

GFWC IL Morris Woman's Club

June 3, 2019

Agenda

- 1) Pledge to the Flag
- 2) Collect

*Keep us, O God, from pettiness;
let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.*

*Let us be done with fault-finding,
and leave off self-seeking.*

*May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to
face, without self-pity and without prejudice.*

*May we never be hasty in judgement
and always be generous.*

*let us take time for all things;
make us grow calm, serene, gentle.*

*Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straight
forward and unafraid.*

*Grant that we may realize it is the little things in life that
create differences, that in the big things in life we are at one.*

*And may we strive to touch and to know the great common
human's heart of us all;*

and, O Lord god, let us us forget not to be kind.

- 3) Conservation Pledge

*I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully
defend from waste the natural resources of my country--its
air, soil, minerals, forest, waters and wildlife.*

- 4) Secretary's Report
- 5) Correspondence Report
- 6) Treasurer's Report

Business

*In order to discuss a subject where there may be action
taken, a motion and second should be made PRIOR to
discussion (but not by President)*

District 12

Fund Raising

Pro-Social Picnic for Mental Health Court

IM Canal Clean Up

Queen Projects

Other

Program

Summer Workshop

Dates to Remember

Walking Club @ 6 am--Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Tuesday, June 18 @ 4:30 pm--Prosocial Picnic

Thursday, June 20 @ 6 pm--CoGo Glass

Monday, July 1--Summer Workshop @ PMI

Saturday, July 9--Weighted Comfort 9 am-1 pm

Collecting

White Oak POPS Program

Education Labels

Stamps and postcards

Pop can tabs

Smile Bag Items

\$1.25 for Shawnee National Forest

Gently used purses, jewelry and scarves

Magazines (18 mo old or newer)

Thank You's

Narvick House Volunteers

Weighted Comfort Volunteers

Adjournment

Thank you to

Ann Polson (Arts)

Nilsa Sochan (Conservation)

Adrienne McKerrow (Education)

Michelle Mitchell (Home Life & Superhero Fund)

Mary Lee Howard (International Outreach)

Penny Hexdall (Public Issues)

Cailey Walker (Fund-Raising)

Angelique Minnet (Social Media)

Kaileen Cummings (Membership)

and all committee members

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May 6, 2019

We met at Maria's Restaurant for our annual Spring Banquet at 6pm. President Julie Erickson opened the meeting at 7:10 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance, the Club Collect and the Conservation Pledge. Twenty-five members/guests were in attendance including new member, Wendy Arnold and guest, Tammy Kjellesvik. Vickie Sajnaj presented a Thought for the Day entitled "Choices."

Julie Buck from the Community Foundation of Grundy County joined us to make a presentation of their anniversary grant of \$1,000 to MWC in honor of Mary Lee Howard.

A motion made by Penny Hexdall, seconded by Angelique Minett to accept minutes as read, passed. Corresponding Secretary Bonnie Carlson shared a thank you from Stephanie Kessler/IVCC regarding the Super Hero Run and a resignation from Dee Delloro.

The treasurer reported an ending balance of \$7,245.35, which will be filed for audit. This amount includes our donation to Reclaim13.

President Elect Kaileen Cummings shared an upcoming wine tasting at Montage, May 16 @ 7pm and "Catch the MWC Volunteer Fever" cards to hang on our fridges. Also, we shared our ideas for being "Queen" of our county...could be new projects!

Community Service Projects

Art – June 20 will be an event at CoGo Glass for 12 members/guests to make a fused glass project ranging \$15-\$50. We are committed to the Creator's Village @ Liberty Arts Festival, June 9, 11a-3p. The project will be a straw rocket.

Conservation – Remember 1) \$1.25 each for Shawnee National Forest; 2) I&M Canal cleanup dates.

Education – Grant form is ready to be published; books are being collected for Little Free Libraries and working with MCHS to start a Juniorette club.

Home Life – We are responsible for Morris Mobile Meals during the first two weeks of May; St. Vincent's Table, May 30 @ 4:30p; \$2500 for Reclaim 13 from Super Hero Run. A motion was made to form a walk club on MWF @ 6am and walk downtown. Motion passed.

International Outreach – Mary Lee thanked everyone who donated towards her 36 "Smile Bags" and Caroline for donating the postage. August 5 will be our International Potluck @ Exhibit.

Public Issues – We plan to distribute Back Pack Emergency Cards at school registration. Collecting business clothing for women interviewing for jobs and possibly conducting "mock" interview sessions. Making disaster prepared-ed kits in planning stages. And, doing TY cards for women veterans/auxillary.

