

Women's Club meeting minutes November 21st, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m with 50 members in attendance.

Roll call taken.

Pat L'Heureux said the opening prayer.

The mission statement was read by Marsha Santow.

New members, Renee Sluke and Helen Fries were welcomed.

Pam Davis, President ,recognized Beth Parish for all she does for our community. She always go above and beyond to provide excellent communication for our community.

Officer reports:

Pam Lacey, Vice President, spoke about our club. We get an opportunity to think of an idea, and get a committee going and plan the event and make it happen. She thinks that this is such a privilege for our community. This brings out gifts that you have, or gifts that you didn't know you had. It also provides us the opportunity to get know people through our volunteer work. She reminded everyone that there is a checklist that any committee can refer to before an event and after. This will be revised in December. She also encouraged anyone who wants to do a pop up event, first check with Mary Hull. There is an abbreviated form for this in the kitchen for after the event. She thanked those in the club who have chaired, or been on a committee. We make this community tick.

Lisa Perrier, secretary read the previous meeting minutes. Motion made seconded to accept the minutes as read. Motion accepted.

Marlene Parker, treasurer, read the treasurer report. The summer was quiet. All summer through October all the bank reconciliations balanced with little to no activities. This year she will report to the Women's Club monthly on any and all expenditures that were made for the purpose of donations made by the Women's Club. With this, we have contributed

\$6,833.78 this season. This included donations for the kitchen supplies, pool supplies, and a new refrigerator. She also reminded everyone that any and all chairpersons for an event, that after an event, and after you have filled out an expense and income report that all monies must be submitted to her. Receipts must also be included with this report. No receipt, no reimbursement. She would like this submitted within 5 days of the event. A member requested a current balance. Current balance is \$23, 696.25. Motion made/seconded to accept the treasurer report as read.

Mary Hull, activity director, shared activities and upcoming activities. October started off good with Octoberfest chaired by Pam Davis and Lisa Perrier. Pam talked about the party. The biggest take away, is that someone suggested that clean up at any event, should be held off, so that people don't feel rushed to leave an event. Clearing plates is fine, but leave table cloths etc., for later.

Veterans celebration was very nice. However, Mary noted that many of the people at the event were veterans and their spouses. She would like to see more support at this event. She encouraged non veterans to also show support and thanks for their service to our country. Mary spoke about the Thanksgiving. Many people showed up for the planning committee, both men and women. Sign up in library. Make sure you show how many people will be attending on the sign up sheet.

Christmas tree decorating will be in the hall on Monday December, 1st from 3:00p.m. to 6:00p.m. We will have 7 trees to decoration. Pam passed a sign up sheet for this event.

The craft and bake sale will be Saturday December 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Nancy Lyne will put a sign up sheet in the library 10 days before the event. Bring your baked goods to the hall on Friday at 9:00 a.m. Tables will be set up at 2:00 p.m by the committee. Janice Mcfee is in charge of the kitchen. They are asking for donations of cinnamon rolls. They will also take coffee cake as well. If you chose to donate to this, please have the goodies to the kitchen by 7:00 a.m., the day of the sale. Mary also suggested that if you are a crafter, feel free to sign up for a booth and sell your goods. Makes for great Christmas shopping.

Christmas will be on Thursday December 25th. She is still looking for

someone to chair this event.

New Year's Eve is Wednesday December 31st. Last year's event was phenomenal. There will be music. Cost will be \$5.00. This includes champagne.

Pam Davis talked about the Medicare 101. This was an educational event. There will be another event on January 30th. This is a come and go event. We will have vendors in house. If you know anyone in healthcare that could contribute please let Pam know.

Pam Davis mentioned the kitchen checklist hung in the kitchen. This list includes what needs to be done after an event. Taking down decorations can be done the next day.

