

Friends and Neighbors Women's Club
Board Meeting – March 16, 2021

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Jennifer Banks, President.

Present: Jennifer Banks, Kathleen Court, Sandy Guilbeau, Jacquie Stamates, Sherry Dunn, Linda Comeaux, Sue Behnke

Also: Lin Fish, Colleen Bradford, Shelley Gross, Claudia Gallagher, June McMillin

Absent: Mary Jo Butler, Emma Rice, Kim Gerrish, Marianne Steinbacher, Corinne Precup, Debi Swaney, Sandra West

REPORTS

Secretary – Sandra Guilbeau

A motion was made by Shelley Gross and seconded by Sue Behnke to approve and accept the February 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

VOTED: to approve the February 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes.

First Vice President/Programs – Mary Jo Butler

No Report – Absent

Colleen Bradford reported that the Steamboat House Restaurant never confirmed the History Tour with Mary Jo for FAN's April General Membership Meeting.

Second Vice President/Membership – Kathy Court

The link to the FAN Renewal Form and the actual form are in the Newsletter. The dues remain the same, \$25. Work has begun on the roster for the 2021-2022 year. In the past, FAN has recruited members through Next Door and subdivision newsletters.

Treasurer – Emma Rice

No Report – Absent

Jennifer reminded everyone to keep receipts for reimbursement for expenses incurred for FAN. She also mentioned that the website will need to be renewed and there are expenses for meetings held via Zoom this year.

Auditor – Jacquie Stamates

No Report

Newsletter – Sherry Dunn

The draft of the Newsletter is going around at this meeting. It will go out at the end of this week.

Historian – Linda Comeaux

Linda is sending pictures to Sherry for the Newsletter.

Greeters – Corinne Precup/Marianne Steinbacher

No Report - Absent

Activities – Lin Fish

Nine people are signed up to visit the Museum of Natural Science for the Pompeii Exhibit on Friday, March 19. The cost is \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members. The Excursion participants will meet in the McDonalds parking lot on Spring Cypress at Champion Forest at 8:45 a.m. and carpool to the Museum. Lunch will be at the Down House in the Heights. Some future excursions mentioned were a trip to see the bluebonnets and other wild flowers, the Cistern, Houston Zoo and a Glenwood Cemetery Tour.

More activity groups are getting together and Mexican Train had a good turnout. Mexican Train is almost at capacity for the room at Oriental Gardens. There may be enough interest to start another group to meet on a different day as Wednesday is not good for some. Also, it was suggested to have a new bunco group signup sheet at the Picnic in the Park.

Day Trips – Sherry Dunn/Jacque Stamates
No Report

Ads/Publicity – Colleen Bradford
Colleen could advertise in Next Door by saying that anyone interested in a women's activity group that FAN is accepting new members and renewals. Contact Colleen or Kathy Court for more information. Lin will send digital brochure to Colleen and she could mention the FANtastic Corsage for the member who brings the most new members and they will receive a raffle ticket for each signup.

Socials – June McMillin
There is a social being planned for Saturday, May 15, at the Steamboat House Restaurant for dinner at 6:30 p.m. There will be signup instructions in the May Newsletter. Spouses are welcomed.

Overnight Trips – Sherry Dunn
No Report

Directory – Debi Swaney
No Report

Charity – Shelley Gross
The Board selected three charities out of five for the General Membership to vote on via email. The ballot will be sent to Kathy to send to the membership for voting on a charity for 2021-2022. The three charities, listed below, were selected from these five: Bridging for Tomorrow, Kailee Mills Foundation, Living Legacy, International Fox G1Foundation (Genetic & Rare Diseases) and Foundation for Autism Care.

- Bridging for Tomorrow – this group is supported by Faithbridge. They have reading programs, health, low income, and a food pantry. In October 2020 they reached one million pounds of food distributed since the COVID crisis began.
- Kailee Mills Foundation – they share the importance of seat belt safety awareness while inspiring communities to always buckle up. They assist with funeral expenses and bring the vehicle from the crash site.
- Living Legacy – was created to protect the community's seniors, veterans and special needs population. They assist with estate planning, guardianship, special needs planning, Medicaid and veteran benefits.

