

Magnolia Point Women's Club Minutes of the February 13, 2024, General Meeting

Welcome and Call to Order: President Lorna Broughton called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. in the Crystal Dining Room of the Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club (MPGCC).

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Bobbe Marion.

New Members/Guests: New members Lynn Powers and Stephanie Sessions were introduced. Guest Clara Gilbert was introduced once again, and she completed her membership application at the meeting.

The Pink Pig: Five members forgot their name tags and fed the pig.

February Birthdays: Adele Murphy and Judy Sessions were the February birthday celebrants. Each received a \$2.00 lottery ticket.

Quorum: A quorum was present with 32 members in attendance and two guests (list attached).

Approval of Minutes: Sharon Murphy moved, seconded by Cheryle Newman, to accept the January 10 General Meeting Minutes. The minutes were approved.

Announcements (Lorna Broughton): All job descriptions have been updated and posted on the website as of January 25.

OFFICER AND COMMITTEE BRIEFS (See attached Officer and Committee Reports for greater detail.)

Vice President (Donna Habing): Donna provided an update on the progress of the Nominating Committee. She gave a very passionate call for volunteers, asking members in attendance to raise their hands if they have volunteered for either an executive officer position, director position or committee chair in the past, so that others could see they would not be working alone if they were interested in a volunteer position.

Activities (Cindy Triay):

Socials: Cindy reported that 60 members and guests have signed up and paid for the February 23 social outing to the Spotlight Center Dinner Theater's performance of *Breaking Up Is Hard to Do*, featuring the music of Neil Sedaka. Cindy encouraged attendees to arrive on time with their parties to find their seats. Cindy mentioned that the theater will serve dinner from Take Away Buffet, located right in front of the venue and which has received great reviews.

Programs: Cindy reported that the March meeting program will be an EMT speaker on women's heart health, thanks to Joanne LaBeouf.

Clay County Schools (CCS) (Suzanne Foster):

Charles E. Bennett Elementary School (CEB) (Pam Young and Linda Thill): Lorna Broughton reported that the members voted to name CEB's Project REACH meals to families as Maggie's Beekeepers. There are enough member volunteers to finish packing once a month throughout the school year. After conferring with CEB's social worker and guidance counselor, the meals will be packed and delivered to the schools on Thursdays; February 22 is the next packing date. Pam will email the members who signed up to help pack and remind them of the day they will need to help.

Fundraising (Joanne LaBeouf);

Directory Ads (Lorna Broughton): The annual directory ad campaign is underway. All the renewal letters to advertisers were mailed today. Joanie Braatz, our ad designer since 2005, has decided to step down and Cheryl Kennedy volunteered to fill her position and help with new ads and changes to current ads. If any member knows

of a business/service they think would like to advertise in our directory, please give Lorna their information and she will send an invitational letter.

Scholarships (Marsha Fields): Marsha reported that there have been 17 requests for our scholarship application, more than last year. She has met with the guidance counselor at Clay High, who is actively publicizing our scholarship program. The cut-off date to apply is March 15, and both the counselor and Marsha note that teenagers wait until the last minute to complete the applications. Once applications have been received after March 15, Marsha will meet with the Scholarship Committee to begin their review.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Outreach Subcommittee (Lorna Broughton): At its February 7 meeting, the Board discussed the addition of Community Outreach subcommittee under the Activities Committee. Lorna described the types of non-monetary outreach that could be done under this new committee: Salvation Army bell ringing, diaper collection for Way Free Clinic, blankets for homeless shelters, Animal Shelter needs, etc. Lorna encouraged members to think about chairing this subcommittee, noting that it won't be able to come to fruition unless there is a chair in place.

OTHER BUSINESS

\$1.00 Commercials:

Bonnie Sprinkle, representing Friends of the Green Cove Springs Library, had 2 commercials: (1) There will be a book sale on the front lawn of the Library on March 16, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. This date coincides with the Third Saturday in the Park Market; and (2) on Thursday, February 22, beginning at 5:00 a.m., young adult author Crissa-Jean Chappell ("Sun Don't Shine") will be speaking and holding a book signing. Each attendee will be given a free book and can enjoy pizza and a drink.

Donna Habing gave a shout-out to Mark Panozzo, who recently painted the exterior of her home. She was very pleased with his work, as well as his work ethic. Donna provided business cards to anyone who was interested.

