

RUSTLING LEAVES

MAY 2020

Thank you all for coming once again to a virtual meeting of The Woman's Club of San Antonio. With San Pedro Avenue undergoing repairs in front of our Mansion, we can be thankful that we didn't have to fight the traffic congestion this morning!

I hereby call this May 6 General Meeting to order. As we begin, let us ask for an invocation from our Chaplain, Jean French. "As fear grips our country, let us choose to love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other. Let us find ways to be the loving embrace to God and our neighbors. We know that the threats of this world are real, but we do not stand against such threats alone. Our Heavenly Father stands with us and in him we can find all we need to face such times. The Lord offers us a spirit of peace in place of fear and a spirit of hope in place of worry. Romans 8:28 says. "And we



know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Please be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected by this pandemic who put themselves at risk in the process. They provide protection and inspiration. May they know your protection and peace. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the clarity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Please pray for those afflicted. Stay well and know that our Lord walks with us as we endure, persist and prepare. Give us your peace. Amen." **Thank you, Jean.**

I will now lead us in the pledges since we cannot welcome our Round Table representative to you in this venue. Please open the link here: https://youtu.be/gJXRHUR3Qfw **Thank you. Please be seated.**

As we read through the business of the Club today, please keep in mind that we are in uncharted waters. Throughout these last six weeks, I have felt as though I am holding onto the rudder of a ship, and it's about to rip my arm off. I have had the strong support of President-Elect Jane Stone, Treasurer Marsha Metz, and soon to be 2020-2022 Vice President Virginia Van Cleave through this all, and we are confident that we are taking this club in the right direction and doing what is best.

We have presented the minutes for examination, but we will be tabling discussion before the body for corrections until we can actually sit in the same room again.

We will now present the Treasurer's Report from Marsha Metz.

Revenue for the month of April was:

Dues (2020-2021) \$150.00

Donations received 310.00Total 460.00



Expenses for the month of April were:

| Gross wages (house supervisor) | \$ | 3,111.63 |
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| Payroll Taxes (March) | | 302.86 |
| Sales Tax (1st quarter) | | 169.35 |
| Utilities (SAWS) | | 412.32 |
| Insurance (fire, gen. liability) | | 2,524.83 |
| Elevator maintenance (quarterly payment) | | 1,289.49 |
| Refund of wedding rental fee | | |
| (per Board of Directors vote) | | 1,800.00 |
| Ticketleap (refund hat luncheon reservations) | | 750.00 |
| W. R. Landscaping (mowing yard twice) | | 120.00 |
| Phone & internet | | 297.04 |
| Interior painting repairs (authorized by Bo | ard, | |
| in February, paid from Restoration Fund) | | 3,930.00 |
| Total | \$ | 14,707.52 |
| Net loss for April | \$ | (14,247.52) |

Thank you, Marsha.

We move on to Committee Reports: Johanna Christiansen, will you give us a Golden Book report?

GOLDEN BOOK GIFTS

In Honor of the Birthday of **Johanna Christiansen**

and to thank her for all the hard work she does with the Golden Book By Diane Lewallen

Susan Moreland-Goza, will you give us a report on your correspondence for Care and Concern? We remember with our prayers the following members:

Gloria Almarez has struggled with health issues.

Muriel England's daughter has pneumonia.

Kathy Tarkington is recovering from injuries sustained by a falling oak tree.

Helen Henderson, will you update us on the progress of the House restoration?

The approved repairs and painting for the outside of the House have been completed, with the exception of the railings and 2nd floor deck. On the inside, repairs and painting of the ballroom, Celebrity room, 2nd and 3rd floor stairway and the large dining room are also complete. During the first week of May the removal of wallpaper, plastering and painting of the library will be done. This old house is looking really good for her age. This was accomplished through your generous donations. Thank you for stepping up and helping us reach our goals for Restoration Campaign 2020. We accepted the \$50,000 challenge and together we achieved that goal which was matched by Kathy Littlefield. Thank you everyone!

Open Items (Unfinished Business)

We are still collecting contributions to the club in lieu of attending a luncheon after our meeting today. We have received several, and we want you to know that they are very much needed and appreciated. Please consider mailing in a \$25 gift today as a donation. You would have spent that \$\$ today for your luncheon. Now since you do not have to dress up and drive over to the club, please enjoy your casual attire you are in now...and think about how you can help us to continue our mission.

