

Mebane Woman's Club
Monthly Business Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2025

The Mebane Woman's Club met at the Community Garden on Thursday, May 15, 2025, for their monthly business meeting and was called to order by Sherri Seagroves, President, at 7:00 PM. Roll Call (silent headcount) 40 total members in attendance, 38 members in person, 2 on Zoom.

1. Consent Agenda (see below). Motion made to accept by Polly for March Minutes, finance report and number of members, motion passed.
2. Welcome to the Garden - Joanna
 - a. History of the Garden: In 2005 several members of the MWC started planning a community garden where residents of Mebane could rent plots to grow flowers and vegetables. After meeting with City Council and receiving their approval and the donation of this property, we moved forward and reached out to numerous partners to assist in building. The city and the club entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2007 which listed each party's boundaries and responsibilities. In 2007 we received \$14k in donated goods and services from Living Landscapes, Irongate Winery, Mebane Fire Department, and Clay Street Signs and construction began. Over the years, we donated vegetables to the local food pantry and flowers were made into beautiful arrangements by club women and delivered to local business owners. With the expansion of beds, we added a shed, mowers and a new fence.
 - b. The plots are rented out to community members every year via a contract. Gardeners take turns mowing the lawn and maintaining the grounds around the plots. Water and basic tools are provided for members to use.
 - c. MWC has a plot that is growing Dahlias and Zinnias (part of our Come Grow With Us series) that we will enter in the state fair.
3. Membership – Melissa
 - a. Held a new members meeting right before this meeting and 10 new members joined!
 - b. Membership recognition –
 - i. Above and Beyond - Rose
 - ii. Most Volunteer Hours in March - Andi Webber
4. Finance – Angela
 - a. Review of finances (General, MOTM, Garden)
 - i. Put deposit down for Farm to Fork venue
 - ii. Question about allocation of Walmart funds for Mebane on the Move
 - b. Review of Farm to Fork finances - Marissa
 - i. Sunday, Oct 5 at Woodside Farms in Graham
 - ii. First committee meeting on Tuesday at Susan Semonite's house
 - iii. Doing the silent auction again - decided at last meeting

- iv. Sponsorship information is available, so send anyone who may be interested to the Farm to Fork Planning Committee
 - c. Request for reimbursement and submission of receipts - None new
5. Community Service Programs (CSP)
- a. Arts & Culture – Tammorah
 - i. MWC Art Show in January will be chaired by Sherri, please contact her if you would like to help.
 - 1. Categories for clubwomen are: Crafts (needlework, crafts), Visual Arts, Photography, Literature. Categories were emailed to all members and will be posted on Members Only page along with rules and guidelines.
 - 2. You need to participate in local show to submit in state show
 - 3. Will send out additional information once it is available
 - ii. Juneteenth Freedom Day Community Celebration - June 14th 11a-3p, Mebane Community Park. We need volunteers!
 - b. Civic Engagement and Outreach - Lynn
 - i. 4th of July Parade - Marisa
 - 1. Co-host with Mebane historical museum
 - 2. Sign-up genius on calendar
 - ii. Stamp out hunger was this past Saturday - 6 people volunteered - 4,121 lb food going directly to SAFE
 - iii. Next Volunteer day at SAFE - Saturday May - 8:15-11:15a
 - iv. On May 24 - placing flags for veterans at local cemeteries
 - v. social for CSP is Bunco - Sunday June 1, 2-5pm at Efland Ruritan Club - invite on calendar
 - vi. Mebane Citizen's Academy - Katy B
 - 1. Just had third graduating class and were recognized by mayor and city council
 - c. Education & Libraries - Abbey
 - i. Had a group stocking and training day at May Memorial Library
 - ii. May 3 - drive up/drop off with friends of the library
 - iii. May 4 - Movies in the Park - passed out pool noodle light sabers
 - iv. May 23 - Movies in the Park for Mufasa
 - v. Multiple dates for testing proctors with Alexander Elementary on calendar
 - d. Environment – Sherri
 - i. Junior trail rangers will meet this summer for 6 weeks
 - ii. Working on pollinator garden at Cates Farm Park
 - e. Health & Wellness – Andi
 - i. Little Pink Houses of Hope Gala - fundraising
 - 1. October 11 - Stephany Socha is performing at the gala
 - 2. Can support by participating in fundraising or attending the event
 - ii. Great turn out for Dogwood 5k this year
 - iii. Mebfit final week is June 9 - will start back up in the fall