ADJOURNMENT: President Lorna Broughton adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

AFTER MEETING ACTIVITIES

10-minute break

Today's Program: Rod Snow, a friend of Cheryle Newman's and a local beekeeper and honey maker, was the guest speaker. Rod brought some of his bee equipment and shared his knowledge of beekeeping and making honey. It was a very informative program and proved that females, even in a bee colony, do all the work!

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Waldrup, Acting Recording Secretary

Magnolia Point Women's Club

Attendance at 2 / 13 / 2021 Meeting

Please Sign In

1. Cindy Triay	26. Tammi Smith (Guest) *
2. Cheryl Newman	27. DIANE LOCHNER
3. Sandy Waldrop	28. Stephanie Sessions *
4. Ursula Hundt	29. Valerie Shepard
5. Norma Broughton	30. Mikie Porfidio
6. Phloeba Cox	31. Judy Sessions
7. Melane Carlson	32. Margie Martin
8. Bibbe Maroon	33. Adele Murphy
9. Donna Hahn	34. Gatta & Debra
10. Jackie Maneval	35. Marsha Fields
11. Nancy Catudal	36.
12. Sheron Murphy	37.
13. Martene Jacobs	38.
14. Lynn Schlosser	39.
15. Gandy Conchert	40.
16. Joanne LaBeau	41.
* 17. Barbara Hulbert	42.
18. Anne Bastress	43.
19. Lynda Hill	44.
20. Jela Greiner	45.
21. Anna Weidm	46.
22. Lynn Powers	47.
23. Pam Young	48.
24. Ann Smith	49.
25. Bonnie Springle	50.

*Guests

**Magnolia Point Women’s Club (MPWC)
Executive Officer and Committee Reports
February 7, 2024**

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS

Corresponding Secretary (Pam Young)

Pam reports that for the month of January:

- The Duval Audubon Society sent MPWC a thank you for our donation of \$50.
- The family of Judy Bullington sent MPWC a thank you note for our \$100 gift to the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society in memory of Judy.
- The Salvation Army thanked MPWC for our bell-ringing assistance in raising \$624.89 during their Red Kettle Campaign over the Christmas season.
- MPWC sent a thank you letter to Magnolia Point residents Brian and Tara Imler for a \$200 donation made to MPWC during the Luminaria fundraiser.

Treasurer (Linda Werring)

Bank Statement Dated January 31, 2024	Actual Balance as of February 2, 2024
Unrestricted Checking Account \$388.48	Unrestricted Checking Account \$284.72
Unrestricted Money Market \$13,374.63	Unrestricted Money Market \$12,734.63
Unrestricted Savings Reserves \$8,087.05	Unrestricted Savings Reserves \$8,087.05
Restricted FCCN Account \$2,862.51	Restricted FCCN Account \$2,862.51
Restricted Schools Account \$2,744.29	Restricted Schools Account \$2,744.29
Restricted Scholarship Account \$22,789.46	Restricted Scholarship Account \$22,789.46

- One check is outstanding: \$643.76 for the club’s liability insurance. The coverage period is February 2024 to February 2025.
- Last month MPWC donated \$100 to the Green Cove Springs Rotary Club in support of the annual Clay High School Rotary Wrestling Tournament.
- MPWC’s Fundraising Director Joanne LaBeouf made a \$500 refundable deposit to secure the Clay County Fairgrounds for the November 2024 Arts & Crafts fair.
- The nurse at Green Cove Springs Junior High was reimbursed \$107.06 for supplies she purchased for the nurse’s station.
- The donations and proceeds from the Luminaria event were transferred into the scholarship account (\$9,881.65).
- On February 1, 2024, the treasurer met with MPWC’s President, the Clay County Schools’ Director, and the Charles E Bennett Elementary School Liaisons to summarize the financial situation of Maggie’s Beekeepers.
- MPWC has 191 paid members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Activities (Cindy Triay)

- February 13 Program: Rod Snow, beekeeper and honey maker, will speak about keeping honeybees and making honey.
- Cindy reported that 51 members and guests have signed up for the February 23 social outing to the Spotlight Center Dinner Theater in Fleming Island to enjoy a great dinner and see the musical “Breaking Up Is Hard to Do”, featuring the music of Neil Sedaka.
- 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.

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.

