

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – February 2024*****

- Vice President Donna Habing continues to seek nominations to fill the open Officer and Director positions in MPWC. So far, she has received one nomination for vice president.
- Clay County Schools Director Suzanne Foster reported for Treasurer Linda Werring that funds may need to be transferred from MPWC's general unrestricted account into the Feeding Clay County's Needy (FCCN) account to sustain Maggie's Beekeepers through the end of this school year. This topic will be discussed further at the March Board Meeting.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay reported that 60 members/guests have made reservations for February 23 to attend the Fleming Island Spotlight Center Dinner Theater's production of *Breaking Up is Hard to Do*, featuring the songs of Neil Sedaka. Cindy announced that the program speaker for the February 13 general meeting will be Rod Snow, a local beekeeper and honey producer. For the March meeting, Cindy has procured Vishi Garig from the Clay County Historical Archives in Green Cove Springs to speak to us about old Green Cove Springs and Chef Meeks for April.
- Suzanne Foster reported on the progress of Maggie's Beekeepers, the new name MPWC members voted on for the CEB Project REACH food pick-up program. In January, only 10 of the 20 boxes of groceries were picked up. The remaining 10 boxes were used to restock the CEB Pantry. For this reason, only 10 family boxes of groceries will be packed and delivered on February 22. These numbers may fluctuate from month to month. Enough volunteers have signed up to finish out the current school year.
- The Directory Ads campaign is continuing for 2024 with a few modifications. Cheryl Kennedy has joined the Directory Ads team to assist advertisers with new ads or changes to ads. Cheryl is replacing Joanie Braatz who, after 19 years, has stepped down from her position as ad designer.
- Scholarship Director Marsha Fields reported that 17 requests for scholarship applications have been made so far and she expects more before the cutoff date of March 15.
- The formation of a Community Outreach subcommittee under Activities may be a possibility if one of our members volunteers to be the Chair. This subcommittee would organize non-monetary charitable activities such as bellringing for the Salvation Army at Christmas, collecting food items for the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry, cookies for Tad's Toys, blankets for the local homeless shelter, etc.