

North Mecklenburg Woman's Club
General Meeting Evening
NorthStone Country Club
Tuesday, October 3, 2017

President, Denise Carter called the meeting to order at 6:35pm and welcomed everyone.

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Chaplain, Inger Manchester provided the devotion. Inger shared how America came together in "Love" after the tragic Las Vegas shootings, and shared several inspirational acts of heroism. Inger shared "Love Trumps Hate". Denise requested we all bow our heads in a moment of silence to honor the victims.

Denise Carter announced we have a special honor to be presented tonight to one of our NMWC club members. Denise introduced Susan Anderson with the Answer Scholarship foundation. Susan Anderson honored LuAnn Driscoll for her philanthropic efforts and dedication to Answers Scholarship, and that LuAnn's hard work has touched and changed many lives.

Program chair, Peggy Liles, introduced our featured speaker Sam James of James Funeral Home, presenting "A Funeral is More Than a Casserole". James first thanked the Serenity House for caring for our community and families during loved ones final chapter in life. James presented and discussed the Southern Living fun funeral etiquette tips of does and don'ts for funerals.

Recording Secretary, Lauri Kohlmeir had no report. Denise Termini and Barb Kasprzak have been asked to review the minutes for this month's general board meeting.

Corresponding Secretary, Fran Nichols continues to send birthday, get well and thinking of you cards to members.

Treasurer's Report Starr Miller reported a beginning bank balance of approximately \$22,000.00. Starr's computer was giving her difficulty, hence no updated report this month.

Julie Hogan, 1st VP of Membership, encouraged all members to pay club dues as soon as possible. She emphasized after the October meeting members who have not paid will be removed from the newsletter and face book page. Julie asked that we remind other club members to pay their dues.

Julie welcomed and asked the four visitors attending the general meeting to introduce themselves.

- Mary Christiansen
- Liliana Mafos
- Eileen Pronobis
- Katy Granger

Julie shared new member meeting name tags will have a pink borders in order for other club members to recognize them and welcome them to the club. Julie reminded members the New Member Orientation Meeting is Monday October 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Dawn Bradford's home. All new members are encouraged to meet the board members and learn the details about club events and how to get involved. Please RSVP to Julie Hogan.

Barb Kasprzak, 2nd VP of Fundraising, shared that fundraising is in full swing mode.

- Sponsorship Drive mailing was completed by Lauri Kohlmeir and Julie Hogan. All members should have received by mail our partnership and NMWC Friends Sponsorship Information. The information described the varying levels of support and benefits. The support level sponsorships are NMWC Friends \$250, Silver Partner \$1000, Gold Partner \$2500, Platinum Partner \$5000. Barb encourages everyone to sponsor or recommend a sponsor. Barb gave a shout out to Vickie van Wingerden of Metrolina Greenhouses and Starr Miller of Starr Miller Design Interiors for their continued Gold Partner support, Dana Greshko, Wilson Realty Co., Susan and Jeff Purser, Purser Oil Company, Jeff and Denise Carter, Silver Partners, and Debra and John Xedus of the Grill Doctor, Chris, Lauri, Christopher and Michael Kohlmeir, Pam and Jack Schneider, Friends of NMWC support. Barb encouraged club members to support the fall sponsorship drive and recommend sponsors.
- Make Money Grow: Barb encouraged members to take the club's charity challenge. Twenty dollars in a flower pot is all it takes to make money grow. The flower pots come with instructions on how to make your money grow, and you simply plan an event and your money grows.
- Market Day Bazaar: Held at our November General Membership meetings on Wednesday November 1st and Tuesday November 7th. Barb is calling all crafters and bakers. She is also encouraging retail items to be brought and sold at Market day. Tables are set up with goods to purchase and sell at the meetings. Barb needs volunteers to help with set up and breaking down the event on the two separate nights due to the calendar this year.
- Red, White and Green: Held during our evening December 5th general members meetings. Gifts for a \$25.00 value or greater are purchased and auctioned off with a hint to the audience. Members and Friends welcome at this wild charity auction event. Large ticket auction items are needed for the event see Inger Manchester. Table decorating volunteers also needed see Beth Watson. This year's Holiday Theme is Past, Present, and Future.
- Casino Night: This is our largest charity fundraising event of the year. Denim & Diamonds is planned for March 24th at Langtree Plantation in Mooresville.

Pam Schneider, 3rd VP of Communications – Absent – Denise thanked and Lily Tu-Boranian for assisting with the slide show.

Appropriations, Kris Kane had no report.

Arts, Kathy McCartney (Parliamentarian), Kathy is seeking committee members interested in the arts. (Theatre, Crafts, Special Art Interests) Kathy shared the Etched Glass Platters class was a huge success with 26 participants. Lesi Jonap needs reservations and payments for "On Golden Pond" by the Davidson Community Players production on Saturday, October 14 at 2:00 p.m. by Friday, October 6th. An Arts Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 16 at 6:00pm at Kathy's home.

Community Affairs, Carolyn Crawford invited all members to the Community Affairs General meeting to be held at Hinds Feet Farm on Thursday October 5th at 6:00 pm or Friday, October 6th at 10:00 am. The Halloween Party for Hunters Village is planned for Tuesday, October 24th. This month's Community Affairs project is "Welcome/Good Bye "Laundry Bags" for the Hope House. The bags are for the ladies and their children as they arrive and leave Hope House. Carolyn communicated the November 9th and 10th project will be Linus blankets to support Beds for Kids, and to please be on the lookout for fleece to be used to make the blankets.

Education, Cherri Johnson absent. Pat Geary reported for Cherri. Pat encouraged everyone to keep bringing in box tops for education this program is a huge help and greatly appreciated by Blythe Elementary. Pat thanked the club for the middle and high school toiletry bags they were a huge success. A face book and smartphone class is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th and she encourages everyone to attend. The tutoring enrichment program started today for "Project Impact Ripple Effect" and is held on Tuesday's and Thursday's. She encourages club members to adopt a child (card) from the Christmas tree in front of the meeting room.

Historian, Catherine Graffy had no report.

Hospitality, Dawn Bradford shared that Ghouls Night is Thursday, October 12th, 6:30pm-11:00pm at her home 16400 Huntersville Concord Road. She invites everyone to come for a bewitching time.

Programs, Peggy Liles, thanked everyone that made the scrumptious desserts for the Serenity House gala event. The Serenity House appreciated all of the deserts the NMWC members made. In addition Peggy thanked Sam James of James Funeral Home for his presentation. She shared next month's November speaker will be Dr. Tomica Bradley with Respectability and the presentation topic is Cyber Bullying and Awareness.

Special Interest, Gigi Cohen explained that the Special Interest Committee works on the fun activities that the club members all enjoy. Gigi shared the following:

- Book Exchange – Stop by after meeting tonight and grab a good book
- Ghouls Night is Thursday, October 12th, 6:30pm at Dawn Bradford's
- Lunch Bunch – Is meeting Wednesday, October 11th, 11:30am at Antico Italian Restaurant
- Book Club –Book Club meets 3rd Wednesday of every month. This month's book is "Simply South of Simple" by Kristy Harvey Author and she will be attending in person both book club meetings

- Blowing Rock Day Trips – Saturday, October 14th and Tuesday October 17th Meet at 8:30 am Steinmart parking lot Cornelius to carpool for the day
- Canasta – Wednesday, October 15th, 11:00am at Northstone Country Club
- Wine and Dine – Saturday, November 4th, RSVP to Pam Schneider

Collect was read by all.

Denise Carter thanked everyone for attending and hoped everyone enjoyed the meeting.
The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm