

North Mecklenburg Woman's Club  
General Meeting Evening  
NorthStone Country Club  
Tuesday, February 6, 2108

President, Denise Carter called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and welcomed everyone.

The members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Chaplain, Inger Manchester provided the devotion. She shared an encouraging lesson that it is okay not to live a perfect life. Inger discussed the loss of two young adults who both took their lives by suicide. (Ages 15 & 16) Inger emphasized that school and society is placing too much competitive pressure on children these days, and we are losing the collective souls of young adults. We must be reminded it is okay to be different and not to live a perfect life.

Program chair, Peggy Liles, introduced our featured speaker Art Van Wingerden, Metrolina Greenhouses in Huntersville. Art shared the Van Wingerden Family adventure from Holland to America, and the Metrolina Greenhouses huge success story. He reminded everyone to never forget where you come from, and the importance to give back. Peggy shared February's guest speaker will be from the Give Back Boutique Consignments.

Recording Secretary, Lauri Kohlmeir had no report. Beth Watson and Julie Hogan were asked to review the meeting minutes.

Corresponding Secretary, Fran Nichols – Absent.

Treasurer's Report Starr Miller reported our current bank balance is \$50,593.77 with some Casino Night Sponsorship and Make Money Grow not yet accounted for.

Julie Hogan, 1st VP of Membership, shared Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> a New Member meeting will be hosted at the home of Dawn Bradford at 6:30p.m. All new members are encouraged to attend and ask questions about the club.

Barb Kasprzak, 2nd VP of Fundraising, thanked members for the funds raised for the Make It Grow Bunco Night, and the Men's Bourbon Night. Both a huge success. Barb reminded everyone that our Denim & Diamonds Casino Night is planned for March 24<sup>th</sup> at Langtree Plantation and encourages everyone to purchase their tickets soon. Barb explained we are expanding to an online bidding forum for silent/live auction, and introduced Stephanie Luck to help the members through an online site registration and practice bidding session. All members that had not registered were given the opportunity to register, buy tickets and/or practice bid with the assistance of the Fundraising team. The practice session was beneficial for the membership as well as identifying potential gotchas for the BIG night. We may have another bidding session at the March meeting.

Special Note: In the interest of time for our fabulous speaker and in order to get familiar with the online bidding, the chairmen will not give oral reports tonight. The members are asked to check the clipboards and Weekly's to sign up for near future events.

Appropriations, Kris Kane, shared the charity applications have been uploaded and are available for all charities to apply. Kris e-mailed approximately 30 charities who applied in the past to communicate the application availability.

New Business: Nominating Committee:

Cherri Johnson, Peggy Liles, Jennifer Mech, Toni Reale, and Pepper Stanford, shared calls were made to members to inquire positions of interest, and the committee asks all members to send nomination ideas to their attention as soon as possible. The board member nominations will be brought before the combined membership for voting on the slate of officers.

President, Denise Carter made the following announcements:

Facebook 101 – February 10<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Huntersville Library

Casino Night Fundraising Meeting – February 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. Waterbean Coffee

New Member Orientation – February 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30p.m. Dawn Bradford Host

Book Club – February 21<sup>st</sup> Day 10:30 a.m. Northstone, Night 6:00p.m. Lily Tu-Boranian

The Range – February 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – Sign up required online

Canasta – Planned at Northstone

Painting with Eli – March 8<sup>th</sup> - \$35.00 fee

Metrolina Greenhouse Tour – March 19<sup>th</sup> – First 25 people to sign up.

Fair Trade Session – March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Contact Dianne Kolenski

Collect was read by all.

Denise Carter thanked everyone for attending and hoped everyone enjoyed the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm