

Friends And Neighbors Women's Club

Board Meeting – January 18, 2022

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Kathy Court, President.

Present: Kathy Court, Sherry Dunn, Claudia Gallagher, Debi Swaney, June McMillin, Kim Gerrish, Lin Fish, Jennifer Banks.

Also: Sue Behnke, Linda Comeaux, Maggie Farhadi, Shelly Gross, Carol Huddleston, Noemi Sirisaengtaksin, Marianne Steinbacher, Diane Webb.

Absent: Colleen Bradford, Sandy Darst, Helen Moorman, Laurie Nimberger, Jacquie Stamates, Sandi West

President – Kathy Court: Motion to accept minutes of the November Board meeting with minor adjustments by the President was made by Shelley Gross and seconded by Linda Comeaux. It was:

VOTED: To accept the minutes for the September board meeting, as amended.

Kathy presented the Nominating Committee, as follows:

Chair Jennifer Banks, Immediate Past President
Kim Gerrish and June McMillin, Board members
Margaret Burgess, Lena Habiby and Brenda Van Derbur, members
Carolyn Grimes and Sharlene Nelson, alternates

It was moved by Sherry Dunn, seconded by Sue Behnke and

VOTED: To approve the Nominating Committee.

Jennifer noted that the Nominating Committee will meet after the February General Meeting and that volunteers may come forward. A 1st Vice President/Programs, Secretary and Treasurer will be needed; other current officers are willing to serve a second term. She expects to present a slate at the March General Meeting and vote at the April meeting.

Kathy asked that Extended Board members tell her if they want to serve again, especially to chair the Christmas Luncheon.

Kathy reported that Laurie Nimberger is unwell, and her mother is in the hospital. She has asked that Board members supply all documents that should be saved to and/or posted to the website

2nd Vice President/Membership -- Claudia Gallagher: Current membership total 246, and three joined at the January meeting.

Claudia asked if the Board wants to plan a party in the park, as in 2021. Lin commented that a general meeting *should* be held in April, even if it is in a park, as it would otherwise be six months without a general meetings (March through August). She suggested the April meeting could include special entertainment and even a small treat as a membership appreciation gesture. She offered to check her files for two musical groups. Someone suggested Rob Landes be contacted, as several Board members will be hearing him in concert in February.

Kathy noted there is ample funding in the treasury so money can be budgeted for a picnic.

It was suggested that, as Christine and Nicki at Faithbridge have made the meeting room SO attractive and have helped with AV issues, we give each of them a small monetary gift, gift card or some other token. Lin said she would see if the church allows this.

With 66 new members this year, Claudia suggested we have a new member reception, perhaps at El Zocolo, where the Canasta group plays, or Guiseppe's or Crust on Louetta. Marianne offered to see if the Champions Golf Club could accommodate such an event, perhaps in April.

Treasurer -- Debi Swaney: Reported income of \$7805.37, including a \$500 deposit being made January 18. The Christmas luncheon was over the income budget by \$285, excluding a \$500 deposit paid to North Gate Country Club last summer. Income included \$480 for the wine pull, \$560 for the cash/check donation box, \$90 in honey sales for Living Legacy and \$977.37 in purchases charged by and paid directly to Living Legacy. Those four sources totaled \$2107, in addition to raffle sales, auction items paid by cash or check and tickets sales. An added sum from raffle sales at the May 2021 luncheon, deposited in June, also should be included.

Let the record show that the President and Past President authorized reimbursing someone who could not present a receipt. This was a small amount of money and an unusual situation, so it was reviewed on a case-by-basis.

Debi was reminded to provide the Board with year-to-date vs. budget reports each month.

Historian -- Lin Fish: Reminder to share photos of activities with Lin for the "annual report" and Kim for *FANfare*. She had received photos from several members, who will be given a free raffle ticket at the next General Meeting.

Christmas Luncheon: Carol and Sue thanked Board members for helping make the luncheon a success and reminded everyone to turn in receipts for reimbursement.

Charity: Linda Comeaux shared information about Moving Waters, a charity profiled in the *Cypress Creek Mirror* in October. It provides hot showers to the homeless at several sites in northwest Harris County and it's provided by a Tomball man and his daughter. She urged Board members to submit suggestions for the 2022 Charity, including details, not simply the name of the organization. Typically, three are selected by the Board for a membership vote at the April meeting. The Board will vote at its February meeting on the final amount to be given to Living Legacy.

Activities Coordinator --Maggie Farhardi: Maggie thinks her list is incomplete and asked Board members to be sure she has information on their various activities. She is not posting sign-up sheets for closed groups and is seeking a meeting place for the new Gardening group. DIY crafters are being folded into the Designing Women group.

Web Manager-Laurie Nimberger: In Laurie's absence, Claudia noted that Sandy Darst had received a great deal of feedback to the email announcing that the new website had gone live. "Fabulous" was a common comment.

Laurie also created a letterhead that is available on the site for any Board member's use in official correspondence, and a thank you note card is planned.

Someone suggested that managing the Facebook account might be added to this position.

Spring Luncheon -- Diane Webb: Diane announced that the luncheon will be held on May 3. Sue Ann Lurcott and Elsie Colwell are helping her plan the luncheon. They are reviewing sites including North Gate Country Club, Wild Stallion Vineyard, Champions Country Club. They will have a sign-up for volunteers at the February General Meeting

Directory: In Sandy's absence, Kathy said that the Board should consider what should be included. Once specs are set, RFPs will go out to local printers. The focus will be on ways to make the directory publishing process more efficient.

Socials -- Jacquie Stamates: An outing is planned for April 9 at the Sam Houston Racetrack, the last day of the spring meet. Gates open at 5:15 and racing at 6:45. Attendance, mean and tip will be \$28.99; registration will be available at the February and March General Meetings.

New Business: Sherry announced that Sherry Harrah, owner of Plants for All Seasons on Highway 249, will be our speaker at the February 1 General Meeting.

Adjourn: There being no further business, Kathy adjourned the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Lin Fish, Interim Secretary