

Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club

Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2015

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 March 19, 2015 by President Marty Smith. After the invocation by Donna Stearns, members enjoyed dinner at Maria Parham Medical Center.

Members present were Marty Smith, Marsha Abbott, June Blanks, Bernice Barchan, Maria Bailey, Kathy Taylor, Val Short, Michelle Evans, and Donna Stearns. We were delighted to have our guest speaker, Tanya Weary from the Small Business Center, VGCC and Ms. Vanessa Shortley and Ms. Nancy Wykle from the Daily Dispatch.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Our guest speaker was introduced by Val Short. Tanya Weary has been the Director of the Small Business Center for VGCC since April 2012. She holds a B.A. in English and a Master's in Public Administration. She serves as a business representative for the Franklin Granville Vance Smart Start Board. She also serves on the WEE Council for Franklin Vance Warren Opportunity. Her previous employment was with the City of Oxford as the Downtown Development Director. She enjoys photography and spending time with her husband and two sons.

Mrs. Weary presented the group with pamphlets on the Small Business Center. Services offered through the center are free because it is funded by the NC General Assembly and administered by the NC Community College System. Partners include the NC Rural Center, financial institutions, Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Commissions, and other city and county organizations.

The Small Business Center works with community members on learning the financial and management issues associated with operating a business. The NC REAL Agricultural Entrepreneurship Program is also available to participants in the area. Plans are in progress to offer a Craft & Artist Entrepreneurship. This offering may involve a small fee as it is not part of the Agricultural project which has many other partners making it available to local participants at no charge.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes available for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

June Blanks gave the financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

<i>Beginning Balance 1/15/2015</i>	<i>\$1516.02</i>
Deposits	+\$110.00
Disbursements	-\$147.50
Balance 3/19/2015	\$1478.52

OLD BUSINESS

By-laws – A discussion was held on changing the Vice President of Programs to Vice President. Bernice made a motion to accept the change and Michelle seconded the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – Marsha, Val, Michelle, and Donna (Who will chair the committee?)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Marty presented the speaker with a gift from the Henderson BPW.

990N ePostcard Information – Federal site has been hacked. Marty was asked to change the password to submit reports.

BPW Annual State Convention May 28-30 Greensboro – Michelle reported that the convention would be held in Greensboro at the Marriot Hotel. Pat is working on the program. No word yet on speakers. There will be different options for attendance to allow for flexibility in attendance.

BPW Scholarships – Bernice reported that we received two thank you cards for our scholarship recipients.

Val announced that the next meeting will be Thursday, April 16th and our speaker will be the new Director of the Boys & Girls Club. Our May meeting will be the installation of new officers by Pat Sledge.

Michelle reported on the WWE. Sheri Walston was selected as the Career Woman of the Year from Nashville-Rocky Mount.

ADJOURNMENT AND COLLECT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm by Marty Smith. The next general meeting will be at 6:30 pm on April 16, 2015 at Maria Parham Medical Center. Please note the next general 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