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Mebane Woman's Club
Monthly Business Meeting Agenda
Thursday, Oct 16, 2025

The Mebane Woman's Club met at Mill Creek Clubhouse on Thursday, October 16, 2025, for the monthly business meeting and was called to order by Sherri Seagroves, President, at 7:00 PM. Roll Call (silent headcount) 37 members in attendance, including 3 online.

1. Consent Agenda (see below) – Motion made to accept the consent agenda by Holly Boss, motion passed.

2. Guest Speaker – Tammorah Mathis, The Divine Nine

Member of MWC for 4 years and CSP Chair for Arts and Culture. Divine 9- African American members that make up 9 sororities and fraternities. Founded at Howard University in 1930. Primary focus Scholarship service and community uplift. Delta Sigma Theta, Vee stated that she is a member, Tammorah is a member of Zeta Phi Beta, almost 20 years. Her mom and sister are both members so she is considered a legacy. Their year-long national focus : March of Dimes, domestic violence (collecting linens for use at shelters), and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Polly asked about how they find children to support and Tammorah stated that they reach out via guidance counselors to encourage kids to be a part of the youth programs. Sherri asked why first frat started- because whites didn't allow blacks into the existing frats. Also accept those that identify as something other than male/female. Sherri asked if they report their volunteer hours. They have committees, and report initiatives and \$\$ collected. Get awards for most volunteer activities, not hours.

5. Membership – Melissa

a. Membership recognition – Above and Beyond – Marisa for her work with Farm to Fork and Joanna was recognized for recording Most Volunteer Hours.

b. 2026 Dues are due - \$55, cash, Venmo or check (details in monthly email)

Where do the dues go? Minimum \$50 to GFWC NC to support initiatives, they send a portion to National, \$5 to the district. President lives in DC for 2 years and she brings her staff along.

6. Finance – Sherri

a. Review of finances (General, MOTM, Garden) see below on consent agenda. Balance in general is approx. \$43,000 including the deposits in October. Approx \$41,000 not committed after current payouts.

b. Requests for donations – total of \$7,750. \$33,000 should roll us into January 2026.

i. Books for Kernodle Clinic – tabled from a previous meeting. Are parents allowed to choose books – Melissa said that there is a bookcase for the child or parent to choose the book. (Birth to 3 years). Run through Reach Out and Read to help support the initiative. Trying to continue the program through donations. Bookshelves are bare at this time. Andi – how much is donated/spent yearly? Melissa said approximately \$10,000. Joanna, will there be a stand to display our name as a donor? Maybe a stamp for books. Susan, are we only supporting Kernodle Clinic? Katie Burkholder said her own kids have benefited from this program. Tammorah said that Barnes and Noble used to do a fundraiser for books. She will check into that to help donate books. Just trying to fill this short term gap at the present. Motion for \$1000, Holly motion, Polly 2nd. Motion carried.

ii. Instrument for EAHS Band – Asking for a donation of \$1,250 for a base clarinet. Andi motion, Katie Burk, 2nd, motion carried.

iii. Alamance Eldercare – Director requested \$2500 for incontinence supplies. Vee is on their committee. Need incontinence supplies for low income seniors in Alamance Co. \$2,500 requested. Marlo motion, Katy B second, motion carried.

iv. Meals for Hope - request from Mebane Business Association. Helping families through a local church food pantry and schools to identify needs. Donation to purchase \$50 gift cards for Thanksgiving. Distributing gift cards the second Tuesday of November. This is the MBA's third year offering this program and this year they hope to feed 125. Excess will carry over to the Christmas Cheer program. Request \$1000. Polly motion, Dara -2nd, motion carried.

v. Christmas Cheer – In 2024 we donated \$1000 to Alamance Christmas Cheer and \$1000 to Salvation Army where we adopted 8 kids off angel tree. This year, we would like to request the same. The motion was amended to increase the donation to \$2000 to Alamance Christmas Cheer and \$1000 to Salvation Army. Katie Burkholder motion, Katy B 2nd. Motion passed. We will send a check to Alamance Christmas cheer, and Laurie Sawyer volunteered to shop for the Salvation Army.

vi. MOTM – donation to schools -Andi

Excess of \$30,000 on balance fund. Schools need the most support. PE programs (not athletic) funding for equipment. 10 schools, 5 elementary, 3 middle schools, 2 high schools. Proposed \$1000 to each school to total \$10,000 total. Renee motion, Polly 2nd motion passed. Joanna asked if we have talked to schools about how to spend the money, Katie Burkholder has checked with the superintendent that we can stipulate. Polly will check with the Orange County school board on their process. Can we present at the school board meeting? We will look into this. Tammorah wants money to also go to exceptional children. Andi stated we will revisit donating to exceptional children after Reindeer Run.

c. Request for reimbursement and submission of receipts. None.