The voting closes on March 31 and the charity for next year will be revealed at the April 6 Picnic in the Park.

Sunshine – Sandi West
No Report – Absent

Fundraising - Kim Gerrish
Absent

The fundraiser at Lizzy G's will be held Saturday, March 27 from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. with 15% donated to our charity, Children's Transplant Initiative. Lizzy G's is located in The Vintage across from Mia Bella and next door to Treat Cupcakes.

Cookie Exchange – Kim Gerrish

No Report - Absent

Luncheon Coordinator – Claudia Gallagher

The Wild Stallion Vineyards is charging a \$1000 entry fee which would make the charge around \$50 per person. It was decided that FAN could support the entry fee and the charge per person would be \$45 and purchase their own wine. We would have an Italian Buffet with gluten-free and vegetarian options (these options known in advance). A discussion was held on favors, a wine glass with chocolate for each person and cookies in the shape of a wine glass from Andrea would be dessert. The Winery is donating two tickets for their concerts for our raffle. Claudia and Shelley will meet with the Winery tomorrow to negotiate better rates. The reservations with checks need to be to Sharleen Nelson by April 20 with final count to the Winery one week in advance.

Claudia did talk with Tuscany Italian Bistro on Grant Road. They do have two rooms available that hold approximately 60 people each. They do not charge for the room and Claudia thought maybe a trio plate for the lunch. They have a limited wine selection and are a little pricy.

NEW BUSINESS

New/Old Board Luncheon will be May 18 at Crust Pizza.

OLD BUSINESS

Adviser – Sue Behnke

Lin Fish has accepted the nomination for Historian as Dianne Rightmer is moving from the Houston area due to her husband being transferred and cannot fill the position.

President	Kathleen Court
First Vice President-Programs	Sherry Dunn
Second Vice President-Membership	Claudia Gallagher
Secretary	Sandra West
Treasurer	Debi Swaney
Auditor	June McMillin
Newsletter	Kim Gerrish
Historian	Lin Fish
Advisor	Jennifer Banks

A motion was made and seconded to accept the nomination of Lin Fish as Historian.

VOTED: to accept Lin Fish's nomination as Historian.

The new Board is installed and the outgoing Board is thanked at the May Luncheon.

Appreciation Day – Picnic in the Park – Kathy Court

The pavilion on the north side of Meyer Park has been reserved for FAN on April 6. It has electricity and running water. Claudia is providing a portable PA system. There will be a sign-in table with nametags, an Activities table, a sign-up table for the May Luncheon and a Membership table. Sherry will have copies of the Newsletter as well as membership forms. The table decorations will be copies of our lovely Directory front cover and balloons. There was much discussion on who would bring what supplies and food and/or pick up pre-made food the day before or day of event. The hot dogs will be grilled at

Claudia's home and brought to the park in warming pans. Kathy is ordering broccoli salad and pasta salad from Chicken Salad Chick for \$20 per tub. The restaurant will divide each tub into individual cups (12 cups per tub) at no charge. Shelley volunteered to visit with Chicken Salad Chick to negotiate a lower price. There will be cake balls for dessert from Cakes n' Mor Bakery, one of FAN's sponsors. There will be no zooming for the April General Membership Meeting and there is no fee for the Appreciation Day – Picnic in the Park. Everyone agreed on their assignments and Kathy will send out a reminder email the week before. We should all be at the Park as close to 9:00 a.m. as possible. Colleen will pick up directional signs for FAN from Mary Jo.

There will be a short meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m. with presentation of the Slate of Board nominations for 2021-2022 and the naming of the charity for next year.

Adjourn -

A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Comeaux and seconded by Colleen Bradford

VOTED: to adjourn at 12:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Sandra Guilbeau

Sandra Guilbeau, Secretary