

Hollis Woman's Club General Meeting

Wednesday, February 20, 2008

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

Pledge of Allegiance and Collect for Women were led by Betsy Cotton

February Charity is the Corpus Christi Food Pantry, which is in need of peanut butter and jelly, toothpaste, and spaghetti sauce

Treasurer's Report prepared by Diane Raitt is on every table and will be filed for audit. Diane Raitt reported the following: a budget for 2008-2009 has been put together. The Budget Committee recommends raising dues from \$20 to \$25. Remember that \$15 of each membership due goes to the GFWC. The Strawberry and Apple Festivals and Ways and Means are our main sources of income. That's why participation is so important. We are also required to carry over a surplus in case of emergencies. The HWC makes donations for the 1st Grade Bus Ride, two high school senior scholarships, the HOBY Scholarship for a sophomore to attend the leadership conference, and \$500 for the Charity Committee. We would like to add \$300 to the Charity Committee for additional requests. The HWC will vote on this budget at the May meeting.

Activities: Julie Forgaard compiled a list of activity groups and the lists are on the table. She asks that each activity group submit pictures for the website. There are currently 13 activity groups. A monthly calendar of club events was available on each table along with a page of descriptions for each club. Betsy Cotton noted some corrections to the activity groups.

Thank You to Terry McKillop, as our February hostess, and her committee for all the wonderful refreshments. Panera Bread was also thanked for donating the bagels and breads.

Ways and Means: Susan Benz announced the following:

- The HWC would like to have a booth at the Hollis Old Home Days in September of 2008. She is soliciting ideas for the booth. We can no longer sell Krispy Kreme Donuts.
- Tickets to the Flower Show are available today for \$15 and are good for every day of the show. Please see Susan Benz today for tickets.
- There is still room on the bus for the trip to New York City in June. The bus is half full so let Sue know quickly if anyone would like to go.
- There will be one more Ski Day at Sunapee on March 19. There is a picture of the last Ski Day gathering on the HWC home page. On March 19 it will be a 2-for-1 day for \$30. Please see Sue to sign up.

Old Business:

- 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. Members are now asked to pre-register for the babysitting service.
- Next month's board meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at 9AM at the Lawrence Barn. The next general meeting of the HWC is on March 12th at the church.
- Last month's charity was Nashua Pastoral Care. Everyone at the organization was grateful for the donations.

New Business:

- We are in need of members to contribute food to the March and April meetings. Jan Welch is circulating a sign up sheet. Kathleen Barnes will be the March hostess.
- Terry McKillop will make a report next month on the Charity Committee.
- The annual May luncheon will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of May (May 21st) at the Mileaway in Milford. Tickets are \$25 each and there is a choice of chicken marsala or pasta primavera.
- The Strawberry Festival will take place on June 22, 2008. Diane Raitt is the Festival Chair. She stated that this festival is the biggest revenue earner for the club. Chairs are needed for the outside group and for baking. Spouses and friends are welcome to help. Hulling will take place on June 20th. Please note that the date in the HWC booklet is incorrect. The date of the festival is June 22nd and NOT June 29th. Betsy Cotton made a call for help from younger members of the community.
- The HWC helps server meals to the Hollis Seniors on the 4th Thursday of every month at the Lawrence Barn. We need two more members for the May lunch. Diana Kroeger described the duties and said that lunch was served from 10:30 to 1PM. Terry McKillop and Ginny Brooks volunteered to fill the spots.
- Donna Drottar is the Constitution and Bylaws Chair. She needs feedback for any changes by Friday, February 22nd.
- Donna Drottar is the chair for the Nominating Committee. Three members volunteered to serve on the committee: Shawntel Fugate, Becky Casey and Linda Bailey. A proposed slate of officers will be presented to the membership during the March general meeting.
- The March charity will be Home, Health and Hospice. They are in need of stamp books and gift cards to Linens and Things in order to purchase sheets.
- The Hollis PTA Auction will take place at the following times: Online Auction—March 21-28; Silent and Live Auction---March 29, Nashua Country Club, 6PM. A question was asked if the online auction bidding would end with the online auction or continue into the live event. Audrey Augun stated she would ask the PTA Auction Committee.

- Diana Kroeger read a letter from Lynn Dougherty for the PTA Auction Committee. The letter stated that a chef sampling would be held in Hollis with a wine tasting. Proceeds will go to the Hollis PTA. The HWC is being asked to contribute bottles of wine for a wine basket for the event. Contact Diana Kroeger if you are interested in contributing.
- Girl Scout cookies are available from Jan Welch, Diana Kroeger, Susan Benz and Ellen Walker.
- Betsy Cotton spoke about the craft swap saying much new material had been contributed.
- Carolyn Gargasz, a HWC member and a member of the NH State Legislature, invited members of the club to observe a session of the legislature in Concord.
- Julie Forgaard reminded members that there will be a Coop School Board Meeting on March 6th.
- Ellen Walker announced that the Fun and Fitness Club that they would be attending Menopause the Musical on March 8. Anyone interested should contact Ellen.
- The Vagina Monologues will be presented on March 1 at the Court Street Theater. Proceeds will go to Bridges.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30PM

Minutes recorded by:

Audrey Augun