

Mebane Woman's Club
Monthly Business Meeting Agenda
February 15, 2024

Call to Order – By Sherri Seagroves 7:00 pm

2. Roll Call – (silent headcount for quorum) - Secretary, Libbie Geary – 22 members present

3. Consent Agenda - The goal is to save time in monthly business meetings by not discussing every item. The Sunday before our business meetings the agenda will be emailed to all members. Items listed on the consent agenda are not included in the discussion at the monthly meetings unless someone makes a motion to move a specific item(s) to the full agenda. The chair of the meeting will call for a motion to move any items from the consent agenda to the full agenda at the beginning of each meeting.

- a. Approval requested by President, Sherri Seagroves (*see below*). Sherri moved to adopt the consent agenda for February, as no seconds are needed, motion passed.

4. Community Service Programs Reports. The club will vote for approval at the end of the CSP presentations: Each group has 10 minutes to present.

a. **Arts & Culture** – Katy B. Hurn (acting chair)

- i. Sculpture: Purchase a piece of art for the city of Mebane from a local artist. No location determined yet, but Cates Farm Park is first consideration since we have a standing MOU.
- ii. Barn Quilt project: If this is a go, we should have MWC represented for around \$200
- iii. Translate the Junior Trail Ranger activity book into Spanish.
- iv. Host a booth at Juneteenth: Tamora Mathias is on the Juneteenth planning committee with the city.
- v. Pinwheel art project: Make pinwheels and display them in the community to raise awareness for prevention of child abuse. This is a nationally recognized project.
- vi. Genealogy study, Occoneechee walk and talk.
- vii. Painted Rocks project: for MWC members to paint and place around town
- viii. Movies in the Park – give out lemonade

Discussion: Members responded that the \$1,000 budget was reasonable for a quality piece of art, it would be nice to support a woman artist or a woman theme and possibly conduct a search through submissions of art and a vote. Question posed how can we tie this into a GFWC art show entry?

b. **Civic Engagement & Outreach** – Sherri Seagroves (acting chair)

- i. Food insecurities: SAFE, National Day of Service (farmers market), Sandwich Ministry Meals On Wheels, Stamp Out Hunger
- ii. Habitat for Humanity: participate in 2 work days and pay for 2 or more members to participate in She Nailed It! Cost is \$50 per person and member works 1:1 with owner
- iii. Blanket or linen drive: Collect and donate to shelter

- vii. Work with our Veterans - Place American flags on graves, host a breakfast. Sherri is speaking Feb 22 at their dinner about the MST and would like to speak about MWC. Member asked to consider working with female veterans. Sherri asked that we start small and build a relationship first.
- viii. Recognize our sanitation employees: gift bags, car wash tokens. Several members got excited about this and supported the idea.
- ix. Politics: Explore how we can politically support our areas of interest
- x. ACC holiday party: purchase lunch and participate day of
- xi. Assist MBA at the Dogwood 5k in April
- xii. Wake the World: kids get to experience being on a boat (Marlo)
- xiii. Possibly continue Mebane Citizen's Academy.

Discussion: Member wondered why the budget for this CSP was lower than last year. Response: we had a big push with donations for SAFE and domestic violence victims last year and there are other projects we may want to support that are being presented tonight.

c. Education & Libraries – Abbey Gurley presented, Carolyn Childress, co-chair

i. Little Free Library:

- aa. build a new LFL at Mebane Community Park with kid's books. Park Superintendent is checking on and may help us fund the installation.
- bb. Summer scavenger hunt for little free libraries. Work with local businesses for prizes
- cc. Update Bell Garden LFL by updating the MWC bio to link to our website

ii. Outreach and Partner with Libraries:

- aa. Volunteer at book sales March 8-17,
- bb. Donate to fall book sale, stocking shelves (participants need orientation)
- cc. Make donation to support some of their programming.
- dd. Deliver baked goods Apr 16 in support of National Librarian Day.
- ee. Pitch American Girl doll funding. Kids can check out the doll with the book. Start by funding 2 dolls and search for business to fund others.

iii. Education outreach

- aa. Teacher grant wish list
- bb. Offer tutoring
- cc. Promote GFWC scholarships
- dd. Support Gravelly Hill's literacy night with NC Poet Laureate, Jaki Shelton Green.
- ee. Read Across America – Maybe 2025.
- ff. Wilson Library tour at UNC

