

Minutes from the CCWC Members Meeting held at the Clubhouse on March 4, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m.

D. Hedges welcomed everyone. She indicated we have a guest speaker/presenter- Patricia Cousin- who will speak a bit on Sweet Grass Baskets, their origins and how they are made after the business portion of the meeting. She will also have some of her baskets to sell.

D. Hedges indicated we have some new faces in attendance. She asked those new to the neighborhood to stand and introduce themselves and tell us where they are from.

D. Hedges mentioned we have 2 raffle items for the evening. We have two bottles of wine (1 red, 1 white) donated by the Club, and two shamrock dishes with one dozen cupcakes on each donated by Linda Gregg and Barbara Greaux (who also provided the refreshments for our after meeting snacks).

Treasurer's report: A. Gleason- approximately 70 paid members at this time; Balance in account approximately \$3900.00 before this evening.

C. Redzikowski- graduation banner discussed. Congratulates High School and College graduates. If anyone knows any graduates, please contact Carrie.

K. Petros- Garden Club: March- instead of meeting will do House and Garden Tours in Charleston. They have chosen 1 House Tour (3/23) and 1 Glorious Garden Tour (3/21). In April there will be another Garden tour- Plantasia and also join with the Women's Club for the Spring Luncheon. In May D. Adrian will open her "Charleston Garden" to the Garden Club members for a tour. Selection of Yard of the Month will take place next week. Anyone is encouraged to consider joining the Garden Club. You don't have to garden or know about gardening to join and participate.

L. Parker- March Activity Lunch at TridentTech Culinary School (L. Parker is a graduate of the school). Lunch will be Wednesday March 20th at noon. So far 20 women have signed up. We can still offer 5 more reservations if paid tonight. Cost is \$6.00 per ticket. Attendees will meet in the Club parking lot at 11:15am to carpool. Chef's choice- soup and salad, choice of two entrees and dessert and beverage. We can do dinner in the future which starts at 6:30 pm and might be something to consider for September or October. At this time approximately 10 women indicated they would be interested.

Spring luncheon update- tickets on sale now. See Liz Macadem-King or Ann Eno.

May activity: Walk the Ravenel Bridge A. Gleason is planning this activity and considering logistics at this time. In order to facilitate getting to and from cars, walk ½ the bridge and come back one time and then another time walk the other ½ of the bridge and back. In addition to the walk, incorporate breakfast/brunch either before or after walking. This will likely be on a Saturday morning. The bridge is 2 ½ miles long. Anyone interested in helping work out the details, contact Anne. This activity is open to anyone: spouses, children, friends.

Also in May, we will hold another "Spirit Night" at the Palmetto Grill. This was well received last year.

D. Hedges asked the membership if they would be interested in having a "Shredding Party". This will involve bringing in a service that will shred old documents that contain personal information such as social security numbers, credit card numbers and other personal/private information which we can't just throw away. This service will destroy these documents as we watch. Deb will negotiate with a company for this service and ask that a certain percentage of the money be donated to the Women's Club for our charities.

C. Brothers opened the voting for the charities we will support this year. Two charities were presented to the membership for consideration; The Alzheimer's Association of South Carolina- Charleston Area Chapter and the Lowcountry AIDS Services. Ballots were handed out asking the membership to select either one or two charities to support this year. If you chose only one charity, please indicate which charity you wish to support.

The Alzheimer's Association was sponsored by Maggie Hypes and presented to the membership by Karen Gaag as Maggie was out of town caring for her mother.

The Lowcountry AIDS Services was sponsored and presented by Diane Healy.

Information about each of these charities was made available to the membership. If you wish to have further information for yourself, please contact either of the sponsors of these charities.

After the presentations were made, votes were cast and ballots collected and tallied by A. Gleason and C. Brothers. The membership voted to support two charities and therefore each charity presented will share equally from the funds raised during our 2013 activities and events.

L Parker- "Giving back to the community"-Lisa discussed the idea of the Women's Club doing something that was beneficial to our own community. K. Hammock pointed out that this will be the 20th Anniversary of Coosaw. There is going to be a special celebration this summer with fireworks, a barbeque, etc. Would the Women's Club like to sponsor a booth at this event- perhaps face painting for the children or perhaps a clown? We would have a presence at this event. This would provide an opportunity to reach out to younger residents and encourage their involvement in the Women's Club. Another idea would be to provide a Calendar of Events board at the entrance to the pool similar to the one just inside the gate. Many people may not be able to, or don't, read upcoming events at this location. This would provide an additional point of information as people are going to the pool, parking for golf or dinner, etc. Another idea would be to sponsor door prizes at Spirit Night. We would fund any of these from the funds raised each year. It was suggested an amount up to \$500.00. Use of these funds would be selected by the board and approved by the membership. D. Hedges asked for a show of hands in support or against. The membership voted in favor of this suggestion.

Announcements: New tab on website called "Out and About". If you have an activity you, an organization you are involved in, your church, etc. would like to make known through our website, email D. Hedges and this can be included for all to consider. Also, on the side margin of our newsletter are activities taking place within Coosaw such as Bunco, Book Clubs, etc. If you have something new to add, contact M. Windich with these activities.

Open Floor to members:

C. Redzikowski discussed the Back Pack Buddies program sponsored by her church. This program provides meals to children in our immediate area who have been identified by guidance counselors as being mal-nourished on weekends by families unable to provide food for their families. If you wish to donate food or funds to this effort please contact C. Redzikowski directly.

Karen Petros is a member of "Friends of the Library". They are interested in any gently used books for either children or adults. They will also take videos- VHS or DVD- for the Library. If you have anything to donate please contact Karen directly.

D. Hedges then asked L. Gregg and B. Greaux to draw for the door prizes. Lynn DiGiacomo and Lisa Parker were the lucky winners of the door prizes.

L. Parker introduced Patricia Cousin and her sister Mary along with their Sweet Grass Basket creations. Lisa indicated Patricia has generously donated a Sweet Grass Basket for our Spring Luncheon raffle/auction.

Patricia Cousin discussed the origin of the Sweet Grass Baskets, the material used to make the baskets, the art of making them, the colors and styles, the time required to make them. The membership was then treated to an opportunity to learn how to make the baskets as well as shop the baskets brought by Patricia and Mary.

During the time, members were treated to the refreshments provided by L. Gregg and B. Greaux.

Our next meeting is the April 17th Spring Luncheon.

Respectfully submitted March 16, 2013.

Chloe Brothers