

Hollis Woman's Club General Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2007

Call to order by President Diana Kroeger at 12:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance and Collect for Women were led by Susan Benz

October Charity is the Nashua Soup Kitchen and Shelter and Davis Funeral Home Sweater Drive. Member Christy Gaskill offered to take food items to the NSKS and member Betsy Cotton offered to deliver the sweaters to the Davis Funeral Home.

Treasurer's Report prepared by Diane Raitt is on every table and will be filed for audit.

Membership: Shawntel Fugate introduced Carol Barth as a new member. Carol is the sister of member Janet Chaney.

Ways and Means reported by Susan Benz:

1. The New York City bus trip for December is sold out. Susan reported that it would be a good mix of people. Another bus trip is planned for the first Saturday in June of 2008.
2. The new HWC Apple Cookbook was now available for \$1.00 each. The books will be available at the Apple Festival. Susan reported that there were some interesting recipes in the book and she expected that they would sell out.
3. The Simon Evening of Giving would be held on November 18, 2007 at all Simon Malls, including the Pheasant Lane Mall in Nashua. Tickets are \$10 each. The HWC receives \$7 from each ticket they sell and the remaining \$3 goes to charity. Susan mentioned that the tickets were available at today's meeting via the honor system. Anyone providing \$10 cash, or a check made out to the HWC, could pick up a ticket.
4. The Parents' Afternoon Out is coming up on December 2, 2007 from 1pm to 5pm. Tickets are \$15/child or \$40/family if there are more than 3 children. Adults are needed to help monitor the event. The Girl Scouts will organize the games. A sign-up sheet is available at the meeting and people can volunteer for 4 hours or less. Only toilet-trained children can attend. Susan will publicize the event at the preschools in Hollis.

Activities: Diana Kroeger reported for Julie Forgaard that a monthly calendar of club events was available on each table along with a page of descriptions for each club. Jane Taylor announced that the next Projects and Pleasantries Meeting would take place at Ella De Bakker's house.

Apple Festival: Shawntel Fugate announced that planning for the Apple Festival was going well. Crisp bakers are still needed and if anyone had time to bake crisp on Saturday, they should volunteer. Susan Benz stated that the apples are already peeled and

ingredients measured. It is a very easy task that only requires a person to remove the crisp from the oven at the correct time. 90 crisps are required, which is why volunteers are needed. Volunteers can contact Diane Raitt for more information.

Youth workers are desperately needed for the Apple Festival, whether the event is in the town square or at the high school. Betsy Cotton pointed out that youth workers receive community service hours.

It was also stated that every member is expected to deliver two homemade apple pies in disposable pans to the Apple Festival.

Shawntel thanked members for their help and mentioned that we could expect good weather on Sunday. In case of bad weather, the event would take place at Hollis Brookline High School and the route to the school would be well marked.

Diana Kroeger pointed out that working as a festival chair is a time-consuming task and the Shawntel is doing a great job. Diana asked that everyone give Shawntel her support as festival proceeds go for scholarships that the HWC awards at the end of each year.

Thanks were extended to Paula Furlong and her committee for making preparations for today's meeting.

Ongoing Business:

1. Diana Kroeger announced that the Hollis Woman's Club always meets at the church. Members are encouraged to bring a friend. New Members are always welcome. Babysitting is available at \$5 per family. One new change is that members are now asked to pre-register for the babysitting service.
2. Next month's board meeting will take place on Nov. 7 at 9AM at the Lawrence Barn. The next general meeting of the HWC is on Nov. 14 at the church. Scott Hunter of the Hollis Fire Department will speak. The charity of the month, in honor of Veteran's Day, will be Harbor Homes.
3. The Pot Luck dinner is coming up shortly. There will be a guest speaker. It will be a surprise. Ginny Brooks is the committee chairperson for this event. If there are any questions regarding this event, please contact Ginny.
4. The HWC hosted the District 6 GFWC-NH Conference at the Lawrence Barn on Oct. 6, 2007. 18 members attended the meeting and former member Sharon Howe spoke on the agricultural history of Hollis and the history of the Lawrence Barn. Diana thanked Terry McKillop, Susan Benz, Nancy Birch, Ginny Brooks, Betsy Cotton and Shawntel Fugate for planning and helping with this event. Hollis will host this event again in two years.
5. The HWC's December meeting is a social coffee and gift bonanza. Ellen Walker reported that the December meeting would be held at the church. If anyone wanted to share a hobby, craft, or business, they could reserve a table by contacting Ellen. There are 14 tables available and they can be shared. Last year's December meeting had full occupation of tables. Ellen stated that it was a

- fun time to share what we do with other club members. There will be more information in the newsletter. Last year, each participant donated 10% of their sales so that the club was able to contribute \$100 to the Nashua Telegraph Santa Fund.
6. Diana Kroeger pointed out that Jan Welch is the hostess chairperson for HWC meetings. Jan commented that the club had enough hostesses enrolled for upcoming meetings but needed people to help.
 7. Betsy Cotton noted that there had been many new donations added to the craft swap by Victoria Witt. Included in the craft swap items are rug hooking supplies and plastic canvas. Betsy asked that people bring in craft supplies they no longer want so it could become someone else's treasure. Leftover items would be donated to Hollis Brookline High School.

New Business: The GFWC-NH has been asked to be a part of the 'Million Voices Campaign' against domestic violence. Diana Kroeger gave a synopsis of the program and stated that cards describing the program could be found on each table in the hall. Members were asked to sign the card. Diana would collect them and send them on to headquarters in Washington.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM

Minutes recorded by:

Audrey Augun
Recording Secretary, General Meeting