


Magnolia Point Women's Club
Minutes of the November 12, 2008 Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Kelly at 3:04 PM. Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Membership

Jeanne Gorman welcomed a guest, Nancy Coleman. There are currently 196 members. If anyone has not received a directory, contact Jeanne Gorman. Susan Mitchell announced that the older directory binders have different hole placements than the newer ones so the holes may not line up correctly. Susan has a hole punch if members want to re-punch the holes in their directories.

Special Guest

Jessica Weidner, Manager of *From the Heart Flowers and Gifts* in Green Cove Springs talked about the shop's special products and gift items. Jessica donated a tea set to be raffled off at the Christmas Tea.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Mitchell reported a total income in the checking, savings, and money market accounts for last month of \$556.44. Expenses were \$2,191.53. The balance as of November 12 was \$10,722.33. The Charles E. Bennett account had donations totaling \$2,580.00. The balance as of November 12 was \$3,639.05. A full Treasurer's Report is attached in hard copy. The Florida sales tax exemption has finally been received.

Acceptance of Minutes

Lynn asked for additions or corrections to the October minutes. Shirley Orvosh moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Dee Pratt. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

1. **Hospitality, Lucia Hipp:** The Hospitality Committee needs new greeters. Lucia thanked everyone who responded to the email asking for bakers. The Committee made four welcome calls last month.
2. **Christmas Tree Decorating in Spring Park:** Lynn Kelly passed around a sign up sheet for Christmas tree decorating on December 1, 2, and 3.
3. **Charles E. Bennett, Jo Ann Johnson:** Jo Ann thanked everyone who distributed letters. She has extra letters if anyone needs them. She passed around a sign up sheet for Charles E Bennett Christmas shopping. Shopping amounts will depend on donations, but she estimated \$75.00 per person. Jo Ann and Joanie Braatz revised the family wish list to include more information about the family. Jo Ann asked shoppers to look for sales. This year shoppers will be asked to only shop for one person instead of an entire family. The delivery date and shopping deadline have not been set yet. Jo Ann asked shoppers to keep all receipts. The families who receive gifts and the Charles E Bennett staff are very appreciative of our efforts.
4. **Charity Committee, Nancy Nettuno:** Nancy has received three new submissions for donation requests. Letters have gone out to the charities involved: Camp I Am Special, Clay County Council on Aging, Clay County Literacy Coalition, Food Pantry of Green Cove Springs, Honor Air, Outreach Program, Quigley House, Inc., Safe Animal Shelter,

Seamark Ranch, Take Stock in Children, Voices for Children, and Waste Not Want Not. Nancy has already received three applications back from the charities.

5. **Grants, Nancy Nettuno:** Nancy has submitted a grant application to Publix, and the Reinhold Corporation application will be sent tomorrow. If we are chosen by Reinhold, four MPWC members will go for training to be more informed and knowledgeable about fund raising and grant writing. We will receive \$500.00 for each person who completes the training. Four board members have consented to take the training in the first quarter of next year. If members know of other grant possibilities, please contact Nancy. Our accountant has advised that grant money needs to be channeled toward Charles E Bennett or scholarships.
6. **Box Tops/Labels for Education, Geri Pearson:** Geri thanked everyone who brought labels and box tops.
7. **Food Pantry, Jean Cosby:** On behalf of the Food Pantry, Jean thanked MPWC for our food drive efforts. She added her thanks to Joe and the Homeowner's Association for putting out barrels. The Food Pantry is also accepting monetary donations; no amount is too small. Donations can be made in memory of a friend or relative.
8. **Fund Raising, Shirley Orvosh:** The candle drive will run two more weeks. Shirley once again distributed candle order forms. Bingo was not as successful in October as in September, Keep January in mind for bingo. We will be hosting an Orange Park Theatre play on January 22 at 8:00 PM called "Sin, Sex, and the CIA". We will be selling tickets ahead of time. MPWC buys 100 seats for a cost of \$150. We can sell the tickets for any amount we choose and sell refreshments the night of the show. Most organizations sell the adult tickets for \$15.00 and senior tickets for \$13.00.
9. **Day Trips, Dotti Curry:** Dotti will pass around a survey at the Christmas tea.
10. **Sunshine, Bev Jones:** The Sunshine Committee received two thank you notes, one from Dottie Lunt and one from Lucia Hipp.
11. **Clay County Council on Aging, Geri Isgan:** The Council on Aging is having an Open House and Ice Cream Social on November 16 from 1:00-5:00 PM to meet the new director. There is no cost and the public is invited.
12. **Luminaries, Cindy Bonk:** No report.
13. **Programs, Dee Pratt:** Dee is still finalizing the menu for the Christmas tea. An email will be sent with more information.

Adjournment

Lynn wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Barclay
Secretary

After a short break, Dee Pratt introduced Ellie Mitchell from St. Augustine who presented a program about the women's suffragette movement.