Committee reports:

Liz Dietrick the storage manager followed up about the decorations after an event. She would prefer that the decorations be put away properly, not just in a ball, and put into a tub. Please put away properly the next day. Back into the bins that you took them from. She also mentioned that they have so many nice decorations, etc to use for events. Please check the storage room before purchasing. If you need decorations for your event, Liz or Mary Hull will be happy to assist you. Liz will work with Mary to get the Christmas trees to the hall for decorating. Liz inquired about when the trees will be taken down. The trees will be kept up until after the New Year's Eve celebration and Liz will determine what day to take them down. Liz also asked about some white serving bowls that she found in a couple of the bins. She wanted to know if they were being used. The consensus of the women's club said keep these dishes they're very nice and can be used for nice events. Pam Davis also asked about some ivory tablecloths. Are they being utilized? Yes, they are. These can be used for cardboard size tables. Mary Hall also asked about the white tablecloths. Some of them are very stained. If anyone is interested in trying to get these stains out, please let her know, she's put the ones that are staying aside.

Beth Parish spoke on behalf of Cyndi Skidmore for the newsletter. Please make sure that you get all of your articles to her. Also mentioned she's been doing a great job.

Vickie Jones, kitchen manager, mentioned someone told her the coffee

cups were too small. She is trying to get away from Styrofoam. She will order the coffee cups in a larger size. Janice Mcfee asked about the supplies for the bake sale. Vickie told her that if they need anything just write it on the board. Pam thanked Vickie for her hard work, keeping the kitchen stocked.

Reva Allen, librarian, talked about the height of the shelves and that some people are leery of climbing the ladder to get a book that they may want. she said if somebody wants a book that's on the shelves, that they can get a hold of her and she will get the book down for them. Pam also thanked Reva for her hard work.

Karen Baase, memorial committee chairperson, did not have anything new to share. She said that if anybody is willing to help her, please let her know Pam thanked her for dedication to this committee.

Pam Davis said there is still a need for historian, for the community. She would like to see it done digitally. If anybody is interested in doing this please let her know. Beth mentioned she would help anybody dedicate a page on the website specifically for this purpose.

Pam also mentioned that we don't have a lot of events going on this year. If you feel like hosting a pop-up, get a committee together and contact Mary Hull. She can assist you.

Pam mentioned that this is an election year for the Women's Club. Per our bylaws, in November a nomination committee is formed. In December the candidates are announced. In January we have the election. The new board will take over in February. This is a two-year position, but two-year consecutive terms are allowed. The nominating committee must include three people, one a previous women's club board member. She is happy to announce this nominating committee will include Judy Stone as chairman, Jill Ventrello, Liz Dietrick. Judy mentioned what a great experience this is, and provides the opportunity to meet people and make good friends.

Pam then asked all the board members to state their plans for next year's board. None of the current board, with the exception of Mary Hull will run again.

Announcements:

Mary Hull discussed the Jefferson Elementary donations that she is heading up. A group of women got together and filled up backpacks and baskets for the teachers. This is near and dear to Mary's heart and will be an ongoing event. Heidi Dill will be leading in Christmas carols, and Audrie Andreatos will sign at the event. Brenda Bont and Bruce Borema will be Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Anybody can attend this event. We will meet Wednesday December 10th at 8 AM in front of the school. Carpooling suggested. Mary also thanked all those who have donated their talent, time or money to this cause. She also mentioned that she spoke with the principal at Jefferson Elementary and they are delighted to have women from our community assist with reading with some of these students. Jane Meehan has agreed to head this up. This would be once a week if you're interested, please contact Jane.

Christmas caroling is going to be headed by Patricia Lay. She mentioned that everybody in our community is invited to attend. All the details are not in place but there will be more information to follow. Share Nelson is hosting a pre caroling happy hour bring your own bottle and snacks.

Jean Burgoine mentioned the Rotary Club box set up in the library for donating used glasses. You can put your used glasses in there without the cases. The cases adds to the shipping cost. Jeanne also asked about the January health fair and if there will be somebody there to collect unused prescriptions. At this time there will not be. However, somebody shared that most pharmacies have a box where you can put prescriptions that you no longer need or use.

Door prizes were given out.

Pam Davis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made/seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully,
Lisa Perrier-Secretary