reserve Savings Account \$8,084.33

- In the month of October, MPWC made two memorial donations:  
  - \$100 to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society for Evelyn Bullington
  - \$100 to Community Hospice and Palliative Care for Judy O’Neill
- There is one outstanding check, the \$50 donation given to the Audubon Society for speaking at our October general meeting.
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church donated \$1,000 to MPWC. The funds have been deposited into the money market account for now. At the board meeting, Linda will confirm how the funds will be used, either Feeding Clay County’s Needy (FCCN) or another charitable cause.
- The net profits from the directory ads sales were transferred from the Unrestricted Money Market account into the Scholarship account.
- The new sales tax exemption certificate, valid from 10/31/2023 through 10/31/2028, has been received.
- MPWC currently has 188 members.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Activities** (Cindy Triay):

- November 8 Program: Art Yeaman will perform his new character, Ben Abram.
- 33 women had an amazing time on the Dolphin and History Cruise on October 18. It was dolphin mating season so plenty of dolphins were observed, and everyone enjoyed learning the history of Jacksonville.
- Sandy Waldrup is finalizing plans for The MPWC Holiday Luncheon. The luncheon will be held at the Activities Center at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on December 13 from 11:00-1:30.

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

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

**AMIKids** (Donna Habing): No report.

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

**Charles E. Bennett Elementary (CEB)** (Pam Young/Linda Thill):

- Pam spoke with CEB Social Worker Kristen Waldorf regarding MPWC’s involvement in the Clay County Project Resources for Educational Access, Community and Hope (REACH). Ms. Waldorf is the person that works directly with the families in the Project REACH program.
  - Pam learned that there are 19-20 children at CEB that presently qualify for this program due to their family

situations. Ms. Waldorf thinks nonperishable food would be best for the proposed REACH food locker and that food from Waste Not Want Not is a good idea.

- Ms. Waldorf is only at CEB on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It would be best if MPWC volunteers delivered the food on a Wednesday, although Tuesday is also a possibility. Only CEB staff (headed up by Guidance Counselor Grant) can take the food to the families that come for pick-up. If a family cannot make the pick-up, the staff will deliver the food to the family.
- In order for MPWC to know each month how much food to provide each family, it is necessary to know how many are in each family. A code (updated each month) would be given for each family which would be written on the bags so that the staff would know which bag goes to which family.
- MPWC could either pack bags at CEB or at a volunteer's home and then deliver the bags to Ms. Waldorf's office.
- If possible, Ms. Waldorf would like the Project REACH food locker to begin in December.
- CEB would like MPWC to continue to periodically stock the CEB Pantry (which is now in a smaller cabinet) for family emergencies and to provide certain types of food for particular situations.

**Clay High School (CHS)** (Mary Kendall): No report.

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

**Spring Park Elementary School (SPE)** (Deanna Foerman): No report.

**Communications** (Sandy Waldrup):

**Directory Database** (Barbara Barclay): Seven new members since May have been added.

**Printshop** (Sandy Waldrup): Sandy has printed numerous forms for Hospitality and is printing the Luminaria brochure/order form.

**Social Media** (Sandy Waldrup): Articles have been sent to *Clay Today* and *Neighbor-to-Neighbor* regarding the upcoming Holiday Arts & Craft Fair; *Clay Today* will publish in their November 3 issue. Facebook postings are ongoing.

**Webmaster** (Kim Schlosser): Final revisions have been made to the online Luminaria order form, set to go live on November 2. Additions/updates to the site are being maintained as needed.

**Fundraising** (Joanne LaBeouf):

**Directory Ads** (Lorna Broughton): No report.

**Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair:** The fair team and all coordinators will meet on November 3 to address any outstanding items and address any issues.

- **Advertising** (Sandy Waldrup): Table posters and banners are ready. Banner permit form delivered to the City of Green Cove Springs; once approved, the 2 banners will go up on Friday, November 3 and come down Saturday evening, November 11. Banners are to be located on the fence at the intersection of Harbor/US 17 and at the "triangle." A blurb will be sent to *Clay Today* for publication on Thursday, November 2, or Thursday, November 9 (preference is to go with the November 9 date).
- **Food Trucks Co-Chair** (Cheryle Newman): Three food trucks will be at the fair. Cheryle is managing fair parking. Joanne LaBeouf is working to get Clay High School boys to assist Cheryle as parking attendants for fair day. Cheryle needs the large orange parking cones; she has parking signs.
- **Vendor Co-Chair** (Kim Schlosser): All inside paying slots are filled. Sandy Waldrup worked with Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to solicit sponsorship of their live wreaths; because all inside slots were filled, Sandy offered one outside spot and they agreed.
- **General Co-Chair** (Anne Bastress): Jacob Thornton, our fairgrounds contact, will be available on November 10 to turnover the keys and codes required to get into the gate and building #3. Anne will ask for Wi-Fi access and password. Regarding local and corporate donations, Bobbe Marion has received 22 donations (of the 141 requests sent out). Eloise Burman reports that local donations are very slow. Barb Phelps, Event Day Coordinator, reports that she has 25 volunteers for the day to be ticket sellers/greeters/floaters. If anyone else is interested in volunteering, it would be good to have back-up members to help. Basket/Silent Auction Coordinators Pam Young and Linda Thill ask that members deliver all themed baskets no later than November 1 to Linda's house. Donated individual items can be dropped off at Linda's. Baskets and silent auctions are in the process of getting assembled.

**Luminaria** (Sarah McWhorter): Member volunteers got together on October 23 to put together the Luminaria kits. Sales begin on November 10. The Luminaria pamphlet is done and ready for printing. Kim Schlosser is in the

process of beta testing on the new Luminaria online payment form which will be ready for release when Luminaria sales begin.

**Grants** (Nancy Nettuno):

- The Reinhold Foundation has announced classes for non-profit leaders. The following link contains all necessary information: <https://reinhold.net/leadership-initiative> and has been sent to all Board members and Committee Chairs. The Foundation will accept four applicants. Those interested should notify Nancy Nettuno as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is November 17.
- Lorna Broughton strongly recommends Board members attend the class entitled “Best Practices for High Performing Boards” (a three-hour workshop). Individuals must complete the three-hour training for their organization to be eligible for the Reinhold Foundation’s \$50 per person gift.

**Membership** (Marguerite Martin):

**Hospitality** (Diane Lochner):

- Each month Diane will send the Board the list of updated property transfers to keep the Board abreast of the use of supplies and provisions.
- The Homeowner Transfer report shows, from July 1, 2023, to September 26, 2023, a total of 19 new homeowners have moved into the community and new residents’ bags were distributed to all.
- Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club graciously continues to supply Hospitality with folders that contain information associated with their operation.
- *Clay Today* has been very cooperative with supplying the most current *Explore Clay* magazine and the current *Business & Community Directory*. Additionally, *Clay Today* has generously included a flier which gives Magnolia Point Residents \$10 off a one-year subscription.
- Most new homeowners are very welcoming and excited to be living in Magnolia Point. Hospitality continues to encourage them to join our Woman’s Club.

**Sunshine** (Sharon Murphy): In the month of October, Sharon sent two sympathy and 2 get-well cards.

**Helping Hands** (Barbara Adams): No report.

**Scholarships** (Marsha Fields): The MPWC Scholarship Program is being advertised at Clay High School. One application has already been received. The bulk of applications will most likely be submitted in January.