

Minutes from the Coosaw Creek Women's Club Meeting held Monday January 7th, 2013

Meeting came to order at 7:12pm.

Immediate Past President, Barbara Megordan opened the meeting. She welcomed everyone, wished all a Happy New Year and thanked everyone in the room for their involvement and participation. She commented on the Holiday Happening success and noted there was a great blend of people.

Turning to our charity work, B. Megordan noted over the years the priceless gift the Women's Club has given to our selected charities is awareness. She introduced Patty Bennett-Uffelman from Begin with Books and Katie Stagliano from Katie's Krops.

Katie's Krops serves multiple purposes by providing food to organizations that help people in need as well as serve as a role model for others. B. Megordan presented Katie with a check in excess of \$3700.00 as well as presented Patty Bennett-Uffelman with a check in excess of 3700.00 as well.

Katie Stagliano then thanked everyone. B. Megordan asked Katie to share some of what has happened to her this year. Katie told us of being one of the recipients of the Clinton Global Initiative Citizen awards which was presented to her in Washington D.C. She was the youngest recipient, the only female and the only United States Citizen to receive the award this past year. In addition to this honor (which by the way was presented to her by Matt Damon), Katie was very proud to announce that Katie's Krops has just started their 55th garden located at Joseph Pye Elementary and will be tended by the special needs students in attendance there.

Patty Bennett-Uffelman was now introduced. She thanked Barbara and Deb for the honor. Patty talked a bit about how she came to get started with Begin with Books. She talked about who Begin with Books serves. She showed us some of the books a child would receive. Our donation will provide over 1300 books for distribution. Begin with Books is an all volunteer organization.

B. Megordan passed the gavel to Deb Hedges.

D. Hedges indicated we have 2 board positions open. Vice President and Welcome Committee Point of Contact. Lisa Parker has come forward and volunteered to be Vice President. D. Hedges asked if there was anyone else who would like to volunteer. (No one else volunteered). D. Hedges then made a motion to elect Lisa Parker as Vice President. Motion was seconded from the floor. Members voted without exception to elect Lisa Parker Vice President.

D. Hedges then indicated those women who have stepped forward to be Welcome Committee P.O.C. Anjela Perry along with Laura Kunze and Terry Bonfiglio as co-chairs in the same way Truma and Georgianne did in the past. Per the by-laws this position will be decided on by

written ballot. It was then suggested that we have three volunteers and perhaps we should let all three serve. D. Hedges asked if there was a motion to change our by-laws to allow three representatives for the Welcome Committee on the Board. Responses from the floor indicated we should not change our by-laws. It was then suggested that all three would serve on the committee and the membership should circle the single individual they would choose to be the Point of Contact and voting member of the Board. A request from the floor was made that each individual who volunteered stand up and say a few words on why they want to be the P.O.C. The vote was taken and Terry Bonfiglio was elected to be the Welcome Committee P.O.C.

While voting tally was being conducted, D. Hedges introduced the 2013 Board (except for Welcome Committee P.O.C.). D. Hedges indicated that Chloe Brothers, the Recording Secretary, would be taking notes/recordings from the meetings to provide a summary that would be included with the next newsletter. This will provide information from each business meeting to all members whether or not they were able to attend.

D. Hedges noted that refreshments were provided by Anne Gleason and thanked her for doing so. She also asked for volunteers for the March and May meetings. (Linda Gregg and Barbara Greaux have volunteered to provide refreshments for the March meeting/ Pat Young and Cindy Hancherick have volunteered to provide refreshments for the May meeting.)

D. Hedges introduced Carrie Redzikowski to talk about the newsletter and food collections. C. Redzikowski indicated the December newsletter had some problems and delays and therefore went out late. The January newsletter followed very shortly thereafter in an attempt to get important information to the membership prior to the meeting. If anyone had trouble accessing the newsletter or did not receive the newsletter, please contact D. Hedges or C. Redzikowski.

C. Redzikowski then spoke about the food collection of the Boy Scouts. A large box will be located in the front lobby of the clubhouse for collection. The food will go to the Boy Scouts in part, but the St. George's Episcopal Church will also receive some of the food for their "Backpack Buddies" program which provides food to children discreetly identified in our area elementary schools in need of food on the weekends when school meals are not available. The cost runs approx. \$25/mo and helps 85 children.

D. Hedges announced the Welcome Committee P.O.C. would be Terry Bonfiglio.

Anne Gleason gave a Treasurer's report summary. This is included for your perusal. Our balance on 1/7/13 before new membership dues is \$2500.00 as approved by the membership at the November meeting.

D. Hedges asked the membership what it would like to do in 2013. Membership indicated we should have a balance between fun and fundraising. Membership also indicated it would like to continue to select charities to support in March. Information regarding charity suggestions will follow.

D. Hedges asked the membership its interest to continue certain specific events.

1- Spring Luncheon: mbrship-Yes!

Date: 4/17/13

D. Hedges asked for volunteer(s) to chair- no volunteers

D. Hedges asked for volunteers to work on a given committee. C. Redzikowski passed out a sign up sheet: The following women have come forward and volunteered to help with the Spring Luncheon:

Mary Glenn Ray

Ellie Sheehan

Karen Petros

Ann Eno

Marilyn Schultz

Deitra Abraham

Nadine Maslowski

Linda Gregg

Carolyn Miller

Oma Brown

Mary Symuleski

Linda Robertson

Sally Marshall

Laura Kunze

Kathy Gates

Chloe Brothers

**Note from subsequent conversation: Cheryl Bone has come forward and agreed to Chair the Spring Luncheon. She will be in touch with the above listed women regarding committees and duties.

2- Homes for the Holidays: mbrship-No!

3. Spirit Nights: mbrship- Yes! Perhaps 2 during 2013- one in March, one in the fall.

4- Pointsettia sales: mbrship-Yes!

5- Holiday Happening vs. Covered Dish Dinner: mbrship- Holliday Happening

D. Hedges indicated we will return to an "every other month" meeting then activity. A list of suggested activities was passed out for consideration for the non-meeting month. Mbrship asked to pick their top five choices and return handout to Chloe Brothers.

**Hand out results: 43 responses returned: Top five choices:

1- Lunch at Trident Tech Culinary School

2- Theatre/Show at Dock St. Theatre/Footlight theatre

- 3- Tied: Downtown Garden Tours
Lunch at the Sanctuary
- 4- Walk Ravenel Bridge
- 5- Tied: Charleston Food & Wine Festival
Movie (Chick Flick with lunch)

D. Hedges introduced Mary Glenn Ray and Karen Petros from the Garden Club. They spoke about 2013 activities . The first meeting will be Tuesday January 15th. This will be a business and planning meeting. It will begin at 11:00am at the club. After the meeting they will adjourn to "A Time Well Spent" to lunch. The second meeting will be held on Tuesday February 5th at Mary Glenn Ray's home. Matthew Ward of Matthew Ward Landscapes will show how to prune rose bushes. Bring pruning shears and garden gloves. He will also answer questions about other landscaping ideas such as firepits, etc. Another project will be "Footwear Planters". Cindy Hancherick , Chair of the Yard of the Month Committee, will now be picking the yard of the month. January's yard of the month is Nadine Maslowski. Anyone interested in joining the Garden Club is welcome.

D. Hedges announced all in attendance were given a door prize ticket. This is for a prize of Dinner for one at the club. Cindy Anzalotti drew the winning ticket. The winner was Erin Ferrara.

The meeting was adjourned to allow members time to socialize and enjoy the refreshments provided by Anne Gleason.

Respectfully submitted,

Chloe Brothers

Recording Secretary

January 12, 2013