Discussion: Members recommended that we create Read Across Mebane since RAA is happening now. Member stated that if we help at Gravelly Middle School then we should be listed as co-host. It was also mentioned that Wilson Library no longer gives tours.

d. Environment – Joanna Rupert, Sherri Seagroves (Erin Nelson, chair)

- i. Mebane Community Garden – has their own account and makes money through plot rentals. Will purchase mulch, new tools and paint the shed. Garden workdays are in the spring and late fall. Request from Alexander Wilson Elementary school for plants.
- ii. Environment – Build pollinator garden at Cates Farm, pending approval from city.
- iii. Mebane Trail Rangers
 - aa. Move from Health and Wellness to Environment CSP
 - bb. Projects: Backpacking 101 workshop, birding, Hiking 101, Little Explorers, Junior Trail Rangers, paint trail markers on city trails, litter pick up, May 18-20 - paddle the Haw River, camp, and pick up litter, Ghost Tour on MST for fundraiser, Jan 1 hike and brunch, 5 members hiking Utah in April.

Discussion: Member asked about creating a seed library. Response: this has been looked into for the last 6 months and it is a lot of work. Mebane Library has not given us the approval however, Graham Library has a successful seed library. Member stated that this was a lot of programs and wants everything on the calendar so we can see what we are agreeing to. Response: Most of the garden and Ranger work is lead and done by non-MWC members. But any member can participate to help and get volunteer hours.

e. Health & Wellness – Stephany Socha presented, Sam Singer co-chair

- i. Meb Fit has a budget of \$5000 for class instructors and MebFit-a-thon
- ii. Mebane Walks signs need updated and new swag.
- iii. Family runs – host quarterly runs; Mebane On the Move did previously.
- iv. School running club prizes – order charms. Give them to schools to
- v. Bike rodeo – purchase bike helmets and create MWC stickers
- vi. Health and Wellness Day (like a health fair) around an event during the year.
- vii. School/Nursing Home project – pair middle school students with nursing home residents to create art.
- ii. Hygiene drive
- iii. Mini grants
- iv. Reindeer Run

Discussion: Member stated that any run we host has to be covered by insurance. Health & Wellness Day was discouraged by several members due to the cost, low turnout, planning commitment. Response: we are looking to make it unique to our community. Member stated concern about working with students in nursing homes when they have an activity director. Response: maybe we create art to gift to residents.

g. Membership – Dara Shoemake (acting chair)

- i. Socials – plan 4 club/family outings. First social will be in March
- ii. Sunshine committee to celebrate life events of members
- iii. Host a membership drive, possibly Bowling with a Buddy.
- iv. Recognition of members:
 - aa. Monthly- highest volunteer hours from previous month and member that

went above and beyond. Board not eligible.

bb. Ongoing – membership spotlight on FB, send handwritten notes

cc. Annual - gift for member with the highest number of volunteer hours and who has gone above and beyond, member pins

v. MWC Orientation on a quarterly basis.

vi. LEADS- Sherri, Katy B and Abbey. Day to Raleigh to learn policy.

vii. Junioresettes – Sherri is working with Southeast Alamance HS

h. Public Relations & Admin: Sherri

i. Cups with MWC logo for Movies in the Park.

ii. Business cards, club stationery, website, more shirts, website maintenance, Zoom

Discussion: Member stated that Google Meets is free. Response: Zoom subscription just renewed this month. We can review Google Meets next year. Member wanted to know about submitting newspaper articles. Response: please submit any requests to the board.

i. ESO wants to purchase a couple of books as gifts to the club.

Discussion: Members are concerned that we are spreading ourselves thin and that we can possibly merge projects and not have redundancy, storage issues. Members requested that we not schedule CSP meetings on the same day. Members recommended that we go back to our groups and get a focus and volunteer for what you want. Member recommended we get hard dates on calendar first then try to plug in our CSP functions/meetings. President responded that what we have accomplished tonight is proposing projects for financial support and approval for volunteer hours. We vote yes to the initiative and then trim down.

Sherri asked for a motion to approve the initiatives presented by each CSP with the exception of grants. Abby made the motion, Katy B. seconded to approve, motion passed.

5. Finance – Treasurer, Angela Willoughby

i. Reviewed the 2024 proposed budget and asked for club vote for approval

Addition - Gravelly Hill night will go under Education & Libraries for \$250.

Money made last year is how we fund our programs this year.

MOTM and Community Garden have their own budgets.

Sherri called for a vote to approve the budget. Stephany made the motion, Melissa seconded and with no further discussion the vote passed.

ii. Call for reimbursements.

6. New Business and Announcements

i. Request for donation. Angela stated that Southeast Alamance High School requested \$200 for transport to college tour to UNC in April 2024 for 30 students. Joanna made motion, Stephany seconded. Opening the floor for discussion, member stated that if we are asking SAHS to start a Juniorette program, we should support their request. With no further discussion, vote passed.

ii. Panty Packing Party on Monday at Clay Street Tavern, 6:00, we need everyone to attend. Katy B. requested \$100 for pouches. Polly made the motion, Renee seconded to approve, with no further discussion, vote passed.

7. ESO presentation of 2 books to recognize Black History month. Sherri gifted two books from her library, "Their Eyes Were Watching God" and "Wolf Whistle" to MWC members.

8. Collect led by Abbey Gurley

9. Adjourn – Sherri Seagroves – 8:40 pm

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes: January 18, 2024

2. Membership: 42 members

3. Finance Report:

General Fund			
Starting balance			\$27,630.34
Total Deposits			\$0
Expenses			
	Civic	\$480.32	
	GFWC Dues	\$2,435.00	
	Admin	\$25.17	
	Jan Dinner	\$500.44	
	TOTAL Exp.		\$3,440.93
Ending balance			\$24,189.41
MOTM			
Starting balance			\$17,115.75
Deposits	PNC Transfer	\$3,634.68	
	Reindeer R	\$1,475.00	
	MebfitAthon	\$120.00	
	TOTAL Dep.		\$5,229.68
Expenses	Reindeer R	\$24.00	
	Banking	\$3.00	
	Mebfit Classes	\$240.00	

	TOTAL Exp.		\$267.00
Ending balance			\$22,078.43
Garden			
Starting balance			\$1,321.22
Deposits	Plot Rentals	\$872.41	
	Total Dep.		\$872.41
Expenses	Banking	\$3.00	
	Total Exp.	\$3.00	
Ending balance			\$2,190.63

4. Volunteer Opportunities and Meetings:

All volunteer opportunities and meetings are posted on our website calendar which can be found at: Mebanewomansclub.org/calendar. PLEASE submit all meetings and events to Libbie to be posted on our calendar: MWCsecretary@gmail.com Back up: Katy B and Sherri

- February 19, 6:00 PM, President's Day Panty Packing Party, Clay Street Tavern
- March 2, 8:30 AM, Sandwich Ministry (we need one volunteer to purchase fruit and deliver it to Crosslink Church. A gift card to Food Lion is provided.
- March 7, 7:00 PM, Health & Wellness CSP Planning Meeting, Clay Street Tavern
- March 9, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM, GFWC State Art Show, we need 7 volunteers: contact Katy B. at MWCvpp@gmail.com
- March 14, 6:30 PM, Mebane Citizens Academy, MACC, reach out to Katy B. if you would like to assist or observe. MWCvpp@gmail.com
- March 21, 6:15 ESO, 6:30 PM social for members, 7:00 PM MWC Monthly Business Meeting, Mill Creek Clubhouse

"How do I..."

1. Log my volunteer hours?

Log onto our website mebanewomansclub.org / Members Only page (password MWCcares2024) / scroll to REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS, click onto Volunteer Hours Reporting and follow the process to enter your information every month.

2. Find volunteer opportunities? All volunteer opportunities will be posted on our website calendar as we receive the information + events will be created on our private FB page + posted on our monthly agendas which will be emailed to all members and handed out at our monthly meetings.

3. Join a Community Service Program (CSP)? Contact the chairwoman of the CSP for information and/or attend the meetings posted on our website calendar and on our agenda.

4. Post a meeting or event on our website calendar? Our secretary, Libbie Geary is responsible for keeping our calendar up to date: MWCsecretary@gmail.com Back up: Katy B. MWCvpp@gmail.com, Sherri Seagroves MWCpresident2@gmail.com

5. **Contact a member?** Our Membership Directory is posted on our website on our Members Only page. It is a private document and not to be shared with anyone outside of our club. All updates should be sent to Secretary, Libbie Geary at MWCsecretary@gmail.com

6. **Log onto our private Members Only page on our website?** This page is password protected and the password changes every January. The 2024 PW: MWCcares2024

MWC Website / Members Only page / password is MWCcares2024