Fundraising – Gumball machine raffle tickets for the education fund were distributed. Each packet has 10 tickets at \$5 each. Drawing will be after June meeting. And, we'll be doing our "Purse Project" fundraiser @ Cal's on Saturday, May 11, 8a-2p during the Three French Hens.

Old Business

The GFWC-IL state convention was discussed and the benefits of attending. Members were encouraged to attend LEADS and the convention next year.

New Business

Announced the upcoming CPAW Virtual 5K. HOBY candidates for leadership camp for sophomore high school students may now be nominated by individuals.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Christine L. Perry
Recording Secretary

Morris Women's Club Treasurer Report 6/03/2019

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$7245.35 - 5/06/19	
Deposit for 911 sign		+\$35.00	
Dues for 2020	Wendy Arnold	+\$32.00	
Deposit	Celia Mistretta Pinwheels	+\$20.00	
Deposit	Shawnee Nat'l Forest Donations \$1.25 x 9	+\$11.25	
Midwest Signworks	vinyl for 911 address sign	-\$6.00	
Caroline Cummings	Literacy Fund little libraries	-\$1154.67	
Secretary of State	annual not for profit filing fee	-\$10.00	
Reclaim 13	donation from Super Hero Run	-\$2500.00	
Deposit	Shawnee Nat'l Forest Donations \$1.25 x 32	+\$40.00	
GFWC Illinois	Shawnee Nat'l Forest Donations	-\$51.25	
Membership Dev.	\$140.05		
5K Balance	\$1702.73		
Bridge Club Balance	\$391.00		
General Acct. Balance	\$532.57		
Literacy Fund	\$895.33		
ENDING BALANCE	\$3661.58		

HOME LIFE
OVERVIEW OF MAY 2019

- Birthday cards were sent to Park Pointe, The Gardens of Park Pointe, Regency Healthcare Centers and Club Members. Thank you Vivi Sargent and Donna Weaver for keeping up with this project.
- Weighted Comfort for Kids Sewing Party was a success. The next date is July 6th. Thank you to Mary Lee for leading this and to Nilsa for always being there to help. Anyone that would like to help with snack see Mary Lee. Only 2 of our members were there, but 4 from Prairie State WC came and plan to continue coming. They asked if we would consider making it a unity project.
- Mobile meals was a success and thank you to everyone that helped.
- St. Vincent Table was great. The guests loved the cheesy chicken casserole, green beans almondine, coleslaw, fresh fruit, potato rolls, milk and lemonade. Attendance was low but in reality that is a good thing.
- Touch A Truck was approved by an electronic vote and a committee was formed of Mary Lee Howard, Adrienne McKerrow and myself (Michelle Mitchell). Adrienne offered to add more to the event by having her church, Calvary Baptist Church, bring their Three River Baptist Fun Trailer there. The trailer has a bounce house, cotton candy machine, snow cone machine and popcorn machine. The church members will be at the event to help as we are joining forces with them (partnering) to expand this into a fundraiser to provide a scholarship for a student going on to school for Criminal Justice. We hope our members will assist with baked goods for sale and a 50/50 raffle at the event. We are also looking into grilling hot dogs for sale. A licensed food handler has volunteered to help with that. We are looking into the food license through the County Health Department. We do have the approval from the county. The location will be the county parking lot across from post office. Hoping for approval from city council on June 3rd meeting. Please contact me if you are interested in helping at the event or helping with planning it.
- Habitat Meals. These are meals for the construction workers during the building of their 5th house on the old paper mill property on North Street. I will be making a motion at the June 3, 2019 meeting to have people sign up to help with these meal. They are on weekends. We can look into getting donations from local food establishments and the Executive Director will also rely on some of their volunteers. Dates will be provided by the Executive Director/Volunteer Coordinator. If approved by club I will get more info from Habitat.
- I will have my 2020 Events out by the July meeting.

2019 EVENTS

AUGUST 31 @ 1pm-3pm Touch A Truck

OCT TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

NOVEMBER 13TH @ 1PM IVI BINGO

SUPERHERO FUN RUN

The 2019 run is wrapping up. We are waiting to hear from Reclaim13 to present them with a \$2500 check. At our committee celebration dinner we voted to have Prevent Child Abuse of Illinois as the 2020 beneficiary. We also voted to bring back the 1 mile run as we had some asking for it. Again thank you to everyone that helped in any way with the run as it was a record breaking year with 202 runners, which broke our record of 159. If you are interested in being on the run committee, please contact me. We meet monthly, usually September - April.

We would like to work with Prairie State WC on an event aimed at educating the community regarding PCA Illinois, what it is and how it works to accomplish its mission. Representatives from PCA IL, GFWC IL, and individuals involved in treating child abuse victims, etc. would speak. We would like to hold the event in October, pending securing a venue. Again, this is in the early planning stages.

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