

Mebane Woman's Club
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2024

The Mebane Woman's Club met at Mill Creek Clubhouse on June 20, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Sherri Seagroves, President at 7:00 PM. Roll call was held (silent headcount) with 22 members present of 47 and 1 guest speaker. Quorum met.

2. Consent Agenda – Sherri

Motion to accept – Holly motioned, passed. Included:

- Minutes: May, 2024
- Club membership is 48
- Finance Reports; monthly and YTD

3. Guest Speaker presented by Education & Libraries. Abbey G introduced Adrian Zeck, Branch Manager, Mebane Library. Some of the programs that the library offers are:

- Five study rooms that can be booked 7 days a week, 3 hours at a time, and are ideal for 2 + people.
- Monthly crafting programs two different times during the day.
- Their regular programming consists of monthly preschool yoga, bilingual and music focus, preschool and baby/toddler story times – weekly
- Book clubs – elementary, teens, Lego club and virtual anime club
Adult noon day book club on Wednesdays
- Social club, vinyl society social club, crafting club
- Future plans consist of starting a chess club & Master Gardner's & a cyber security discussion in October

They offer home delivery – receive large print and audio book materials on a monthly basis. To sign up : Email – outreach@alamancelibraries.org (volunteer opportunities), can deliver by mail service, Adrian is checking on child care books, state library mail service. Patrons can check out board games, book club kits, seed library (Graham), monthly ext. office classes, Zoom passes – free/discount passes to various locations – Zoo, etc., Future plan to have a video game check out.

Their summer reading programs began June 10 and will run through August 10, 2024. It is for all ages, and you receive a free book at sign up.

Friends of the Library – Accept donations, service hours, biannual book sales . Money goes back into library programs. Lucky day books, the newest hottest books. Tuesday is the best day for lucky day books.

Possible Murder mystery book club in the fall (Dying to Read It -name suggestion) – thanks Polly!

Both Orange and Alamance can get a library card at Mebane Library. Patrons can print copies to library printers from home.

Two free audio book services: Libby (audio, ebooks) and Hoopla (not usually a waitlist, 5-8 checkouts a month for audible or print books, digital streaming service).

New Zen Booths, ideal for one person, book 7 days a week for 3 hours at a time.

Adrian passed out brochures on all this great information. Please refer to for more information.

4. Membership – Dara

a. Membership recognition – Dara recognized Marisa Donato for going Above and Beyond for her work on Farm to Fork and for recording the most volunteer hours in May.

b. Membership updates and Socials – Dara stated that Musical Chairs is tomorrow, 6/20 at 7:00 PM and all are welcome to meet downtown.

5. Farm to Fork Update – Marisa

We have sponsorship commitments for \$11,500.

Save the Date released on Facebook and we need all members to please share. July 9th is the next meeting @ Susan S.'s house. Marisa is sending out a form to all members to reserve their F2F tickets and not have to go through Eventbrite and pay additional fees. Individual tickets are \$100, a full table for 8 will cost - \$775 . Please bring a check to next month's meeting to pay for your seats if you are attending as a guest.

6. **Finance** – Angela asked members to send her an email if you have questions about the finance report. We received a \$2000 grant from Walmart. Thanks Angela and Renee for your hard work in getting the grant.

CSP budget updates – clean up the project options that may not work this year. Send Angela an email on updates.

Please send Angela an email at mwctreasurer@gmail.com with any in-kind donations that you do not want reimbursed. We are tracking all in-kind donations.

Request for reimbursement, none noted.

7. CSP Mid-Year Review:

A. Arts & Culture – Angela on behalf of Katy B.

a. Movies in the Park was a successful project. We partnered with the city for 3 movies and provided lemonade, Willy Wonka books and chocolate bars. This was a great opportunity to promote our club and give back.

b. Tammorah led the Juneteenth initiative and participated on the planning committee with the City's Recreation and Parks Department. Sherri and Lynn hosted a MWC booth.

c. In the process of getting pricing for a sunflower sculpture for the pollinator garden at Cates Farm Park.

d. Painting a barn quilt is still being considered if the barn quilt project for the city comes to fruition.

B. Civic Engagement & Outreach – Sherri

What we've done so far in 2024:

- a. Food insecurity
 - Sandwich Ministry – Crosslink Church; providing fruit for 37 families monthly
 - Meals On Wheels - deliver monthly
 - SAFE - We've had 2 work days and have 2 remaining, collected granola bars
 - Stamp Out Hunger - members participated at the Mebane Post Office
- b. Veterans – Sherri spoke to the veterans at their monthly meeting and MWC members placed flags placed on 2000 veteran's graves
- c. Politics – GFWC-NC sent all members an email to contact your senator about Kayla's law. Battered woman, not testify in front of suspect
- d. Dogwood Festival – members volunteered and worked the 5K, Holly coordinated.
- e. Mebane Citizens Academy – the 2024 class wrapped up and graduated and a new class will begin in the fall. Thanks to Katy B. and Katie for coordinating.