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

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

- Pam and Linda, with the help of three volunteers, packed 20 family grocery boxes for Maggie's Beekeepers, the new name for the Clay County Project REACH food pick-up program at CEB, and delivered the boxes to CEB for the January pick-up.
- Pam and Linda have communicated with Kristen Waldorf, the CEB social worker, and Yolanda Grant, the CEB guidance counselor. Ms. Waldorf and Ms. Grant reported that in January, six families picked up their boxes of groceries at the school and four boxes were delivered to homes. Because only 10 boxes were utilized, Ms. Waldorf and Ms. Grant decided to cut back the number of family boxes in February to 10, serving about 25-26 children within the 10 families, and see how it goes. The food in the remaining 10 boxes was used to restock the CEB Pantry. Several new families to our area and the mother of a student who recently had surgery and was not able to work, used the pantry for needed supplies. The food has not gone to waste!
- During the communication, Linda Thill asked if there was any feedback from families about the type of food supplied and Ms. Waldorf said no but that the families involved were very grateful.
- The packing and drop-off day will now be on Thursday as it gives Ms. Waldorf and Ms. Grant time that week to contact families. The next drop-off day is February 22. Packing will start at 9:15-9:30 a.m., the boxes will be delivered to the school by 10:30 a.m., and the empty boxes will be picked up between 1:30-2:00 p.m. There are three volunteers for each remaining month to help pack and deliver.

Green Cove Springs Junior High School (GCSJH) (Barbara Szymanski): The nurse purchased and has been reimbursed for \$107.06-worth of supplies for the nurse's station.

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

Communications (Sandy Waldrup):

Member Database: (Barbara Barclay): Barbara and Sandy add new members as they join and review member information when needed to compile member pages for next year's directory.

Printshop (Sandy Waldrup): No report.

Social Media (Sandy Waldrup): Facebook postings are ongoing. Newsletter articles are submitted each month for *The Magnolia News*.

Webmaster (Kim Schlosser): The web page is updated routinely, especially on the home page with "emails sent" and "upcoming events". Sandy and Kim updated the minutes page to consolidate the 2022 minutes into a single tab under Yearly Archived Minutes, keeping with the policy of only having two years of minutes separated. Sandy posted the updated Job Descriptions. Thanks to Susan Mitchell, all past photos have been provided for the goal of making a photo gallery/link for all event photos outside of the home page slider for the monthly meetings. Sandy followed up with Web904 the first of February about a programming feature; she made contact with Web904 in early January but had not heard back.

Fundraising (Joanne LaBeouf)

Directory Ads: The Fundraising Director, the Communications Director, and the Directory Ads Chair have been discussing what it takes to go forward with the 2024 Directory Ads. The Chair and her team not only sold ads but also designed new ads, changed current ads, coordinated the directory's layout, and organized printing. With the loss of our layout coordinator and our ad designer, it seems unlikely that the team can continue to design and organize the layout of the ads in the directory as it has been done in the past several years. More information on the subject will be brought up for discussion at the February 7 Board Meeting.

Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair: The Clay County Fairgrounds have confirmed MPWC's requested date of November 9, 2024, for the Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair (includes set-up November 8, 2024). They have confirmed receipt of our deposit of \$500. Presently awaiting the actual contract for signature. The 2023 Fair Committee met in January to close out all items regarding the November 2023 Fair. The Fair team provided valuable feedback for next year's Fair Team.

Luminaria: The Fundraising Director and Chair have been in discussion about what can be done to facilitate the process. More guidelines for block captains will be forthcoming.

Membership (Marguerite Martin)

Helping Hands (Barbara Adams): Barbara contacted the families of two members that were possible candidates for

meals. Both families had other resources and declined.

Hospitality (Diane Lochner)

- The Homeowner Transfer Report from December 11, 2023, to January 31, 2024, shows a total of seven new homeowners in Magnolia Point. Hospitality delivered four welcome bags to these homes leaving a balance of three to be done in February. From experience, Diane found it best to wait about a month after receiving the Transfer Reports to deliver the welcome bags as most new homeowners haven't moved into their homes. This waiting time saves Diane from making repeated visits.
- A special thank you to Joe Wilhelm of *Clay Today* for setting aside editions of the *Explore Clay* for MPWC's Hospitality bags. Diane will be picking up the new Spring/Summer issues within the next few days.

Sunshine (Sharon Murphy)

In the month of January, Sharon sent/delivered three get-well cards, two sympathy cards, and one bouquet of flowers.

Scholarships (Marsha Fields):

Marsha has received several applications and expects to receive more in the next couple of months. She will be meeting with Dana Brock, the counselor in charge of scholarships, at Clay High School on February 2.