- iv. Summer yoga in the park starting June 21 at 8:30a until August 9 - over by Fiddler Stage at Mebane Community Park
 - v. Farmer's Market - 2 dates that we are helping with farmer's market - next is June 7th - talking about hygiene drive and yoga in the park
 - vi. Hygiene drive - shout out to Amanda and Jenna who distributed flyers throughout Mebane.
 - 1. Tuesday June 17th at Clay Street Tavern will be the party packing party. All members are encouraged to attend to help.
 - vii. Social is in the works!
 - viii. Next CSP meeting is June 12 at 6:30p location TBD
6. GFWC-NC Convention Report – Sherri
- a. Katy B and Sherri attended
 - b. 5 hours of bylaw changes for GFWC-NC
 - c. Review of CSP submitted reports from all states
 - i. Out of 100+ clubs in NC, MWC placed in top 10 in 4 categories
 - 1. Civic Engagement for the 4th of July Parade
 - 2. Health & Wellness - Hygiene Drive
 - 3. Communication - Podcasting
 - 4. Arts & Culture - Movies in the Park
 - d. ESO recognition - certificates given to Sarah, Sherri, Polly, and Renee
 - e. Katy B - Raised money for special project at GFWC-NC art show
 - f. GFWC National Day of Service - Sept 27
 - i. Focus this year is prevention of domestic violence - working on some ideas for this and will need volunteers
 - ii. Going to have an event at the MACC for empowering women
7. President's Updates – Sherri
- a. Proposed Bylaw Amendments
 - i. Sherri read proposed changes
 - 1. Discussion - question about changing timing for voting in new board members
 - a. Concern about not having enough time to transition and finalizing slate when it is presented instead of giving more time
 - b. Rebuttal - concern with officers being elected too early splitting the club
 - c. Changed with last bylaws to have staggered board to allow for easier transition
 - 2. Discussion - Allowing CSPs to select their own chairs
 - a. Sam suggested different wording
 - 3. Send any wording ideas to Sherri
 - ii. Voting will be in June meeting
 - b. RSVP for monthly meetings via the Facebook Event in our private group
 - i. We currently have more members than Mill Creek has seats (56 seats), so we plan to bring seats down from upstairs for anyone over 56.

ii. To do: Link the FB event to the Google Calendar

- 8. Collect
- 9. Adjourn

Consent Agenda:

- 1. Members – 68 (one resignation due to health)
- 2. April Minutes
- 3. Finance Report - Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Distributions for April 2025

General Fund			
Starting Balance		\$40,436.21	
	<i>Merchandise</i>	\$14.46	
Total Deposits		\$14.46	
	<i>Admin</i>	\$45.06	
	<i>Education & Library</i>	\$191.27	
	<i>F@F venue</i>	\$1,000.00	
	<i>Membership</i>	\$432.40	
	<i>Civic Engagement</i>	\$20.22	
Total Expenses/Donations		\$1,688.95	
Ending Balance		\$38,761.72	(\$4,580.00 AK funds)

MOTM		
Starting Balance		\$28,067.50
Total Deposits		\$0.00
Total Expenses/Donations		\$0.00
Ending Balance		\$28,067.50
Garden		
Starting Balance		\$3,043.11
	<i>Garden Dues</i>	\$139.89
Total Deposits		\$139.89
	<i>Supplies</i>	\$208.46
	<i>Misc</i>	\$25.89
Total Expenses/Donations		\$234.35
Ending Balance		\$2,948.65