

Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club

Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION

The regular meeting of the Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club was called to order at 6:33 pm on February 18, 2016 by President Marsha Abbott. After the invocation by Dr. Marty Smith, members enjoyed dinner at Maria Parham Hospital.

Members present were June Blanks, Bernice Barchan, Kathy Taylor, Maria Bailey, Marsha Abbott, Michelle Evans, Anita Hicks, Patti McAnnaly, and Marty Smith.

Guests: Pete Burgess, Lorraine Watkins, and Tracy Madigan.

MEETING PROGRAM

The program was titled Farmer's Market Coming Attractions. NC Farm Bureau Board Member and retired farmer Pete Burgess shared the history of how the farmer's market facility came to being. The \$1M structure resulted from the work of many for over 10 years and was predominantly funded by grants and fund raising. The primary objective had been to develop a venue for farmers who were transitioning their crops from tobacco to other types of produce. The market is patterned after the Rocky Mount Farmer's Market.

Tracy Madigan, the Farmer's Market Manager, works with vendors and patrons alike. In her role, Tracy works to raise awareness of the market through social media and the market's advisory board. The market's offerings include but are not limited to food, produce, canned goods, baked goods, and plants. The market hosts special events such as its successful Holiday Market activity in the fall. This year, the market will open in April with a big plant sale. Peak season begins in June. Volunteers are always needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were received from the January 21, 2016 monthly meeting. The minutes were approved as corrected.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Marsha Abbott gave the financial report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Beginning Balance 1/20/2016	\$2116.64
Deposits	+282.00
Disbursements	-222.50
Balance as of 2/16/2016	\$2176.14

Nominating Committee – President Abbott announced a Nominating Committee Chair is needed by next month. Bernice Barchan and Kathy Taylor volunteered to serve on the Committee.

BPW Awards – President Abbott shared additional information about the BPW/NC awards. Maria Bailey shared her Starbright Award form.

NEW BUSINESS

Connect NC – Dr. Marty Smith shared literature and information about Connect NC, a new state-wide bond under consideration. The bond will not cause a tax increase but rather allocate monies already collected.

Vance County Public Schools Foundation – Michelle Burgess contacted Henderson BPW about a grant. Given the Club has little information, Marsha will inquire about the use of the funds and share with the Club.

Membership Listing – The BPW/NC system includes some incorrect membership dates, so a list was shared with the members. Marsha will update the system to include the correct dates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- A thank you card was received from Lisa Simes, a VGCC scholarship recipient.
- Kathy Taylor received a note and thank you from the Animal Shelter.
- On March 17 (9am-4pm), the Cooperative Extension Resource Fair will be held at Southern Vance High School. Anita will send a link to Marsha.
- On February 24, scholarships will be distributed at VCGG. Dr. Marty Smith, Bernice Barchan, Kathy Taylor, Marsha Abbott, and Maria Bailey will be present.
- Marsha Abbott updated the Club on possibly hosting a BPW/NC Women Empowered and Enlightened

ADJOURNMENT AND COLLECT

Meeting was adjourned by President Marsha Abbott at 8:30 pm.