

Magnolia Point  Women's Club
Minutes of the October 8, 2008 Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Lynn Kelly at 3:05 PM. Lynn thanked everyone who sent sympathy cards.

Membership

Jeanne Gorman introduced three new members, Marcie Smith, Brenda Shaddix, and Betty Bearden. We currently have 193 members.

Treasurer's Report

Susan Mitchell reported a total income in the checking, savings, and money market accounts for last month of \$2,046.11. Expenses were \$13.00. The balance as of October 8 was \$12,431.11. Susan reminded us that we are committed to spend \$8,000.00. There was no activity in the Charles E. Bennett account. The balance as of October 8 was \$1,059.05. A full Treasurer's Report is attached in hard copy.

Acceptance of Minutes

Lynn asked for additions or corrections to the September minutes. Kathie Cardon moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Marguerite Riley. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Committee Reports

1. **American Cancer Society Walk, Hattie Reddinger:** The American Cancer Society is sponsoring the *Making Strides against Breast Cancer* walk on Saturday, October 11, at 9:00 AM starting at the Orange Park Kennel Club. Hattie recommended that walkers leave Magnolia Point by 7:30 AM to be early for registration. Walkers with pledges of \$100.00 get a free T-shirt.
2. **Day Trips, Dotti Curry:** A day trip to St. Augustine is planned for November 7. The trip can accommodate 50 people. The trip includes transportation with lunch on the way, private tour and wine tasting at San Sebastian Winery, trolley tour, shopping, and art walk at 5:00 PM that evening. The bus leaves the club at noon and returns from St. Augustine at 8:00 PM. The cost is \$50.00 per person. Make checks to MPWC. Call Dotti for more information.
3. **Charles E. Bennett, Jo Ann Johnson:** This is a busy time for the Charles E Bennett committee. Jo Ann circulated two volunteer sign up sheets. The assembly date to fold letters and stuff envelopes is October 21 from 1:00-3:00 PM. Block captains should pick up letters October 22-23 and deliver them the last week in October. Those who live on the Muirfield side should pick up letters from Joanie Braatz, and those who live on the Colonial side should pick up letters from Jo Ann. This is the main fund raiser for Charles E Bennett.
4. **Charity Committee, Nancy Nettuno:** The Charity Committee is soliciting suggestions from members for agency recommendations. Members who want to recommend an agency need to do so by December 1. Applications have been sent out to all agencies who

received money last year. The deadline for submission of applications is December 31. The Committee will meet in January to consider the applications. Our new 501(c)(3) status makes our club eligible for grants. Nancy has been searching the Internet for information on how to write grants. The committee has three volunteers to help write grants: Nancy Nowlan, Kathie Cardon, and Sandy Magyar. The committee will target grants for education (scholarships/CEB), food (Food Pantry), transportation and battered women (Quigley House), and the elderly (Council on Aging).

5. **Sunshine, Mela Abate:** Get well cards were sent to Ken Schmidt, Helen Wagner, and Bob Isgan. Sympathy cards were sent to the family of Judd DeWitt, Penny and Frank Murphy, Barbara and Patrick Long, and Lynn and Mike Kelly. Flowers were delivered to Lucia Hipp, and Dottie Lunt had a Healing Touch appointment.
6. **Box Tops/Labels for Education, Geri Pearson:** Geri reported on General Mills Box Tops for Education worth 10 cents each and Campbell's Labels for Education worth points for educational supplies. The Charles E Bennett School hopes to purchase a new curtain for the auditorium and new sports equipment with the box tops and labels programs. You can drop off your box tops and labels in the ladies room at the clubhouse or at the pro shop. For more information visit www.boxtops4education.com or www.labelsforeducation.com.
7. **Food Pantry, Jean Cosby:** Jean thanked members for bringing food for the Food Pantry. The annual food drive will be held in November. Check your email for information on Food Pantry needs.
8. **Fund Raising, Shirley Orvosh:** Shirley thanked everyone who came to Bingo in September. The next Bingo will be held on October 22. Once again, free cards will be offered for donations to the Food Pantry. Bingo starts at 7:00 PM and ends at 9:00 PM. Shirley distributed candle order forms. The club receives a 40% profit on the sale of candles. Shirley reported that the candles are very nice and would make great gifts. Candles must be ordered and paid for by the November meeting. Shirley urged members to please support our fund raising projects. The club will be hosting an Orange Park Theatre dress rehearsal. More information will be available at a later date. Lynn thanked Shirley for her efforts.
9. **Hospitality, Kathryn Kossuth:** The Committee called on seven new families in August, one new family in September, and three new families have already been called on this month. Kathryn reported that word of month is the committee's best way to find out about new residents. Call Lucia Hipp or Kathryn if a new family moves into your neighborhood. The committee needs new greeters and bakers. Kathryn will send a sign up sheet around for volunteers next month.
10. **Directory Ads, Judy Williamson:** In the absence of Judy Williamson, Lynn Kelly read her report. Judy and her committee collected \$3245.00, an all time high. Judy extended a very special thank you to Cheryle Newman, Susan Mitchell, and Joanie Braatz. Judy also thanked everyone who referred people for the directory: Val Flemming, Bev Jones, Marily Maloney, Jackie McCann, Nancy Nettuno, Cindy Bonk, Helen Weygand, Kathryn Kossuth, Lucia Hipp, Joyce Berry, Geri Isgan, Carol George, Leslie Gulick, Sara Spurrier, Mela Abate, Gloria Staniforth, Marguerite Martin, and Sandy Clark. Judy urged

members to tell advertisers that you saw their ad in the MPWC directory. Directories are at the printer and will be delivered to members when they are received.

11. **Luminaries, Cindy Bonk:** Cindy thanked everyone who volunteered to be a block captain. All streets are full, but alternates are needed. Call if you signed up to be a block captain but can't fulfill your duties. Luminary packets will be delivered to block captains the last week of October. The cutoff order date is November 22. Block captains will pick up kits at Cindy's house instead of the clubhouse this year. Block captains should deliver their kits the week of December 1. Cindy thanked her hardworking team, Kitty Cella, Virgene Wildner, and Sherry Cruse.
12. **Program, Dee Pratt:** Next month's program will feature a suffragette. Dee will also announce details about the Christmas Tea next month.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Barclay
Secretary

After a short break, Dee Pratt introduced Secretary of State, Henry Clay. Mr. Clay presented an interesting program with a glimpse into post-revolutionary America.