

Mebane Woman's Club
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2024

The Mebane Woman's Club met at Mill Creek Clubhouse on November 21, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Sherri Seagroves, President, at 7:00 PM. Roll call was held (silent) with 37 members present, 3 of whom were on Zoom.

2. **Consent Agenda** (see below) – Approved. Changes to last month's minutes are not needed. Farm to Fork date for 2025 was listed under the fundraising section of the minutes where Polly motioned, Melissa 2nd and motion passed.

3. **Guest Speaker** – Jen Roth, Teaching in Haiti. Advocate for helping, not hurting. Teaches in Haiti during the summer. Our club helped to pay two assistants' salaries. Jen helps to train the trainers, 20 menstruation kits purchased by our club and were distributed via Jen. Jen helped students prepare and study for the state exam at the girl's school. We donated \$500 in the past to sponsor her endeavors in Haiti. She has a soup fundraiser in December and January, she makes 60-100 quarts. Can order through Jen and has been shared on the Facebook page.

4. **Membership** – Dara 60 members total plus 3 new members tonight, and one returning.

a. New Members and Membership recognition – Dara
ESO hours recognition – Sarah Gnautick
Regular hours and above and beyond – Cindi Mark
Three new members – Sarah Swinford, Diane Alderson, Barb Shimp, plus Jen Roth is returning.

b. Holiday Party – Tuesday, December 17, Susan Semonite's, 401 Redwood Court, Mebane, 6:00 – 9:00 PM. Facebook event. Bring food to share but no need to bring for 50 people, BYOB, Gift exchange \$15 price point, no sit-down gift exchange, get a number and we will be drawing numbers (still working on how we're going to do this)

6. Programs, Fundraising and Other:

a. Aimee Krans Memorial Fund Report – Susan reported that the funds donated via the silent auction at F2F is greater than \$2000. Club members submitted ideas to Susan and Joanna for how to spend the fund and a scholarship program seems to be the common idea. The scholarships could be offered to high school students and beyond. Still working on the specifics for the scholarship. We would like to include more members in the discussion to help decide and move forward. Do we like this idea? Motion Katy B, to approve to use the funds for scholarships. Motion passed. Message Susan if you are interested.

b. Senior Program - Vee Rowe, Katie Burkholder co-chair. CSP - Civic Engagement and Outreach with a health component. Vee presented a new program for the club to consider, the **Healthy Aging Academy**. Teach older adults and care givers how to navigate aging, 6-week program, March 12 – April 16, 10 am-12:30 pm at the MACC. Week 1-fire safety/police, week 2-abuse neglect, scams week 3- dental health, week 4 - injury prevention in the home for the older

adult, week 5 – caregiving, palliative care, hospice, week 6- Medicare and Social Security. Target population – seniors and their caregivers. Partners are MWC, AARP and the City of Mebane.

Using Civic Engagement budget. Asking for \$420 for supplies, snacks, tote bags. We need volunteers to help. AARP is printing flyers.

Suggestion was given to add safe driving to the list of items to be covered. Polly agreed with this addition to the program. We are voting to put it in the Civic Engagement budget for next year but can't wait until February since the course starts in March. Motion – Katy B for \$450 donation to the Healthy Aging Academy, Stephany Socha, 2nd, motion passed.

c. LBDI debrief– Katy B, Little Black Dress Initiative is to draw awareness to the prevention of domestic violence and to raise funds for Crossroads Sexual Assault Center and Woman's Resource Center in Alamance. Collecting donations through tonight.

d. ACC ABLE Holiday Party – Marlo Countiss, Dec 19th we are at capacity for volunteers. This is our fifth year providing lunch and serving the 80 students in this program.

e. Reindeer Run – Robyn Foushee, Dec 15th at 8 AM. This is our club's second largest fundraiser. Our goal is \$10,000 in sponsorships, we are at \$9,000. We need volunteers for Friday night packet pickup at the MACC and Sunday on race day. Registration opens at 6:30 am, Sunday, by Lou's Bakery. Susan suggested that we possibly get our race on the area race list at Fleet Feet. Sign-up Genius link to volunteer was emailed to us in President's (Sherri) Sunday email.

f. Christmas Parade – Sherri, Dec 6th, MWC Reindeer Run banner will be carried as advertisement. Look for antlers, lights, at Dollar General. We are #16 of 100 (approx.) entries in the parade.

