

**Mebane Woman's Club
Monthly Business Meeting
February 20, 2025
Minutes**

The Mebane Woman's club met virtually on Zoom due to weather on Thursday, February 20, 2025 for their monthly business meeting. The meeting was called to order by Sherri Seagroves, President, at 7:00 PM. Roll Call (silent headcount) 23 members.

1. Consent agenda (see below). Motion to accept made by Holly for December and January Minutes, second, motion passed.

2. Membership - Melissa, Vice President Membership

- Recognized Renee Hinshaw for most recorded volunteer hours in January.
- Holly Boss was recognized for Above and Beyond in January for her work with the city of Mebane to coordinate MedFit, class for seniors, interviewing new instructors, and getting a \$5000 donation from the city of Mebane Recreation and Parks Department.
- Robyn Foushee was also recognized for her leadership of Reindeer Run.
- Prospective member meeting will be held next month and then quarterly, March 20, May 15, Aug 21, Nov 20.

3. CSP Proposals – Programs and Budgets for 2025

a. Arts & Culture – Tammorah

● Programs:

- Juneteenth Festival booth
- Pinwheel art installation to recognize children abused in Alamance County
- Movies in the Park - providing lemonade, crafts
- GFWC-NC State Art Show - sending volunteers
- Historic Home Tour - volunteer
- MWC Art Show - organize our own art show
- Resurface Rock Garden
 - Question: Who do we partner with for Rock Garden? Contact Sandy Bagby with the city. Planned to have some rocks available for people to paint to replenish the rock garden at meetings/other events. Note - we can't paint at Mill Creek.
- Art Sculpture for the city
- Social - jewelry making or paint party

● Total Budget: \$1,690

○ 2024 Spent: \$811.78

b. Civic Engagement & Outreach – Lynn

● Programs:

- Healthy Aging Academy - already happening, organized by Vee
- Mebane Citizen's Academy - provide Mebanite gift

- Stamp Out Hunger - Free - volunteer to help sort food
 - Question: Do we want to do something to incentivize people to donate? No, if we want to contribute monetarily, we should just make a donation to SAFE. Any promotional costs should come from SAFE. We are simply helping with this program.
 - Can promote (for free) via social media
- SAFE (volunteer days + donation)
 - SAFE is transitioning to shopping experience vs drive-up
- Sandwich Ministry - once a month providing food
- Meals on Wheels - volunteering to deliver meals
- Thank Essential Workers - provide gift cards
 - Last year we utilized a Walmart grant to gift to Public Works personnel (29 employees)
- Veteran's Flags - free - volunteering to place flags on graves
- ACC ABLE Holiday Luncheon
- Christmas Cheer (Salvation Army, Alamance Christmas Cheer)
 - Christmas Cheer - there is not much readily available information about how families are selected for support for this. Would like more information before giving money to this. Is this something they support year-round?
 - Holly emailed them
 - Andi and Susan worked with them last year, and there was some sort of application process
- Social - game night
- Total Budget: \$7,470
 - 2024 Spent: 4,278.44
- c. Education & Libraries – Abbey
 - Programs:
 - Little Free Library - free - stocking libraries - volunteer opportunity
 - FOL Member and Partner - donation (request to keep it within Mebane) and volunteer opportunities; gift memberships within books (surprise gift)
 - Mebane Library - They are working on setting up a home delivery service and need volunteers
 - Librarian Appreciation - giving gifts to librarians
 - Financial support for schools - this committee will review requests from website and gather information prior to the business meeting; Work more proactively to raise more awareness with schools to make requests through the website so we can help more schools in the community
 - Street Hearts in Haiti - Jen Roth
 - Movies at the Park - give out books that coordinate with movies (partner with Arts & Culture CSP)
 - Blind Date with a Book / MWC Mystery Books - wrapping books (donated from members), including some information about them, then hiding them around town

- American Girl Doll Lending Library - purchase dolls and the books that go with them for the library - focus on the historical characters
- Social - Literary Flavors Potluck / book swap
- Total Budget: \$5,500
 - 2024 Spent: 2,324.75
- d. Environment – Sherri reporting for Ginger
 - Programs:
 - Little Explorers - focus on toddlers; minimum of 9 sessions; cost will be for craft materials
 - Jr. Trail Rangers - 4th-7th graders; Money requested for printing activity booklets
 - Rangers - Spring Birding event - Local birder to give birding class/event, rescheduled from January due to weather
 - Rangers Ghost Tour - October event, on calendar with city
 - Hanging of the Greens at Cates Farm (Thanksgiving) - Sherri has done this in the past, volunteers needed to hang donated greenery
 - New Years Day Hike - no cost, just hosting a hike at a local park on New Year's Day
 - Pollinator Garden - 2 small gardens at Cates - add additional plants and signage to promote club and educate about plants
 - Eagle Scout Project - Bridge at Cates (Kerins) - completed this past weekend - would like to reimburse
 - Litter Pick Up - more organized event coordinated with need defined by city; MWC members leading this; supplies provided by city
 - Susan Chaney volunteered to lead this project! Thank you Susan!
 - Shred It - recycle event - Rachel Z is sponsoring this; we will advertise and volunteer
 - Tree Planting - give saplings away for Earth Day, potentially at farmer's market
 - Community Garden Plot for 3 Educational Classes
 - Community Garden - clean up day and painting shed - comes out of Garden budget
 - Social - Garden Party before April or May business meeting
 - Total Budget: \$1,500
 - 2024 Spent: \$219.00
- e. Health & Wellness – Andi
 - Programs:
 - MebFit Classes - spring,fall,winter; funding coming from Reindeer Run
 - MebFit-a-thon - might not happen this year, but will not cost anything; community can come try out different MebFit classes
 - MebFit - Yoga in the park, June-July Saturdays 8:30; Sherri leading this in the summer; classes
 - Is this coming out of MebFit budget? Yes
 - Yoga - Community kick off event for summer - this is not the actual classes

- Mebane Walks - proposing spring session is two days a week - One at community park lead by non-member, second one at Cate's usually lead by Libbie; more volunteers needed; new idea - make it a community challenge - open up the Mebane Walks Facebook page for people to post; challenges could be "hike Kilimanjaro" and participants will log miles; two challenges per year; costs will be used to award participants who complete the challenge
- Hygiene Drive - put together hygiene packs with period products and panties to give to local school nurses to give to girls; will have a drive for supplies in May (Menstrual Health Month) and panty packing party in June
- Little Pink Houses of Hope Golf tournament - volunteering opportunity
- Reindeer Run - major fundraiser
- Walmart Wellness Day - booth at Walmart event; this year, we had a give-away to entice people to come talk to us
- Dogwood 5k volunteering - volunteer opportunity
- Bike Rodeo - This is a BPAC event, we simply help - promote bike safety, stations to PM bikes, promote helmet use; volunteer opportunity; would also like to promote this via social media by sharing their posts
- Running Clubs for schools - elementary and middle schools; cost is for providing charms
- Social - pickleball social
- Total Budget: \$8,989
 - Spending included in MOTM account below
- **Moving forward** - this presentation will be done in November for 2026
- If you're not a part of a CSP, contact a chairwoman and join, look at the calendar on our website for meeting dates/times for CSP meetings, or chat with Katy B

4. Finance – Angela

- Account balances:
 - General: \$35,464.54
 - MOTM: \$28,414.24
 - Garden: \$2,825.81
- Budget
 - Proposed General Account 2025 Budget: \$30,165.00
 - Membership includes all CSP socials, member gifts, dinner, shirts
 - Public Relations includes new flag and table runner for branding at events
 - 2024 Spent: \$18,642.21
 - Proposed MOTM 2025 budget: \$14,989.00
 - 2024 Spent: \$12,525.38
 - Proposed Community Garden budget: \$850.00
 - 2024 Spent: \$224
 - Motion to accept budget as proposed made by Renee, seconded by Andi

- Question (Polly) - does the spending include the random requests throughout the year? Yes, counted in Education and Libraries
- Last year when we did this, the budgeted amount was higher, but some projects were cut throughout the year
- Amendment to motion: Angela proposed removing Christmas Cheer from budget and we will assess later in the year based on where our budget is at that point
- Renee agrees to amend motion, second stands, motion carried

5. Aimee Krans Scholarship – Polly

Aimee LaFrance Krans was a member of the Mebane, NC community who proudly attended Purdue University and obtained a bachelor's degree in health promotion and later obtained her Masters in Human Resources from DeVry University. She worked at Alamance Community College as well as Amazon while being a part of a busy family. As a mom of three athletic girls, Aimee attended practices and all games and even games of any other sport to support her girls. Aimee became a big supporter of the Eastern Alamance All Sports Foundation (Booster's Club) as well as being an active member of the Mebane Woman's Club putting in many volunteer hours. Aimee was a great example of how your actions can make your community a better place.

- Committee: Polly, Joanna, Susan S, Lynn, Andi
- Current account holds \$4,850 currently
 - Almost all funds were from the basket raffle or in kind donations at Farm to Fork, then match by the club
- Aimee really supported athletics and had two daughters who participated
- Scholarship will be focused on Eastern Alamance Female Athletes
- One \$1,000 scholarship per year - not endowed
- 1 year of funds for recipient
- No guarantee that scholarship will be awarded if there are insufficient applicants
- Open typically in February with submissions taken through April, decision made in May
 - Blind submission for essay review to eliminate bias
- Applicants will need to submit their grades (first quarter, senior year), transcript, resume/activity sheet, 2 letters of recommendation - coach/teacher, non-relative member of community, Essay - theme is how the applicant embodies the essence of Aimee Krans
- Do you have to play sports all 4 years? Left this open, just need to have played sports at Eastern at some point
- What is the GPA requirement? No requirement at this time, but we are looking at it as a factor in comparing candidates
- ACTION: Create the written application, send a copy of the application to Judy Taylor, CPA for review (to ensure we are following 501c3 guidelines)

6. Important Dates:

- New Member Orientation: Feb 25, March 4 via Zoom
- GFWC-NC State Spring Meeting and Art Show (MACC) - March 22
- Farm to Fork - October 5
- Reindeer Run - December 20
- Farmer's Market - CSP sign up with Sherri for a Saturday April - November

7. Collect

8. Adjourn at 8:45

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes: November 2024, January 2025
2. Membership: 57 members
3. Finances:

Mebane Womans Club
 Staement of Revenues, Expenses and Distributions
 For the month of January 2025

General Fund	
Starting Balance	\$37,135.80
<i>Member dues</i>	\$165.00
<i>Annual dinner</i>	\$855.66
Total Deposits	\$1,020.66
<i>Civic Engagment</i>	\$440.97
<i>Membership</i>	\$155.90
<i>Dues</i>	\$275.00
<i>Admin</i>	\$53.10
<i>Annual Dinner</i>	\$1,526.46
Total Expenses/Donations	\$2,451.43
Ending Balance	\$35,705.03 (\$4,850.00 AK funds)

MOTM	
Starting Balance	\$27,155.04
<i>RR Registration</i>	\$1,259.20
Total Deposits	\$1,259.20
Total Expenses/Donations	\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$28,414.24

Garden	
Starting Balance	\$2,388.51
<i>Garden dues</i>	\$154.16
Total Deposits	\$154.16
<i>Deposit reimbursement</i>	\$25.00
Total Expenses/Donations	\$25.00
Ending Balance	\$2,517.67

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Gnatiuk, Secretary