

Minutes of the Coosaw Creek Women's Club Meeting of September 9, 2013

Deb Hedges called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

D. Hedges welcomed everyone after the summer break. New/returning members were welcomed.

D. Hedges thanked Kathy Gates and Diane Healy for providing refreshments for tonight's meeting. Ken Hammock has donated 2 bottles of wine as door prizes. D. Hedges thanked Terri Bonfiglio and Lisa Parker for manning the sign in table and handing out name tags.

D. Hedges indicated Anne Gleason was unable to be there. She told us the balance in the bank is just shy of \$6000.00 (\$5972.00 to be exact). This evening we have 4 new members paying so our balance will go up.

D. Hedges announced we would like to have a cookie exchange for November and that would be our refreshments and part of our activity. She asked for volunteers to coordinate the effort. Lauren Thibault volunteered to organize the effort and Barbara Megorden offered to help.

D. Hedges indicated Sally Marshall and Pat Roth have volunteered to be co-chairs of the Holiday Happening to take place December 8, 2013. Sally asked us to have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with the event. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

D. Hedges asked Karen Petros and Mary Glenn Ray to speak to the activities of the Garden Club. K. Petros indicated the club meets the third Tuesday of the month at the Club house for activity. Sometimes it is an event outside of the community and sometimes a project. There will be a speaker at the September meeting.

D. Hedges introduced a discussion regarding 2014 Board Positions. She introduced Lisa Parker.

L. Parker, Vice President, indicated for personal and professional reasons she will be unable to take over the position of President for 2014.

D. Hedges introduced Chloe Brothers. C. Brothers discussed a perspective for considering volunteering to run for a Board Position pointing out prior structures and agendas need not be the roadmap for the future. She encouraged members to bring their own interests and ideas to the club recognizing the community has changed over 14 years and warrants a fresh view of purpose.

D. Hedges indicated participation has been low this year, as has been the trend for a few years. Despite following selections made by members from a long list of activities, choosing the top five vote getters didn't increase the attendance. She indicated this is the member's club and what it does or becomes is up to them, but requires some individuals to step up and take the reins.

L. Parker and C. Brothers handed out copies of the by-laws and a list of open Board positions. B. Megorden suggested a blending of various clubs might be appropriate. D. Hedges suggested we don't need to be so formal in structure. L. Thibault indicated the Young Mom's club is less formal and more social in structure utilizing email to communicate events. D. Hedges suggested two women might be co-chairs, a structure similar to the Garden Club, and then a secretary and treasurer.

The decision as to how the CCWC goes forward is up to the membership. If anyone is willing to volunteer to run for any position, or if anyone has any suggestions regarding structure, please email D. Hedges with this information. Voting takes place at the November meeting. After the voting, there will be a social hour surrounding the cookie exchange. Members should submit their ideas or indicate their willingness to volunteer for office to D. Hedges by September 27. Results of this effort will be

announced at an October meeting. This will be the final outcome of efforts to recruit ideas and volunteers. Voting on these results will take place in November. Barbara Megorden asked about the treatment of the \$2500.00 that in the previous two years has rolled forward. This will be a members' decision.

D. Hedges made the additional comment that one of the hopes of the Women's Club was that new members/residents in the community would, over time, take the place of the women who carried the responsibilities of the club for many years. This annual renewal would allow the CCWC to continue on with its purpose responding to the community as it changes.

D. Hedges opened the floor to the membership. She reminded the membership that there is a tab on the website called "Out and About" listing activities going on in the Charleston area. Anyone with information about events can email Deb and she will add them to the site.

K. Hammock asked to notify the CCWC the Ladies' luncheon is starting up again this Thursday (9/12/13). The price is \$25.00 inclusive. There are a few new twists. Babysitting services will be provided. The activity will be learning how to etch and paint wine glasses.

L. Parker notified the membership that Bill Buxton has passed away.

Maggie Hypes reminded the membership that the "Walk to end Alzheimer's" will take place 9/21/13. Anyone interested in joining her team can contact her.

B. Megorden indicated Lois Lamb asked that she correct an error in the Coosaw Creek Life magazine. She will **NOT** be doing the tea on October 4th and 5th as indicated in the September issue. Also, there will be an event for women at the North Charleston Coliseum called "SHE". This will be held September 27-29. It includes a variety of activities and products specifically for women.

C. Brothers asked if anyone would be interested in attending a performance of "9 to 5" at the Dock Street theatre this coming weekend. With 15 people group rates are available.

D. Hedges called for the drawing of the door prizes. Winners were Terri Bonfiglio and Lauren Thibault.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.