5. Finance – Angela

a. Review of finances (General, MOTM, Garden) *see below

Vote on year-end donations – board met on how we can give back to our community with some excess funds:

\$500 Crossroads (LBDI)

\$500 Women's Resource Center (LBDI)

\$1000 Western NC angel tree

\$1000 Samaritan's Purse

\$2000 to SAFE

\$2240 match to Aimee Krans fund

Total of \$7,740 needed for all

Donations votes –\$5,500 – Polly motioned, 2nd, motioned died. Sam asked questions about possibly doing something bigger since we have the funds but that needs planning. Judy Taylor commented that we historically do not roll over into the new year with a large amount in our bank account. In the past we have given majority of funds to community. Sherri said that we don't see as many requests for funds as in the past and the club has approved over 95% of what has been asked for. We received less than 10 requests this year totaling \$2000. We need to figure out what to do

with our \$30,000 budget for next year. Renee commented that we need to plan for next year and bigger projects. See Susan and Joanna if you would like to work on Aimee Krans fund disbursement.

Votes cast for the following:

\$500 to Crossroads, Sam motioned, Dara 2nd, motion passed

\$500 to Women's Resource Center – Polly motioned, Dara 2nd, motion passed

\$500 Allied Churches homeless shelter (move out kits) \$500 -Stephany motioned, Andi 2nd, motion passed

Western NC donations angel tree - \$1000 – tabled

\$1000 Alamance Co Christmas Cheer & \$1000 to Salvation Army. Sam motioned, Andi 2nd, motion passed with 3 opposed

\$2000 SAFE local food pantry – Marisa motioned, Katy B 2nd, motion passed

Match Aimee Krans \$2240, Marlo motioned, Andi 2nd, motion passed

b. Request for reimbursement – none.

8. 5 Year Strategic Plan – Polly, Sherri and Katie Burkholder

Update – top 3 challenges were identified, and members broke into groups to address the 3 challenges below: (notes were collected)

- a. How are we adapting as an organization?
- b. How do we protect and promote our mission & brand?
- c. How do we become more inclusive internally and externally?

9. Collect – Vee Rowe

10. Adjourn at 8:30 PM

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes: October 2024

2. Membership: 55 members

3. Finance:

Mebane Womans Club
 Staement of Revenues, Expenses and Distributions
 For the month of October 2024

General Fund	
Starting Balance	\$38,544.83
<i>F2F tickets - Event Brite</i>	\$5,651.00
<i>F2F tickets - checks</i>	\$200.00
<i>2025 Membership dues</i>	\$660.00
<i>F2F reimbursements</i>	\$20.86
<i>LBD donation</i>	\$25.00
Total Deposits	\$6,556.86
<i>Membership</i>	\$192.71
<i>F2F expenses</i>	\$1,229.10
<i>Public Relations</i>	\$58.16
<i>Education & Libraries</i>	\$500.00
<i>Admin</i>	\$7.63
Total Expenses/Donations	\$1,987.60
Ending Balance	\$43,114.09

MOTM	
Starting Balance	\$18,732.09
<i>RR Sponsorship</i>	\$6,250.00
Total Deposits	\$6,250.00
Total Expenses/Donations	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$24,982.09

Garden	
Starting Balance	\$2,388.51
Total Deposits	\$0.00
Total Expenses/Donations	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$2,388.51

FAQ's: HOW DO I??

1.Report 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 in our monthly emails and discussed at meetings.

3. Join a Community Service Program (CSP)? Contact the chairwoman of the CSP for information and/or simply 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