

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – May 2024

- As of May 4, 60 members have signed up for the May 8 Officer Installation and Member Luncheon. Sandy Waldrup and Cindy Triay have the photo booklet and the Power Point slideshow completed for the “Who Is She” activity for the meeting.
- For Teacher Appreciation Week, May 6-May 10, Pam Young and Linda Thill have purchased twenty \$5 gift cards from local restaurants to be used as prizes for the activities planned for the teachers at Charles E. Bennett Elementary School.
- Hospitality Chair Diane Lochner advised that she has changed to a more cost-effective bag which is beige canvas. She also reported the MPGCC is adding a “Buy 1 Drink, Get 1 Free” to their information folder which is included in the Hospitality bags.
- Marsha Fields reports that the Scholarship Committee has selected four winners for the MPWC scholarships. The Committee is awarding \$5,000, \$4,000 and two \$3,000 scholarships for a total of \$15,000. The Committee had a pool of very qualified young ladies. There will be two openings on the Scholarship Committee for the 2024-25 year which is a three-year commitment. Marsha will announce the openings at the general meeting, and anyone interested needs to contact her. Marsha would like the new Scholarship Committee members to be those who are involved with MPWC and come to the general meetings.
- Lorna Broughton suggested that a clarification of proxy voting at general meetings is needed in the MPWC Bylaws. Because proxy voting is important to its members, Sandy Waldrup offered to make changes to the language of Sections 2.3, 3.6, and 3.7 of the Bylaws to better define the use of proxy voting at general meetings. The Board will vote on these clarifications at the June 5 Board meeting.
- To facilitate the correct usage of Robert’s Rules of Order, the Board voted that the Vice President be appointed official Parliamentarian to preside at all MPWC meetings.
- For the purpose of helping Board members recall and easily locate Board policies when necessary, the Board agreed that the Corresponding Secretary be the repository of a master list of Board policies and that these policies also be sent to the Communications Director and uploaded to the Governance section on our Website.
- Because of ongoing questions regarding membership dues, Sandy Waldrup offered to write a policy addressing the definition of “new member,” fees paid by a previous member rejoining after a lapsed membership, fees paid by new members who join after January 1, and the Treasurer’s option to make fee decisions when someone is joining before May 1. At the June 5 meeting, the Board will further discuss and vote on these issues. Treasurer Linda Werring specified that only **new** members who join MPWC after January 1 will be allowed to pay the reduced dues of \$15.00.
- The Board clarified that any MPWC member in a leadership position, or identified as a potential leader, are eligible to attend the Reinhold Foundation’s seminars. MPWC’s Reinhold Foundation liaison, who will be responsible for providing information regarding leadership seminars, is the Immediate Past President.
- Sandy Waldrup asked consideration in the future that our charitable donations not be given to other not-for-profit organizations.