Women's Club Meeting October 16, 2026

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Cindy Mead at 9:02 a.m. There were 36 women in attendance.

All 5 board members were present and recognized.

Opening Prayer: Judy Stone gave the opening prayer.

OFFICER REPORTS

Vice President: Jill Heinerikson had nothing to report.

President Cindy Mead asked those attending to accept the March 20, 2026 meeting minutes as presented via email or as posted on the SEPO website.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded, to accept the March 20, 2026 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary: Patrice Ayala had nothing to report.

Treasurer: Reva Allen reported a March 2026 balance of $25,300.02 and the current balance $25,676.09. The following event income was noted:
Variety Show - income of $1,169 and expenses of $297
End of Year Party - income of $1360 with $1083.93 expenses for a profit of $276.07
Volunteer Luncheon - income (SEPO) $500 with $1000 expenses for a loss of $500
Contributions - May 4, 2026 SEPO bathroom remodel $500
Income - Cookbook pre-order $1134
Contributions to Community 10/25 - 9/26 $6,535.23
Financial Audit:
Women's Club books from from March 2025 through August 2026 were audited by Judy Stone. Records are balanced and up to date. Judy noted Reva was doing a great job.
A reminder to have clear documentation attached to all receipts/requests for reimbursement.

MOTION: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Activities Director: Mary Hull reported next Saturday is the Oktoberfest event.

- Oktoberfest co-chairperson Lisa Perrier, announced the cost is $15. We're going to have bratwurst and German potato salad, black forest cake, or German chocolate cake. There will also be an accordion and guitar player. The outside entrance and beer garden are at the pool area, opens at 4.

- Arts and Crafts Show and Sale on November 21st. The time is 3 pm to 7 pm. Cathy Richmond announced a notice has been sent out. Craft tables are free. This is a social and cultural event and is not a fundraiser. Open to woodworkers, quilters or to anyone who wants to display their arts and/or crafts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Memorial Committee - Karen Baase, nothing to report

Storage Committee - Liz Dietrick, reported there is a massive amount of supplies and decorations. If you are a chair or co-chairperson on an event committee, look in the storage area, as there could be items that could be useful. Also a reminder to put things back neatly so items would be easy to find for the next group. Liz also announced she is going to resign her Storage area position and is looking for someone to volunteer.

Newsletter Committee - Cyndi Skidmore, not in attendance. It was noted Cyndi is doing a great job.

Purchasing Committee - Vickie Jones, not in attendance but wanted to inform everyone she will be absent for a while. If anything is needed in the kitchen to let Sherri Gardner know.

Library Committee - Reva Allen, reported 250 books were donated to the library. Also over 140 books were donated to the Public Library for credit. There is a little shelf near the door, with the lock, for the new books. There are 4 people so far who have volunteered for the Library Committee. If interested contact Reva or drop a note with your name and phone number.

Historians - Patrice Ayala and Joy Olson in attendance had nothing to report. Patrice did express an idea she plans on working on which would be the history of the community and how and when the Women's Club began. Cindy Mead suggested to get in touch with Share Nelson who has some helpful information.

OLD BUSINESS

Women's Club Cookbook: Cindy Mead announced the cookbooks are in! An exciting 400 recipes were received and the pre-sale paid for the cost of printing. Additional books are available for sale for $15 that will be all profit. Cyndi Skidmore, Lisa Ellicott and Deb Eich were recognized for their hard work in the creation of the cookbooks.

NEW BUSINESS

It was agreed we would help to fund the bathroom project. During the summer we were asked to fund $500 to get things started and this was paid. There is an additional cost to the project of approximately $1,100 of which the event Show for Dough (No Bathroom Break), scheduled for March 7, 2027, monies collected will be donated to the bathroom project.

MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to accept we would prepay the $1,100 bathroom remodel and replenish the account with the Show for Dough event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:
A discussion was started by Cindy Mead suggesting a Worship Committee that would do a Bible Study, also be in charge of Easter Sunday Service and choosing someone to say the prayer at our meetings. Another special committee would be to determine ways to benefit our community and how to spend the Women's Club money. Bring ideas and thoughts on this to the next meeting.

Jill Heinrickson reported on the pool furniture which is many years old, the cost to repair is becoming too much and some are dangerous to use. She has been doing some research over the summer. There will be 12 reclining chaise lounges and instead of the 25 chairs, most not being used, we could just go with 16 chairs. She is going to most likely pull 3 different styles to get an idea of cost and variety. Unfortunately, there were people who wanted loungers that were higher in height but they do not seem to be available or cost effective. Also recliners with armrests on them may be helpful for people to get in and out of as well. The art deco chairs and tables at the pool could be sanded and repainted and the small side tables are still in good shape, so maybe someone could take them and paint them in a tropical theme or something like that. She will narrow things down and bring pictures to the Women's Club to decide. Approximate cost is $1600 for recliners and the chairs will be a little less. SEPO owns the old furniture so it may be an option to set them out and sell them.

Reva Allen added a new program interest of a Book Club, Judy Bell has volunteered to coordinate that. Also other possibilities of some lectures and maybe a book and/or writing workshop.

Judy Stone added it is time for a directory update and pictures are going to be taken by the company Universal. They are not quite ready yet but will be calling, setting up tables for sign up and will have things for people to look at. Everyone will get a complimentary 8 x 10 photo and a directory. There are a few different ways you can do a portrait as in formal, semi-formal, casual and with pets. It doesn't cost anything and we will probably start setting up sometime at the beginning of November. Pictures will be taken in November, December and January.

New resident Anabel Byers was recognized and welcomed to the Women's Club.

Mary Hull talked about the Lamar Elementary Project. Jefferson Elementary joined with Lamar school and the number of kids went from 28 to 105. These are all second graders. We have been doing good with collecting the items needed. Among the items received are pillow cases and luggage tags made out of fabric to be attached to each of the backpacks. Thanks to Jan and the Quilt Group Killer Bees. She is in need of games, only 14 have been collected so far. There have been some monetary donations to help. Stuffed animals are being collected by Geneva. There are 32 right now but she needs more and the squishies are popular with the kids right now, they are round and really soft and squishy. Also child safe scissors and socks are needed. She has 55 pair of Christmas socks and 40 regular socks. Remember these are for 2nd graders. No more pencils needed, so colored pencils or markers would be good also. Books that are age appropriate would be good. Sometime around the end of November, we'll set up and fill the backpacks with all of these things. Then we will also put the pillowcases on the pillows. So a good group of people is needed to help then. No December date as of yet. Thank you so much for keeping this in mind if you are able to donate.

One last thing, if you did not pick up a cookbook or buy one we will hang around for a few minutes after to take you money or check and mark you off the pre-sale list.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.