

NBWC General Meeting

March 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Fannin at 10:55 a.m.

Mary Lynne Desmond provided the invocation. She stated that March is Women's History Month. We have many women in our lives, all kinds of women who help us build our lives. Mary Lynne read a poem, "Sisterhood of the Traveling Butterflies". This was a tribute to all the women of our club.

The pledge and salute to the flags was led by President Fannin.

President Fannin welcomed the club and shared an Irish Prayer.

President Fannin stated that First Vice President Marcy Riordan's husband, Dick, passed away on February 23rd. She thanked all the members who attended the funeral mass, sent cards, and brought meals.

President Fannin reported that copies of last month's minutes are at the registration table for the members to review. There were no corrections or additions.

D' Stone reported for Correspondence. A condolence card was sent to Jessica Rigouard, President of District 8 NBWC, on the death of her mother, and Marcy Riordan on the death of husband, Dick. A get well card was sent to Libby Koplner, who is now home. D' Stone reported for Sunshine. The members of Sunshine sent cards and brought food to the home of Marcy Riordan for the reception following the funeral of her husband. D' invites members to join the Sunshine committee, and reach out to our club members as we do to the community. She thanked the members for their kindness and support. NBWC gave Relay for Life \$50.00 in memory of Beverley Costa.

The Treasurer's report was given by Liz Maravelas. February Expenses, Checking Account \$7401.99, Money Market \$16,291.98, Wells Fargo Advisors \$567.36, CSP \$200.00. Liz Maravelas presented the 2016 budget of \$13,376.86. A motion to accept the proposed budget was made by Margaret Raynor and seconded by Cheryl Fries. The club voted unanimously to accept the budget.

Joan Campbell introduced a guest, Jeaninne Billingsley, who is visiting for the first time. Iris Jones introduced her guest, Ellen MacNaught, who is also a first time guest. Betty Jane Bonapartian has a guest with her today, Jacqueline Fritsch. Joan encourages the club membership to invite friends who would like to join us.

Liz Maravelas read portions of two letters she received from staff members of Guardian Ad Litem thanking the club for the gifts for the children.

Martha Faw reports that in May, the meeting will be a social event with a special menu. Guests are welcome.

Paula Lindsay, Meals on Wheels, passed around sign-up sheets for members to deliver meals three times a month until September. She thanks all the members who have signed-up. Those who are new to the group, may sign Paula's name with theirs, and she will ride with them and orient them to the route.

CSP's

Liz Maravelas reported for Arts that there is no meeting this month. In April, Arts will make decorations for the May Festival.

Jean Horrell reports that in February, Education revised the form for the Sally Southall Cotten Scholarship. Vickie White reported that no applications were received for the January deadline. The new form has removed intrusive information. Need does play a part in the committee's decision. The scholarship is for a high school senior in the amount of \$1000.00. Information will be in the "Sun Journal" and given to high school guidance counselors. The new deadline is April 15th. Information is on the NBWC web site. In March, the program is on genealogy, and the meeting will be held at the library.

Holly Prafke reported for Home Life. At the February meeting, there was a speaker from the DAV. In March, there will be a St. Patrick's Day party. D' Stone reported that Precious Purses are being collected in the community. She encourages volunteers to check the bags for unwanted items, and take photos of the bags and boxes collected. Mary Lynne Desmond has submitted publicity to the "Sun Journal". March 8th, President Fannin and Susan Lucas will be on "All About Craven" with Angelina Doyle. Posters are being displayed in the community and information is on the web site.

Sandra Rawlings reported that Public Issues will meet at Paula's restaurant. NBWC gave Relay for Life \$50.00 in memory of Beverley Costa.

NBWC will host a Smart Girls Tea on May 13th from 2p.m. to 4p.m. Two locations are being considered - the Harrison Center and the Doubletree. We expect 16-20 girls and each girl may bring one guest. Franky Waters has gotten donations to pay for the guests meals. The committee is seeking more members.

President Fannin reported that a change will be made in the way volunteer hours are collected. The hours will be noted from January to December and include hours other volunteer work done.

NBWC is sponsoring a Craven Arts Council Banner. These banners are a fund raising project for the Visual Arts Teachers Fund and used to purchase supplies. The funds go directly to the teachers. NBWC may be able to purchase the original art work by Taylor Beaman.

The GFWC-NC Convention is being held at Atlantic Beach, April 27th-30th. Any NBWC member who wants to attend, please contact President Fannin.

Announcements

Franky Waters announced that the DAR is collecting letters written to service men and women. Guidelines will be available on line. The letters will be collected in May.

Chris Skrotsky announced that the Friends of the New Bern Public Library are having their book sale Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Shrine.

President Fannin introduced our speaker for today. Joe Hunt is President of the Board of the Farmers Market.

The membership rose to recite the Collect. The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia P. Ruff, Recording Secretary

