

Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club

MEETING MINUTES –

April 16, 2015

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

President Marty Smith called the Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club meeting to order on 6:30 pm on April 16, 2015. After the invocation by Dianne White, members and guests had dinner at Maria Parham Medical Center.

ATTENDANCE

Members: Marty Smith, Maria Bailey, Bernice Barchan, June Blanks, Michelle Evans, Tawana Jones, Kathy Taylor, Dianne White and Donna Stearns

Guest Speaker: Floyd Johnson, Executive Director of Boys & Girls Clubs of North Central, NC

Other Guests: Tiffany Barnes, BPW Scholarship recipient and Eddie Ferguson, VGCC

GUEST SPEAKER INTRODUCTION & PRESENTATION

Val Short introduced Floyd Johnson, new Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Clubs of North Central NC, serving Vance, Granville and Franklin counties. Mr. Johnson shared his 19 year history of working with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, starting back in 1986 in Huntington, WV. He has 29 years of experience working with non-profits that included Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCA and MADD.

He emphasized that the Boys & Girls Clubs provide programs for youth ages 6-18 in five core areas: character building, leadership skills, education and career development, life and health skills, and arts/ recreation activities.

North Central area clubs information:

- ✚ Vance County club (largest of the three) has the former Clark Street Elementary School as its site.
- ✚ Granville County club recently moved from Mary Potter Middle School in Oxford to the a facility acquired from Santa Fe Tobacco Company.
- ✚ The Franklin County club operates out of a school owed site in Louisburg.

At the conclusion of his presentation, he addressed ways to assist the clubs through volunteering, fundraising, developing programs and making donations.

INTRODUCTION OF BPW SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Bernice Barchan introduced Tiffany Barnes who received one for the BPW scholarships this year. Ms. Barnes thanked BPW for the scholarship and expressed how much it meant to her. She will be graduating from VGCC May 15 with her degree in Medical Office Assisting. Her plans are to work on a four year degree.

VGCC ENDOWMENT INFORMATION –Eddie Ferguson

Mr. Ferguson thanked BPW for their support to VGCC through the five scholarships dating back to 1989. He addressed the club with possible options for changing scholarships based on program concerns with the rate of return being at only 16%. Recommendations included combining some scholarships (2 or 3 instead of 5) or, adding funds to existing scholarships to compensate for the low rate of return. However, he reported that the club could chose to keep them as is for now.

President Smith thanked Mr. Ferguson for his presentation and reported that the club would discuss options and let him know how the club voted concerning the scholarships.

After his departure on a motion by Maria Bailey, seconded by Bernice Barchan, the board voted to keep the scholarships as they are with no combinations or additional funds to be added to the scholarships.

TREASURER'S REPORT – June Blanks gave the following report:

Beginning Balance as of 3-19-15	\$1,478.52
Deposits	+233.00
Disbursements	- 187.50
Balance as of 4-16-15	\$1,554.02

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER AND MARCH MINUTES

On a motion by Michelle Evans, seconded by Tawana Jones, the November minutes were approved as written. On a motion by Val Short, seconded by Maria Bailey, the March minutes were approved as written also.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating – Michelle Evans reported the committee's recommendations for slate of officers for new fiscal year as follows:

President – Marsha Abbott
President Elect – Val Short
Vice President – Dianne White
Secretary – Michelle Evans
Corresponding Secretary – Kathy Taylor
Treasurer – Donna Stearns
Assistant Treasurer – June Blanks
Parliamentarian – Marty Smith

Club voted to accept the slate of officers. Val Short reported that State President, Pat Sledge, will install the officers at the May 21 club meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Convention (May 28-30) – Val Short asked club if they wanted to participate in donating a basket for auction as the club did last year. She mentioned that President Pat Sledge thought it would be a fun idea to decorate using bras. After a brief discussion the club decided to go with a spa theme for a basket. Members were asked to bring items to the May 21 meeting, since the conference is the following week in Greensboro Marriot/Airport. Deadline for registering is April 24. Envelopes must be postmarked by this date. However, one line registration is available.

Meeting Program Suggestions for next year- Val Short requested that members send any suggestions to her concerning possible program speakers for next year. She will also check with Marsha Abbott, incoming President about an upcoming Planning Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT AND COLLECT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm by President Marty Smith. The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on May 21 at Maria Parham Medical Center's JT Church Classroom located on the lower floor of the hospital close to the auditorium.