What is still on the calendar:

- a. Housing Insecurity - in the process of coordinating a workday with Habitat for Humanity. They just hired a new Director after not having one for months.
- b. ACC Holiday party - donation to pay for their lunch and offer support day of

What we are canceling:

- a. Wake the World is canceled this summer. Marlo stated we do not have enough boats registered.

C. Education & Libraries – Abbey

Accomplishments:

- a. Celebrated Librarian Appreciation Day by giving gifts to local librarians
- b. provided refreshments for Gravelly Hill Literacy Night
- c. joined Friends of the Library with a \$500 donation
- d. 11 members attended the FOL Orientation
- e. Participated in the FOL drive up /drop off book collection
- f. Partnered with Arts and Culture on Willy Wonka books for Movies in the Park

Items left to accomplish this year:

- a. help with summer reading challenge
- b. American Girl Doll check out may start up in 2025.
- c. Next meeting – July 11th. Check the calendar for time and location.

D. Environment – Erin

Accomplishments:

- a. Coordinated a speaker from Wild Tails for monthly MWC meeting
- b. Successful spring workday for Community Garden
- c. Managed the Community Garden, rented out all plots and set up mow schedule
- d. Litter Pick Up at Holt St. Park
- e. Continued Little Explorers program for toddlers
- f. Led a community hike on March 30th with Howard Lee, former NC Senator and founder of MST,
- g. Trail Rangers went to Utah for a week to hike
- h. Junior Trail Rangers orientation

Future plans:

- a. Junior Trail Rangers is on-going this summer for 4-7 graders
- b. Ghost tour on Clay St for Halloween
- c. working with City to start pollinator garden at Cate's Park
- d. Fall garden clean up in Oct/ Nov
- e. paint trail markers on urban trails throughout Mebane
- f. paint shed at community garden.

E. Health & Wellness –Not in attendance

F. Membership – Dara

Accomplishments:

- a. Purchased member recognition gifts
- b. 6 new members have joined this year
- c. Springo Bingo social
- d. Started the Big Buddy program and partnered tenured members with any new member who wants a mentor.

Upcoming:

- a. Musical Chairs tomorrow
- b. Sock Puppet game, July 14.

G. Administrative – Sherri

Accomplishments:

- a. Four members attended LEADS
- b. Two members attended GFWC annual meeting
- c. Started recognition of members who go above and beyond
- d. Created New Member welcome packet to give to new members
- e. Created Membership Directory - on MEMBERS ONLY page on website
- f. Created Inventory Directory - on MEMBERS ONLY page on website
- g. Listed ALL volunteer opportunities on the calendar and many require using Sign Up Genius making it easy to find all volunteer opportunities
- h. Designed and ordered business cards have arrived (please take some)
- i. Club Collect has been laminated and is passed out at meetings
- j. Created the 2023 Impact Report and posted on website
- k. Formed a 5 Year Strategic planning committee

On hold: The Juniorettes program is on hold for now at South Eastern Alamance HS due to the uncertainty of their jobs.

Where are we spending our time and money?

- a. 696 volunteer hours have been recorded for 2024 through May 31. This is an increase of 175 from last year at this time.
- b. 66% of our members are recording their hours and 34% have not; this is a major improvement.
- c. How we are spending our time:
 - Civic Engagement/Outreach 18%
 - Leadership 17%
 - Health /Wellness 14%
 - Education/Libraries 12%
 - Environment 11%
 - Arts/Culture 10%
 - ESO 9%
 - Fundraising (F2F) 5%
 - Membership 3%
- d. Where are we spending our money?

Expenses:

- Health / Wellness \$3821 (MebFit, hygiene drive, supplies for running club)
- Education / Libraries \$1824 (FOL, Jen Roth, Gravelly Hill, Wonka books)
- Civic Engagement / Outreach \$923 (Citizens Academy, Sandwich Ministry)
- Arts / Culture \$655 (Art Show registration, Movies in the Park, Pin Wheels)
- Membership \$620 (Annual dinner, gifts, membership pins)
- Administration \$428 (PO Box, website domain)

- Environment \$400 (Trail Rangers, garden)

e. Auction baskets for Farm to Fork - The F2F committee is asking for each CSP to create a gift basket that represents their CSP to be auctioned at the F2F silent auction with all proceeds to Aimee Krans Foundation. Susan S and Joanna are collecting all ideas on how we spend the donations given in Aimee's memory. Please contact them with your ideas.

8. President's update – CSP is a new approach for our club and the purpose is to spread the division of labor and to allow all members to find their voice in a smaller group setting. You are welcome to change CSPs, just let the chair know and you are welcome to join more than one CSP.

9. Collect was led by Sherri .

10. Meeting Adjourned @ 8:20 pm

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes: May 2024

2. Membership: 47 members

3. Finance: attached