

*****BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – August 2024*****

- John Poluga, JP’s Custom Carts, will be holding a raffle for a refurbished golf cart to advertise his business. He would like to donate the profits to a not-for-profit and is considering the Women’s Club as well as other not-for-profits. President Donna Habing will keep the Board posted as to his decision.
- Sandy Waldrup announced that the membership directories have been printed and she will pick them up on Monday and deliver them to Diane Lochner for distribution to the members.
- Marsha Fields, MPWC’s accountant, explained the difference between a not-for-profit under IRS laws and a non-profit under Florida State law. The Women’s Club was approved as an IRS charitable organization years ago. Marsha clarified that contrary to rumor, the Women’s Club can give donations to other 501(c)(3) organizations. The only restrictions MPWC has is that it cannot give to any political organizations or a 501(c)(4) corporation (lobbying). Donna will bring this up at the next general meeting.
- Adele Murphy distributed a draft Code of Conduct for MPWC that she and Bobbe Marion researched and developed. Adele noted that there is no code required by the State of Florida and such codes were more directed to larger agencies with paid officers and board members, like the United Way. Discussion centered around whether such a policy was even needed, or whether a verbal reminder was a better way to handle any potential issues. Several Board members relayed instances they felt could have benefitted from such a policy. After discussion, Donna tabled the topic for further discussion at the September Board meeting.
- Treasurer Linda Werring noted after her presentation at the July meeting about the monies the Club has donated, several members approached her about putting the information in an email. Linda explained that all financial information can be found on the website. Linda also reported that MPWC purchased two season tickets for the Orange Park Community Theater (OPCT) for \$250 to be given away in drawings at the General meetings.
- Activities Director Cindy Triay reviews upcoming programs, social outings, and outreach events:
 - Programs:
 - August: Author and Magnolia Point resident Lou Puglise
 - September: Website tutorial presentation, with a free drink provided to members attending
 - October: FBI photographer and a Halloween costume contest for members wishing to participate
 - November: Possible Veterans’ presentation by Clay High School Choir
 - December: Holiday luncheon December 11, from 10:00 am. to 2:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart
 - Social Outings (Bonnie Sprinkle, Chair):
 - August 29 (Thursday) at 10:00 a.m. – The Art Room, \$22 for the craft, limited to 20 members
 - September 24 (Tuesday) at 5:00 p.m. – Corn Hole at the Club
 - October 17 (Thursday) from 2:30-3:30 – Dolphin tour
 - November TBD – Shopping on Walnut Street
 - Outreach Events (Jackie Maneval, Chair):
 - Toiletry Drive for AMIKids ends August 14
 - October – donate candy for Police Department’s Trunk or Treat
 - December 1-5 – Salvation Army bell ringing at Winn-Dixie
- Membership Director Diane Lochner brought the request from the Friends of the Green Cove Springs Library to provide a brochure for the Women’s Club hospitality packets. The Friends would provide all the copies, and the brochure would be placed with the other information from the Women’s Club, the HOA and the Clubhouse and distributed to new residents. The Board agreed to support Diane’s decision. Diane also discussed the problems with getting committee volunteers to sign-up for requests for Helping Hands meals. She proposed an email blast be sent to all members and ask the current committee volunteers if they wish to remain on the committee or be removed, and to also encourage new members to join.
- Donna Habing shared the survey results taken by 52 members identifying the charities they would like to contribute to. Presently, there is \$2,000 to be used for charitable donations. Donna reminded the Board of its decision to distribute donations on a quarterly basis. After the \$250 donation for the theater tickets, the Board voted to donate the remaining \$250 to Quigley House this quarter.