

## Henderson Business & Professional Women's Club

Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 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 October 20, 2016. After the invocation by Marty Smith, members enjoyed dinner at Maria Parham Hospital.

Members present were Kathy Taylor, Marty Smith, Michelle Evans, Patti McAnally, Bernice Barchan, Val Short, June Blanks, and Maria Bailey.

Guests: Sheri Moss (Dept of Social Services) and Ann Hudson (Carts).

### MEETING PROGRAM

Patti McAnally introduced our speaker, Sheri Moss, who just graduated from University of Mount Olive and is from Henderson. She has worked at Vance County Department of Social Services since July. Sheri teaches in the Work First Program where she instructs clients on employability skills and informs her students about skills employers are seeking in new employees. Students learn the skills needed to seek work and maintain a productive position. Work First is a program that was built on a premise that all people have a responsibility to their families and communities to work and provide for their children. Sheri reviewed the client requirements to participate in the program. The program emphasizes diversion (short-term service), work, and retention. Clients are assessed for various program factors.

Clients are eligible for uniforms, tools, slip resistant shoes, etc. Emergency assistance is designed for sporadic family needs such as a utility cut-off or an eviction notice (up to \$300 per year). Work First Services 200% requires the client being 200% below the poverty level. Sheri offers education, OJT training, childcare, and job search. Sheri's class is titled Gateway to Employment and includes self-sufficiency and employment training.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were received from the September 15, 2016 monthly meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Patti McAnally provided the financial report in Donna Stearns' absence.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

Beginning Balance 9/14/2016	\$2,310.14
Deposits	+69.00
Disbursements	-97.50
Balance as of 10/20/2016	\$2,281.64

## **OLD BUSINESS**

November Meeting: Twanna Jones will be our speaker in November. For the November meeting, the members will bring items for storm victims. Maria will take the items to the appropriate point. Val will research where to take items and what items are needed.

Holiday Party: We will bring covered dish for the holiday party. The date will be Thursday, December 15, 2016 at Val's office.

January Meeting: We will meet at the Perry Memorial Library. Val indicated George's would deliver the meal if the group wants. They can do lasagna/salad/garlic bread. We could bring desserts. Patti will check with Tim at George's on their availability to cater.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Maria announced the Vance Granville Community College has reformatted its scholarship presentation. The scholarships presentations will be held in the fall. This month, a dinner was held with recipients and donors celebrating together. Val and Maria attended the dinner. Three Henderson BPW scholarship recipients attended.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- No correspondence.
- Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> is a United Way charity sale day at Belk.

## **ADJOURNMENT AND COLLECT**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.