

Women's Club meeting minutes, October ,17th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m with 36 members in attendance.

New member, Charlotte Brown was in attendance. Welcome.

Roll call taken.

Pam recognized past Women's Club board members.

Eileen Anderson said the opening prayer.

The mission statement was read by Lexa Bentley.

Officer reports:

Pam Lacey Vice President, spoke about the importance of our club, and that we are the heart of the community. We work, play and serve together. Our 2nd priority is making money. Last year we had 24 events. It has allowed us to buy beneficial things for our community. Besides Pam, all the board members have our doors open for anyone with questions or concerns.

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

Marlene Parker, treasurer was not in attendance. Pam Lacey, read a brief version of the report. October 24th, last season, beginning balance was \$28,557.20. March, 2025, the balance was \$30,420.18. In the 2024-2025 season, the Women's Club contributed \$9,068.00 to the community. The current balance is \$24,393.20. Motion made/seconded to accept the treasures report. Motion accepted.

Mary Hull, Activity Director thanked Jill Ventrello for her previous service as Activity Director.

Upcoming events:

Octoberfest-October 21st-Pam will address in upcoming events.

Halloween-Mary asked if anyone was interested in organizing a Halloween parade. The question was put to the club Halloween parade, or not? The club overwhelming said no. Patricia Lay spoke on the Halloween Karaoke. This is a non Women's Club event. The Halloween karaoke will be October 31st, at 6:00 p.m. Bring light snacks. Dance sing, and have fun.

Veterans Day-November 11th. Cindy Hulswit, chair, spoke on event. We will celebrate all the Veterans in our community. There will be a flag ceremony in the hall. After, there will be a potluck in the hall. There will be a sign up in the library with the details. Rich Hulswit and Lenore Combs will also be on this committee.

Thanksgiving-November 27th. Mary Hull, chair, Sally Hardy, co-chair. They will need some folks to cook turkeys. Sign up will be in the library in November.

Christmas dinner-December 25th. Mary needs someone to chair and organize this event. Please contact her if interested.

Newcomers-January 17th, 2026. There is currently no chair for this event. If interested see Mary.

Pam mentioned that in the past we have donated food to Sonshine ministries at Halloween. Cindy Hulswit said that this has now been moved to Thanksgiving with details to follow.

Pam expanded on the Octoberfest details. The doors will open and check in at the outdoor pavilion at 4:00. The beer garden will be set up there. There will be a hammerslagen game at the pavilion along with "share the wealth". After that, at 5:00 you'll come in after having checked in at the pavilion for food. Food will consist of brats, German potato salad, condiments, and German chocolate cake. Tea, lemonade and water will be provided. Cost is \$15.00. There will also be a yodeling, costume, and polka dance contest indoors. Music and dancing after that.

Committee report:

Storage manager-Liz Dietrick was unable to attend. She asked Pam to have everyone read her article in the Women's Club newsletter regarding the storage. Also, please be cognizant of things you may see around the storage room, and the storage sheds by the back dog park. If you see something, say something. We want to be good neighbors.

Newsletter-Cyndi Skidmore was unable to attend. Beth Parrish spoke on her behalf. The newsletter articles are due right now. Please do not wait until the last minute.

Kitchen Supplies-Vicky Jones. Vicky reminded everyone if you need something for the kitchen or upcoming event, please write it on the dry erase board in the kitchen, and she will purchase these items. Also, when an event is done, make sure everything is wrapped up. i.e. don't leave cups or silverware loose in the cupboards or drawers. Make sure they are put into ziplock bags or wrapped in the original packaging to prevent pests. Also, when food is leftover after an event, please do not leave food in the refrigerator. Offer to sell to the community, or have committee members take home. She also mentioned, if there is a lot of food, Loaves and Fishes will gladly take. If there is another event upcoming, ask if they can use any additional products. i.e. mustard, ketchup etc. Also, do not drop and leave random items in the kitchen. This includes, plates, napkins, food, food storage containers etc. They will not be used. It was also mentioned that each chairpersons responsibilities to wash any linens used. Also, return tables to where they were. Remove all garbage including the restrooms. Do not leave extra beverages in the fridge either.

Memorial-Karen Baase. Explained what the Women's memorial does, and that she does need volunteers.

Librarian-Reva Allen. Not in attendance.

Historian-open position. Pam would like to see digital recordings of the history of Sunshine. Much easier than using paper copies and pictures. She would like volunteers. This is not limited to the women.

Pam talked how proud she is of our Women's Club. Between last year and today, our club donated \$15,000.00 to our community. Places that we donated to last year include, the front gate garden, the back dog park, donated the weight equipment and the new refrigerator. She mentioned,

that if you see Pat Heinerikson, thank him for his hard work in securing a new refrigerator, and fixing the oven. He has also volunteered to help fix the Women's Club shed at minimal cost.

New business:

Lisa Perrier mentioned that the pool noodles are useless. She also mentioned that the players used for the classes are hit and miss as to whether they'll work or not. Genie Newsome purchased new noodles and a portable mp3 player along with the cartridges. I asked that we pay for the new noodles and mp3 player. The cost is \$109.25. Motion made for the supplies, motioned made. All in favor.

Pam mentioned that the events are at a minimum this year. If you have an idea for a "pop up", i.e. breakfasts, pull pork sandwiches etc. please run your idea by Mary Hull.

Open forum:

Mary Hull brought up the 2nd grade Jefferson elementary school special program. This school is a 99% economically challenged school. She has a box in library for checks. She said she has collected monies and supplies since her announcement. The day of the event she welcomes anyone interested in helping with stuffing back packs etc. The date is Wednesday December, 10th at 9:00 a.m. You will have to arrive early. Rides can be shared. She mentioned the beautiful pillowcases that Jan Baethke and the quilting club have made. Audrie Andreatos also made some lovely hats in the school colors for all the kids and the teachers this summer. Mary would also like to see small baskets put together for the teachers. Please put it together and bring on December 10th. Pencils, staplers. Anything that teacher may need. Personal things will work as well. She is also looking for volunteers to be Mr and Mrs Claus. On Wednesday November 12th, from 10:00 to noon, we will be filling the back packs the supplies. Bring the baskets you may have for the teachers too. Email to follow. Heidi Dill will lead in Christmas carols. We will also juice boxes and cookies at the school.

Other announcements:

Judy Stone did our annual Women's Club audit. Everything looked good. However, when filling out the form for the event, please include all details. Who was paid, what was paid. Be specific so the doesn't have to guess. The Women's Club appreciates Judy doing this for us.

Lenore Combs- is holding a class for "Seniors for saving a life". Lenore has a sign up, or please contact her.

Door prizes given.

Motion made/seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion made and accepted. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Perrier-Women's club Secretary