

Hollis Woman's Club Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Lawrence Barn. Attending were: Diane Kroeger, Shawntel Fugate, Ellen Walker, Jan Welch, Susan Benz, Julie Forgaard, Jane Taylor, Ellen Baker, Audrey Augun, Diane Raitt, Terry McKillop, Ginny Brooks, Betsy Cotton and Trish Martin.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Recording Secretary: Susan Benz recorded the minutes for the January meeting. The minutes were passed without correction.

Corresponding Secretary: Ginny wrote a Thank you note to Julia Greenspan for her great talk with us at the January meeting. We have a Thank you note from Bernadette Douzanis of Caregivers for our gasoline gift cards. We also have a personal note to Diana Kroeger asking us if we would like to have a personal representative come and talk to us about what the caregiver volunteers actually do from Bernadette. A letter from Nashua Soup kitchen thanking us for all we did in 2007. A letter from Nashua Children's home, asking us if we have not done so already, please to take a moment to remember the boys and girls of the Nashua Children's Home. They need us now and always. The humane Society of Greater Nashua sent us a card with a list of 10 most wanted things. So, if we want to add them to our list of donors we have their list. Marquerite's Place sent a new letter about the goings on at their place. They always need our help. Diana had an e-mail from Lynne Dougherty asking us if in addition to our gift of \$75.00 we would consider helping them in a rather unique way for the March PTSA Auction. Lynne has invited Author Michael Palmer a New York Times best seller to be the guest at a house party hosted by a Hollis resident in early fall. She will be asking local farms to donate produce for a chef's sampling and would like us to donate a few bottles of wine. They anticipate about 24 people. Extra bottles will be put in a wine-tasting basket to be auctioned off at the Nashua Country Club on March 29th.

Treasurer: Diane covered the board budget by month 2007/2008 14 months, and the proposed budget for 2008/2009. Diane would like to change the wording in the budget from surplus to reserve. She is adding \$200.00 to ways and means. The board agreed to reduce the budget for hospitality to \$150.00. The changes were accepted by the board. Julie brought up that there are new tax laws that state that non-profit organizations need to file. We need to account for all revenue. The I.R.S. is trying to ensure that we are not a foundation. Diane will make the changes and send the update to the board.

Ways and Means: Susan reported that she received a check for \$80.00 for gift wrapping at the Pheasant Lane Mall. Next Holiday season we will do it for two days. New England Flower Show tickets will be available at the general meeting for \$15.00 each. 22 people have signed up for the NYC bus trip. Six people participated in the ski day and it went really well! Old Home Day will take place this year on the second weekend in September.

Membership: Shawntel reported that there are no new members.

Activity Groups: There were no changes to report.

Programs: Ellen reported that this month's speaker will be Chick Wetherbee, owner of Earthward in Amherst. He will speak on outdoor survival (and answer questions about nutrition, if desired). Next month's speaker will be a master gardener from the UNH Coop Extension service, who will address organic and backyard gardening. Programs are being developed for next year's agenda. Booked so far:

October: Gaye k., the new director of the Hollis Social Library

November: Dr. Don LeDoux, DC, on preventative health

January: Julia Greenspan, ND, on nutrition

Publicity: No report.

Charitable Contributions: Terry reported that the members of the committee all felt that \$100.00 should be donated to the 1st.robotics team with another \$100.00 going towards the HBHS honor society to improve the condition of the lobby and \$50.00 going to the Souhegan Valley A-Team. This leaves a balance of \$150.00 until June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Monthly Charity

February - Corpus Christi Food Pantry – peanut butter, jelly, cereal

March – Home Health and Hospice –

Senior Luncheon – Going very well with volunteers signed up for the rest of the year.

Annual Luncheon: Ellen Baker (invitations and membership renewals thru post office box). The luncheon will be held at The Mile Away in Milford on May 21st. Ellen presented the menu to the board. The cost is \$25.00 for a sit down meal. Invitations will go out the middle of April.

Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Diana Kroeger, Jane Taylor, Ella De Bakker, Audrey Augun.

Diana has not heard from Donna yet, but requests need to be submitted.

GFWC Mid-Winter Meeting: Saturday, January 26, 2008, in Concord. Diana attended and said it went well. The speakers were: Diane Cole former Hollis resident and founder of the Souhegan Valley Boys and Girls club. She is now the Chief professional officer of The Boys and Girls Club of the lakes region. Joanne Fortier a warden for the N.H. State Prison for Women and Nicky Miller on The N.H. task forth on women and recovery.

Strawberry Festival - The board unanimously agreed to move the festival to the Lawrence Barn and Nichols Field, because of rising costs and sanitation issues and parking issues. The board also agreed to extend the change the festival hours to 2pm-5pm. Police Chief Ux, supported the move to the Lawrence Barn, Town

officials and the Fire Chief would also prefer the move. They would not support the Festival or grant permits if we requested them for the monument square location.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Donna has volunteered to serve as a member from the board. Now members at large are needed. Diana will make a request at the general meeting.

Constitution and Bylaws: Donna

Donation to Hudson Library in memory of Arlene Creeden's husband- Arlene is the President elect of the GFWC N.H. Diana suggested a donation of \$50.00.

Hospitality: Food for meeting. Diana made a request of some heartier foods for the winter months like soups. Terry is in charge for hospitality for February.

Old Home Day – cookbook recipes. Diana will make an announcement in the news letter.

PTA Auction – HWC donated a weekend stay at a condo at Loon Mountain. Audrey will find out if proceeds will go to the PTA auction or the destination imagination auction.

Other New Business

On April 5th the Exeter Jr. Women's Club is putting on a seminar for 6-8th Graders. The seminar will be an all day hands on event to broaden the horizons of girls in the area of science, math, engineering and technology.

Meeting adjourned 11:47 a.m.