

GFWC-STEVENS POINT WOMAN'S CLUB

General Meeting

September 12, 2006

Spiedini's Restaurant, Plover, Wisconsin

President Diane Cychosz called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. Collect and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Paula Schlice.

There was one guest in attendance: Joan Hamus.

At this point in the meeting Madame President deviated from the agenda to address an item out of order: Under **New Business, Item A) Website gfwc-spwc.org**: Diane introduced Tess Parker, creator of the Club's new website. Members in attendance were taken in groups to a computer in the back of the room to see a demonstration of the new site.

Diane took a moment to introduce the Board of Managers for the 2006-2008 Administration:

Sally Olson, Treasurer

Eileen Hessel, Corresponding Secretary

Cheri Karch, Recording Secretary

Betsy Kuzynski, 2nd Vice President

Tari Wallner, 1st Vice President

Diane Cychosz, President

Secretaries' Reports: The Minutes of the May '06 meeting were distributed in the newsletter. No corrections were noted. Minutes will be placed on file. Correspondence regarding: 1) St. Michael's Foundation -- thank you for \$50 donation to hospice; 2) Operation Bootstrap -- thank you for the shower we did for them in February.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance August 16, 2006 -- \$4,945.46. Receipts -- \$121.49. Disbursements -- \$95.00. Ending balance September 12, 2006 -- \$4,871.95. Sally presented the 2006-2007 proposed budget. Based on the recommendation of the Board of Managers, Sally moved that the budget be approved. The motion was unanimously carried. It was requested that the treasurer check her records to see who still owes their Club dues and please remind anyone who is in arrears, as many of us do not remember if we paid our dues in May.

Department Reports:

Arts (Barb Ceplina): Barb will provide a list of art supplies needed for a non-government school in Thailand -- for the Creative Creations Project started by an American man who teaches impoverished children how to draw. List will be put in newsletter. Barb has brochures for the upcoming CWAct season. Arts Department will be hosting the April meeting.

Conservation (Nancy Horvath): Highway Cleanup needs to take place in October. Nancy is looking for someone to organize this. It will take place either a Thursday or Saturday late in the month. She will send a signup sheet around. Conservation Department will host the November meeting -- the topic is Biomass Energy.

Education (Lynn Spanbauer/Betsy Kuzynski): 60 books were dropped off at the Public Library to be distributed to children who need them.

Home Life (Lois Cose/Marianne Potter): Heavenly Hats -- Program started by a young man in Green Bay. The group collects hats and distributes them all over the country to anyone who has lost their hair for whatever reason. A collection is being taken up at Great Lakes Region Conference Saturday Luncheon. Hats must be new, they must still have the tags on them. There are also links to patterns on the website if you would like to make hats. Also, please click on the Breast Cancer website every day so they receive funding.

International Affairs (Jan Flood): Jan will be doing UNICEF fundraising boxes for October.

Other Leadership: Diane announced the other leadership positions on her board.

Parliamentarian: Lou Sievwright

Newsletter: Linda Rollins -- Linda requested any information for the newsletter be given to her by the end of the third week of the month. She distributed a list and asked everyone to give her their e-mail address and indicate whether they would like their newsletter mailed or e-mailed.

Leadership: Sandra Pecha

Publicity: Paula Schlice -- Let Paula know in advance who your speakers are and what is planned for meetings or club activities and she will get an article in the newspaper.

Community Improvement Contest -- EMSC: Jan Flood -- Emergency Medical Services for Children. Jan is looking into a grant for the EMSC pediatric bags project, which is our club's Community Improvement Project.

Special Fundraiser (Diane Cychosz): Diane announced a special fundraiser. She unveiled a special edition Green Bay Packers autographed football sealed in a collector's case (case donated by Hoffman Hobbies). She will be selling raffle tickets for this item at \$2 each, 6 for \$10, or 13 for \$20. All proceeds will go to our Community Improvement Project.

Fundraisers:

Brews, Brats & Bands -- August 18/19: Six members helped with the food tent, we will get a share of the proceeds.

Taco Boats -- September 16: Art in the Park. A signup sheet went around. Tari Wallner still needs 15 lbs. of taco meat. Drop it off at her house.

Heritage Festival -- October 7: Linda Rollins and Cheri Karch will chair. Signup sheets for food needs and workers were circulated.

Uncle Al's: Mari Rekowski will bring order forms to the October meeting.

Gold Canyon Candles: Lynn Spanbauer is checking into this fundraiser.

Old Business:

Bylaw Revisions -- The bylaws have been revised and approved. The updated bylaws will be issued in a booklet along with our updated Club History for current and new members. Paula Schlice is updating the club history.

New Business:

Enchanted Forest -- Marian Falk is looking for two people to work with her on this project.

Hospice Fundraiser -- Woman's Club is sponsoring a table September 21 at Memories in Plover. Diane has 8 tickets. Karen Taylor Good will perform.

District Convention -- October 7. Stevens Point is host club. Will be held at Good Shepherd Church in Plover.

Dues Increase -- Anytime the combined GF, state and district exceed 50% of what we collect a dues increase is implemented. Dues this year will be \$35, next year \$40.

Upcoming Meetings:

September 28 -- Next Board Meeting -- Kristin's at Middletown

Junior Fall Conference -- September 23 -- Kenosha

7th District Fall Conference -- October 7 -- Stevens Point

Next General Meeting -- October 10 -- Spiedini's

Great Lakes Region Conference -- October 19-22 -- Green Bay

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Cheri Karch
Recording Secretary