

Mebane Woman's Club



Meeting Type: Club Business ▾

Date: Mar 16, 2023

Location: Mill Creek Clubhouse ▾

Attendance:

Board:

- ☒ Singer, Sam (P)
- ☒ Semonite, Susan (VP)
- ☒ Seagroves, Sherri (Trs)
- ☐ Hurn, Katy B. (Sec)

Guest:

- ☐ Tanya Veres
- ☒ Wende Woodard
- ☒ Susan Chaney
- ☐ _____

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Club:

- ☐ Barrett, Kelly
- ☐ Bichsel, Rose
- ☒ Boss, Holly
- ☒ Brouwer, Rebecca
- ☐ Burke, Tonya
- ☐ Burkholder, Katie
- ☐ Carter, Ashley
- ☐ Childress, Carolyn
- ☒ Countiss, Marlo
- ☒ Dickerson, Sam
- ☒ Donato, Marisa

- ☒ Dornette, Polly
- ☐ Forsyth, Ginger
- ☐ Foushee, Robyn
- ☒ Geary, Libbie
- ☒ Gurley, Abbey
- ☐ Hinshaw, Renee
- ☒ Hogan, Melissa
- ☒ Hudson, Amber
- ☐ Kersey, Tamara
- ☐ Krans, Aimee
- ☒ MacKenzie, Gail

- ☐ Mathis, Tammorah
- ☐ Potter, Kelli
- ☐ Ray, Cheryl
- ☐ Roth, Jen
- ☐ Rupert, Joanna
- ☒ Shoemake, Dara
- ☒ Socha, Stephany
- ☐ Taylor, Judy
- ☐ Willoughby, Angela
- ☐ Zamorski, Rachel

Call to Order @ 7:05 pm

Sam Singer (P) ▾ presiding

- Members and guests made introductions
- Vote on meeting minutes

The secretary's draft of the minutes from the last meeting on Feb. 16th, 2023 were sent to you on Feb. 24th, 2023. Are there any corrections to the minutes as distributed?

Corrections

None ▾

If there are no (further) corrections, the minutes stand approved as distributed (corrected).

Month: February ▾ 2023. Linked HERE

Motion: Susan

Second: Stephany

Result: Passed ▾

- Vice President's Report

Introduction of new members

Names: Wende Woodard, Susan Cheney

- Treasurer's Report

Garden Account	\$3,096.42
MOTM	\$19,039.28
General Account	\$22,642.22
Total	\$44,777.92

- Updates from Executive Board

1. GFWC-NC annual convention is in Charlotte, April 22. All are invited to register:

https://files.constantcontact.com/2e1ce371901/776b4e59-eaf9-4843-98a7-9535d3c66af6.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3sH1nzuShInyzGC79_xdYxiceHWvPPNOxYAvTVKO3VzWTx5X-Gp8sEW5Q

2. Dogwood Festival is April 22, and several members are volunteering to help with the 5K run on Friday night, April 21. Holly is serving as the coordinator, if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Holly.

3. GFWC national convention is June 10-12 in Louisville, KY. All are invited to register:

https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/annual-convention/?fbclid=IwAR0GeSbN2Z1qLIsH57GE_e_tRj0HnCyU3x-GGaC7Cr8ndz5xolFI-saEgZA

Note: the agenda can be found on pages 11-14 at this [link](#)

- Old Business

1. **2023 Fundraising Plans** - Open discussion about fundraising efforts. Reviewed pros and cons of hosting Farm to Fork (F2F) in 2023. Pros: it's a rinse and repeat from last year, we have the templates for everything, less lifting and creating, we have a venue available, chefs want to return. Cons: ticket prices need to be increased, do we have the bandwidth, will it be diluted by hosting it one year after. It was stated that this event reaches the entire community and our community is growing, maybe we can host other fundraisers throughout the year in addition to F2F. Polly made the motion to approve F2F as a MWC fundraiser in 2023, Susan revised the motion to include that F2F will be held on September 24, 2023 at Woodside Farm, Dara seconded the motion to approve. Vote passed.
2. **Passing of proposed budget** - Sherri reviewed the proposed budget and discussed opportunities where we can make changes or omissions. Rebecca asked for \$5,000 to be added to the budget for a mini-grant program. This program will receive applications in June and requests will be presented to the Club in August. The timing of this program will allow us to receive income from F2F prior to approval and payment of grants. With the addition

of the \$4,000 that is needed for fundraiser seed money, that places us over our current balance. Without further discussion, Polly made the motion to approve the budget of X , Rebecca seconded to approve, motion carried.

3. **T-shirts for the Club** - Sherri stated that the tumblers for the Mebane Trail Rangers are ready for pick up and they will be sold at the Dogwood Festival, April 22. Total Exposure Designs has ordered the second tee shirt and will go to print in the next 2 weeks. Once both tee shirts are ready, they will open our online store. The delay has been caused by the unavailability of one shirt. The MWC tumblers will be for sale online but not shipped to members. If you want a tumbler, order online and pick up at monthly meetings.
- New Business

Community Service Projects

◦ Arts & Culture

Committee Leadership: *TBD*

Tonight's announcement made by: Stephany

The GFWC-NC art show was a success with over 110 entries. This is an increase from last year. We had great judges and our members stepped up to volunteer which led to better organization of the event. Sam and Stephany hosted a dinner for out of town guests Friday night. Susan asked for GFWC-NC's information to be shared so she can include it in our next press release. Stephany will follow up.

