

Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

The regular meeting of the Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club was called to order at 6:30 pm on January 16, 2014 by President Marty Smith. After the invocation by Donna Stearns, members enjoyed dinner at Maria Parham Medical Center.

Members present were Marty Smith, Val Short, Kathy Taylor, Marsha Abbott, Bernice Barchan, June Blanks, Michelle Evans, and Maria Bailey. We also enjoyed the company of our guest speaker, Cindy Faulkner representing the United Way.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was introduced by Donna Stearns. Mrs. Faulkner is currently employed with Maria Parham Hospital but also serves as the President of the United Way Board. The group has been working to identify areas that need to be addressed within Vance County. They held a retreat in August and worked to figure out ways the group could "shake things up a little" within the organization to be of better assistance to the county. The goal is to increase pledges to the United Way.

The Executive Board has determined that it will not be able to meet payments or promises to recipients in the area. The focus is now being directed toward education and basic needs. A primary area is the needs of our 3rd grade students. They feel they can make the biggest difference in the elementary classroom with focus being directed toward 3rd grade reading. Their mission is to advance 3rd grade reading. They have adopted 25 – 3rd grade classrooms in Vance County. They are requesting donations of books to assist with giving children books to read. These books can be on any level as many children cannot read at a 3rd grade level.

The United Way has met with Vance County Board of Education members, teachers and attended the Board of Education monthly meeting. A challenge has been presented to churches, organizations, and businesses to step up to the challenge to help 3rd grade students. Teachers need incentives to give to students. Another challenge being presented is to adopt a classroom. The nursing leadership at Maria Parham Hospital will begin going into the schools and working with students on reading.

The last Friday of January will present an opportunity through partnership of the United Way, Vance County Schools, and the Skateeum to pull all 3rd grade students into a rally held at the Skateeum. The theme "United We Read, United We Succeed" is being used to motivate people in the community to offer their assistance with this need in our schools. Students will be given a book and encouraged to read, read, and read. Book donations can be dropped off at the United Way office across from the Fire Department on Dabney Drive.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed from the November 21, 2013 monthly meeting. Bernice motioned to approve the minutes and Maria motioned as a second.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June Blanks gave the financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

<i>Beginning Balance 11/21/2013</i>	<i>\$897.40</i>
Deposits	+690.00
Disbursements	-99.50
Balance 1/16/2014	\$1487.90

OLD BUSINESS

December Community Project - Nonperishable items were collected at the December meeting and delivered to Lifeline by Val Short. A thank you note was received a few days later.

December Meeting – Maria Bailey hosted our December meeting. Many thanks go out to Maria for her donation of the afghan. Bernice was the lucky winner of the afghan.

ACTS Donation – A thank you note was received from ACTS thanking us for our donation on November 21, 2013.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – Please let Marty know if you are willing to serve on the committee or as an officer.

Installation of Officers – Who will do the installation of officers? Begin thinking about who we will ask.

Speakers – We are still in need of speakers for February and March. Val has solicited the services of Hope Breedlove to speak to the group in April.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Marty announced the Arline Richardson is taking a break and will not attend our monthly meetings during the winter months. June Blanks will finish out as treasurer and Arline will rejoin us in the spring.

Michelle announced the January BPW/NC Women Empowered& Enlightened Event to be held on January 24, 2014 in Carrboro. There will be a host of speakers and lots of entertainment on Friday evening. Dinner will be held at the Hampton Inn on Friday night at 6:00 pm. Saturday night will be the 95th Anniversary Celebration. The cost is \$20.00 per person as the state is funding the remainder of the event. Marty, June, Val and Michelle have signed up to attend.

ADJOURNMENT AND COLLECT

Meeting was adjourned by Marty Smith. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on February 20, 2014 at Maria Parham Medical Center. Please note the next meeting will be held in the J.T. Church Classroom which is located on the lower floor of the hospital next to the auditorium.



COLLECT

Keep us, O God, from pettiness;
let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.

Let us be done with fault-finding
and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretense and
meet each other face to face--without
self-pity and without prejudice.

May we never be hasty in judgment
and always generous.

Let us take time for all things;
make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.

Teach us to put into action our
better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realize it is the
little things that create differences,
that in the big things of life we are at one.

And may we strive to touch and
to know the great common human heart
of us all, and O Lord God,
let us forget not to be kind.

Mary Stewart