Our bills do go on despite the lack of revenue. We should have cleared about \$14,000 in profits last week had we been able to hold our Fiesta Hat Contest. This was part of our budget, so it impacts us significantly. In the meantime, we must pay for water, electricity, insurance, repairs, and many other things. When I reflect on your generosity from October to March as we raised money for the repairs to the Woodward House, I am so grateful for

Mom! Where are your reyeloshes, lips, and wig? I almost BIT you!

each penny given. We would really be in a jam if we had not had your help. If everyone pitches in just a little bit, we will make it through this crisis.

New Business



Election of Officers: Your ballots will be tabulated today for the Election of the Board of Directors for 2020-2022. The count will be made by the Election Committee, and you will be contacted at the end of the day with the results. As a recap, the Nominating Committee recommended the following for the Board of Directors:

Jane Stone, as current Vice President is President-Elect and will serve as President

Vice President

Membership Chairman

Yearbook Chairman

House Chairman

Virginia Van Cleave
Patricia Villarreal
Gail Jarratt
Annette Ivy

Grounds Chairman Martha (Tinker) Mass Schultz

Public Relations Chairman
Newsletter Chairman
Notification Chairman

Janice McGraw
Cyndi Munch
Karin Fee

Recording Secretary Trace Mahbubani Corresponding Secretary Susan Moreland-Goza

Treasurer Marsha Metz
Assistant Treasurer Sandra Geppert

2021 Dues:

Your dues will be coming due July 1. Your dues payment form is attached to this newsletter. We are happy to start receiving your payments now. The \$150 for the year has not changed. Remember that dues paid now or IN JULY are \$150. Late fees apply and the amount goes up for dues paid after August 1. You can mail in a check OR call the club and leave a message and someone will call you back to take your credit card payment if that would be easier. Check your yearbook for any specifics about paying dues. Nothing has changed in the bylaws concerning dues since last year. Thank you.

2020 Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation:

We hope to know more later this month about the Fiesta Teen Queen Coronation which is planned for June 14. The venue is ready for us, we are ready to host it, we just need the "go ahead" from government and health agencies regarding safe practices to do it. I think our Fiesta family would be so pleased to be able finally to come out for a party and pageant. We will keep you updated.





Top Right, Above and at Right:
Scenes from 2019 Fiesta Events.



We enjoyed your entries in our "Virtual Fiesta Flower Show" on our Facebook page last month. ¡Viva Fiesta! If you have not "liked" our Facebook page, now is the time to do so @Thewomansclubofsa.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Membership Chairman Iris Ann Francis announced that the Board had accepted the applications for 4 new members last month: Monica Bridges, Margaret Ballenger Cluck, Vanessa Jourdan and Darcy Scrimpshire. Look for their photos in the JUNE newsletter. We hope to meet you all soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of House Supervisor Martha Aguirre, effective April 22, 2020. We thank Martha for the many years of wonderful service and friendship. We wish her and her family the best. At this time the position will not be filled. Volunteers will be handling the office duties and responsibilities.

SUMMER LUNCHEONS have been scheduled and planned. We are simply hoping that we will be able to get back together again to enjoy them. Stay tuned!

If there is no further business to be brought before the club, this meeting stands adjourned.

If you are able, please do send in your "luncheon" gift for the Club's Restoration Fund or Buy a Brick or make a gift to the Golden Book Fund. And stay at home and stay healthy!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

| Connie Cooper | 2 | Rhonda Gennarelli | 13 |
|------------------|---|--------------------|----|
| Gloria Acosta | 3 | Signa Johnson | 15 |
| Carol Bray | 3 | Mercedes Bentle | 17 |
| Iris Ann Francis | 3 | Sandra Baskin | 18 |
| Elizabeth Moad | 4 | Carolynn Snyder | 18 |
| Miranda Nelka | 4 | Hilda DeHoyos | 21 |
| Kim Engler | 5 | Melody Hays | 24 |
| Lari Nelson | 5 | Carol Chapman-Ryan | 25 |
| Lisa Head | 8 | Nelle Still | 30 |
| Lillie Medina | 8 | Jamie Whitfield | 31 |
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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ALL members are encouraged and invited to submit your photos from Woman's Club events for possible use in the newsletter and/or Facebook. Email us at www.womansclubnewsletter@gmail.com.

The Woman's Club of San Antonio was organized October 1, 1898. We consistently strive to live up to our mission statement: For mutual improvement and cooperation in all charitable and educational undertakings that pertain to the greater good of humanity. We welcome new members all year to come and join us! Visit our website at www.thewomansclubofsa.org under the MEMBERSHIP tab for information and application.

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