◦ Civic Engagement & Outreach

Committee Leadership: *TBD*

Tonight's announcement made by: Rebecca and Sam

Mebane Citizens Academy - The MCA is well into the planning stages and will start in September and be held on the second Thursday of the month from 6:30 - 8:00PM. The City of Mebane will provide the content, we organize the event(s) and we work as partners. Completers will be recognized in May of 2024. Susan inquired if we need to provide food and Rebecca stated that due to the time of day, we do. Susan offered her 'Mebanite' license plate to be transferred.

Movie Night - Sam stated that the board voted to pass on the opportunity to serve snacks and drinks at the Recreation and Parks Dept movie night this spring. We don't have the bandwidth at this time. We will attend a movie as a group on May 5th preceded by a night out to celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Details to follow.

4th of July Event - Amber announced they need up to 9 volunteers to work at different stations for the annual 4th of July event and parade held at the Old Rec Center on the morning of July 4, 2023. Volunteers will assist guests in signing waivers, leading a MebFit class and more. Amber is serving as our representative for the event which is sponsored by Mebane Historical Society. Amber also invited Mebane Trail Rangers to host a booth at the event. Sherri confirmed participation. The estimated time of volunteering is from 8:30 - noon

◦ Education & Literacy

Committee Leadership: *TBD*

Tonight's announcement made by: Sam

Our Little Free Library, located at the Mebane Bell Garden on the corner of Washington and Fifth Streets will be renovated by Angela. The library will be removed from its post, renovated and returned. The timing of the renovation needs to be coordinated with Aaron Davis, Director of Recreation and Parks so nothing is placed in its spot during renovation.

- o **Environment & Conservation**

Committee Leadership: *TBD*

Tonight's announcement made by: Sherri

The Mebane Community Garden has successfully replaced the lumber for beds in need. The shed floor will be replaced within the next few weeks. A first aid kit was purchased for \$8 and will be kept in the shed. The next work day is scheduled for Sunday, April 16, 1:00 - 3:00 to allow gardeners an opportunity to work on their plots. All plots have been rented for the 2023 season.

- o **Health & Wellness**

Committee Leadership: *TBD*

Tonight's announcement made by: Sherri

Mebane Trail Rangers will meet on Thursday, April 6th with guest speaker, Shawna Joplin to discuss how to identify venomous snakes and what to do when encountering one on trail. The Mebane Junior Trail Ranger registration opened and all members are asked to share the registration link found on our FB page. Sherri asked the club to have the big check ready so we can present our gift to GFWC-NC President's project at the May 6th event, "An Afternoon with Jennifer Pharr Davis." Stephany said she has the big check. Rangers will have a booth at the Dogwood Festival, April 22. A litter pick up at Lake Michael is scheduled for Good Friday, April 7 from 10:00 to noon. The DAR are participating, but all are welcome to attend and help.

MebFit Classes - Sam announced that we will plan an outing to attend one of the MebFit classes as a group. Rebecca asked that we notify Aaron since registration is limited. Mebane Walks - Sherri announced that 44 churches were contacted to participate in the spring session of Mebane Walks, "Battle of the Churches" and not one church has responded. The spring session is April 1 - May 31. Walks will be held on Mondays at 5:30 at Mebane Community Park (downtown), Tuesdays at 5:30 at Mill Creek Information Center and Saturdays at 9:00 AM at Cates Farm Park.

Litter pick up - Rebecca is leading NC Litter Sweep on April 14th. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca for details.

- o **Fundraising & Development**

Committee Leadership: *TBD*

Tonight's announcement made by: All

Discussion was held by all regarding Farm to Fork and other fundraising opportunities.

Little Pink Houses - Stephany asked if the Club wants to sponsor a hole at the Little Pink Houses of Hope's golf tournament on March 31st. Discussion followed and it was decided that individuals can offer to sponsor a hole and if interested, contact Stephany.

Membership

Committee Leadership: Susan

Tonight's announcement made by: Susan

Susan welcomed new members Wende and Susan C. and reminded Club members of our new membership / joining process. Prospective members are invited to meet at 5:30 PM prior to our monthly meeting to get to know a few members and what we do as a Club. If prospects want to pay their dues of \$55 and join, they are then welcome to stay for the meeting. If they aren't ready to join, they are welcome to follow us on FB (public page) and join us at social or volunteer events. Business meetings are only open to current, paid members.

GFWC Liaison

Committee Leadership: *TBD*

Tonight's announcement made by: Sherri

GFWC and GFWC-NC meeting information was shared by Sherri and links to register were provided above and on our private FB page.

- Upcoming Events
[Link to calendar](#)
- Reimbursements
 1. None
- Announcements
For the good of the organization: None
- Next Club Business Meeting
Date & Time & Location: Thurs. April 20th @ 7PM @ Mill Creek Clubhouse
- Club Collect
- Adjournment at 8:20PM
There being no further business to come before the board, this meeting is adjourned.