7. Project Proposals

a. Trunk or Treat – 10/18 3:00 – 5:30, \$50, they give us the candy, Buffaloe Lanes. Approved. Sherri, Jessica and Laurie volunteered to work the event.

b. Cookies for SAFE – members bake 1-2 dozen, hand out at SAFE for Thanksgiving. Motion Stephany, Alicia, 2nd, passed. We buy and make our own cookies. Details forthcoming.

c. Edison Lights on Clay Street – Susan S. wants to start a committee to research the possibility of adding Edison style lighting downtown on Clay Street. Looking for committee members and a matching gift to donate and install lights for the street. Katie Burkholder - Main Street program is also looking at a lighting project and we could be a part of the partnership. Stephany motion, Joanna 2nd – motion passed. Stephany volunteered to help Susan. Giving back to our partners in Mebane.

8. Fundraisers

a. Farm to Fork – Marisa

Wrap Up – 8th Annual. Please complete the post-event survey before our next committee meeting. Rough tally- 46 of 81 members volunteered. Approximate total brought in \$29,880. Profit more close to \$22,000 after expenses of which \$16,500 was sponsorship money. Vote on hosting the event in 2026- Polly motioned, Joanna, 2nd, motion passed. Joanna suggested that we not plan for the same weekend as Autumn Fest.

b. Reindeer Run Update – Race is 12/20 -Katie Burkholder. Race registration is live on our website and FB pages. Link to sign up to volunteer is on the MWC website, we need 40 volunteers. Stephany asked about a social media blast. Coming soon per Katie Burkholder.

8. Nominations for 2026 – 2027 MWC Board – Nominations Committee, Dawn Annas. The following have been nominated and accepted. President- Sherri, Treasurer - Andi, VP of Programming - Laurie. No nominations were made from the floor.

9. President's Updates – Sherri

a. Christmas Parade, Dec 5 – please sign up! Link is on our website/calendar. We are the grand marshall. Wear red sweatshirts and reindeer costumes.

b. November, elections and budget/project approvals. Vote for incoming officers.

c. Susan C. reminded us of Litter pickup Saturday Nov 1, at the Post Office.

d. Alicia reminded us of the upcoming paint party social at Martinhos on Sunday, Nov 2 . Please sign up using the link on our website calendar.

e. December, Christmas parade (no monthly meeting),

f. Christmas Party 12/18 at Susan Semonites house. Details to follow

g. Solgarden Open House 11/1 4:00 – 7:00 pm - All members are welcome!

h. November 8th, 7-10 pm, Downtown Nutcracker Gala at Veterans Garden \$25 off for MWC.

Other:

Andi requested a bylaw amendment for CSP Chairs to be a part of the executive board and attend meetings if they choose. We will vote 30 days after today at our next meeting. Joanna asked, would this allow a person to be an officer. And yes, this would allow CSP Chairs who attend executive board meetings on a regular basis to then be eligible to run for president.

10. Collect

11. Adjourn

Consent Agenda:

1. Members – 87
2. September Minutes
3. Finance Report - Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Distributions for September 2025

General Fund	
Starting Balance	\$40,755.25
<i>F2F Sponsorship</i>	\$750.00
<i>F2F Tickets</i>	\$5,505.00
<i>Transfer from MOTM</i>	\$1,250.00
<i>Merchandise</i>	\$35.00
<i>Membership dues</i>	\$943.76
Total Deposits	\$8,483.76
<i>F2F expenses</i>	\$4,512.34
<i>Environment</i>	\$28.65
<i>Admin</i>	\$159.90
<i>Ed&Libraries</i>	\$600.00
<i>Civic Engagement</i>	\$4,500.00
<i>Socials</i>	\$79.22
<i>RR</i>	\$179.44
<i>Domestic Violence Awareness</i>	\$1,500.00
Total Expenses/Donations	\$11,559.55
Ending Balance	\$37,679.46

MOTM	
Starting Balance	\$32,684.23
Total Deposits	\$0.00
<i>Transfer to General</i>	\$1,250.00
Total Expenses/Donations	\$1,250.00
Ending Balance	\$31,434.23

Garden	
Starting Balance	\$2,310.59
Total Deposits	\$0.00
Supplies	\$58.46
Total Expenses/Donations	\$58.46
Ending Balance	\$2,252.13

Aimee Krans Memorial Scholarship Fund	
Starting Balance	\$3,587.85
Interest Earned	\$8.74
Total Deposits	\$8.74
Ending Balance	\$3,596.59

FAQ's: HOW DO I??

1. Report my volunteer hours?

Log onto our website: mebanewomansclub.org / Members Only page (password Volunteer2025) / 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, Sarah Gnatiuk, 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, Sarah Gnatiuk, 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 2025 Password is: Volunteer2025

QR Code to log your volunteer hours is here!

