**October 2023 Women’s Club Meeting Minutes**

**Agenda:** Oct. 9, 2023 at 8pm

**Meeting Commences:** 8pm

1. **Attendance -** https://forms.gle/oip3e3qA7BHZ8jCV7 - Pat Degnan, Molly Reynolds, Mike Ilardi, Inga Donskaya, Jasmine Vargas, Kate Zambarano, Susan Gubkin, Joanne Machalaba, Lisa Dispenza, Frances Zegar, Chris Kleinwaks, Danielle Ronay, Suzie Palazzo, Marisa Dubofsky, Francesca Miskowsky, Tangelin Rivera, Angela Quant and Laura Eory.
2. **WELCOME New Members** - Marisa Dubofsky - Welcome!
3. **Nominations**
   1. **President** - Laura Eory nominates Angela Quant; Chris K. seconds
   2. **VP** - Angela Quant nominates Francesca Miskowsky; Tangelin/Chris K. seconds
   3. **Secretary** - Francesca nominates Molly Reynolds; Tangelin seconds
   4. **Treasurer** - no nominations for treasurer - as per Article 5 Section 5 of the Women’s Club constitution: “The Vice President shall fill a vacancy in the office of President. Vacancies existing in any office other than that of President shall be filled by Presidential appointment with the approval of 2/3 vote of the active women’s club membership, until such time as a special election for the vacant office is feasible. Special elections shall follow the same procedures for election as noted in Article 5 Section 3.”
4. **Dance & Acro/Tumbling for Tots** - Krista/Francesca
   1. **Dance & Acro** - Update - Christine - classes are going great so far. Still missing a few waivers will follow up with parents. Waivers were delayed for Tumbling for Tots because of a misunderstanding, we thought waivers were only needed for Dance & Acro.
      1. 9:45am, 4pm & 6:15pm classes (Pre-school Combo, Acro I/II & Tap/Jazz): 9 out of 12 spots filled.
      2. 4:45pm (Kinder Combo): 10 out of 12 spots filled.
      3. 7pm (Acro III): 7 out of 12 spots filled.
   2. **Tumbling for Tots** - all classes have a 12 student max, all classes filled - registration separate for current and new students. Fall Session ends 12/7, Winter Session to begin 12/14 - Registration for current students to begin Tuesday, Nov. 28th (online) and Tuesday, Dec. 5th (online) for new students - need to confirm with Suzie and office.
   3. Other comments: Asked and got approval to add a second teacher for Fall 2024, need to look into logistics with the clubhouse. Do a parent survey to gain feedback.
5. **Old Business**
   1. **Fall Festival** recap - Laura/Angela/Chris/Jessica/Mary - 9/30
      1. Witches Paddle - Jessica/Mary - 56 registered - great turn out
      2. Fall Festival - Laura/Angela/Chris - 778 registered - went really well, all events went very well and kids loved the activities, tic tac toe game is broken. Overall positive feedback, \*new\* added new craft vendors. One food truck no show due to death in the family. Food trucks stayed until 10/11pm, heard bar did well in sales.
      3. Biergarten - Laura/Angela/Chris - pretzel eating contest, German spelling bee - people had a hard time hearing, should have put out second speaker.
         1. Beer mug sales (scholarship fundraiser) - spent $600 on cups from scholarship and on inflatable for beer garden, sold 139 in total: 96 before Fall Festival ($15/per) and 43 day of ($20): $2,300 (net). 61 cups left over - donate to NHO for bags.
      4. Suggestions:
         1. Kids water - gatorade/water stand? - Or similar to Summer Kick off, have jugs of water. - Or water fundraiser (sell water for $1) Adult Volunteer to give cash box to security or bartender at the end of the event so that volunteer is not responsible for carrying the cash off premise.
         2. No kids at the bar - can B & R pre-mix the kids juice - sell tickets for the kids juice at the bar and get juice elsewhere. Can we use the mobile bar?
         3. Needed more volunteers for clean up - host had to leave at 7pm so had to rush clean up.
6. **Upcoming Scholarship Fundraisers**
   1. **Merchandise Sale** - Danielle Ronay (ongoing) - Scot working on link. Shirts, long sleeve, and sweatshirt with design that was voted on and sunflake on sleeve. Next year (beginning of next year look to launch another sale with just the sun flake and more items. Pick up will be at clubhouse (date/time TBD)
      1. Suggestions: Display the art that did not win. Merchandise will take 3 weeks from after the store closes. Can we get an order sheet from Scot for Holiday Market?
   2. **Holiday Market** - Molly/Francesca/Lisa/Karen L. - 11/12 - 37 vendors total (31 in ballroom; 6 pop up shop) - \*new\* introduced the pop-up shop for $25 (smaller space, just one 8ft table, will use trophy room, Tiffany bar and vestibule) Sold 6 pop-up shops so far - $428 profit for scholarship.
      1. Lawn signs to be put out before Halloween, Facebook event promo 3 weeks out.
   3. **Line dancing** - Laura - Feb 3rd - sourced WC FB group to see interest on this event and gained a lot of positive responses. Nashville Nights - idea is to have live country cover band, line dance teacher to teach during band breaks - check availability of Mechanical bull from Any Excuse for a Party (Fran). Sourced 3 bands, band we liked for $1;500 would not sign W9 or contract, other band quoted $2,200, going forward with North of Nashville, quoted: $600
      1. Suggestions: mechanical bull may not be worth it for fundraiser, may have to be ride you pay for and folks may not want to pay. Use saddle in WC closet for photo booth opportunity, hobby horse races.
   4. **Mozzarella Night** - Laura - January - TBD
7. **Pre-School** - improvements - everyone says it’s beautiful. Partitions in the bathroom are on backorder but for now functional. Parents are very happy!
   1. **Fundraisers** - mums fundraiser - have to tally where we are but at or near $2,000 in sales. Next is pie fundraiser, and Storytime with Santa (12/3 3pm-7pm). Parents want to know where the fundraiser money is going. Asked Holly and Kate for a list of things they want to purchase for the school.
8. **Upcoming POA/Community Events**
   1. **Halloween Parties** - Laura/Tangelin/Kerry - Jodi (Circle Time Live) and DJ Tom all set just need contracts, order food and maintenance forms
      1. **Beansprouts Party** - 10/27 - 5:30pm-7pm - sold out
      2. **K-2nd Grade Party** - 10/20 5:30-7pm - sold out
      3. **3-5th Grade Party** - 10/20 7:30pm-9pm - still some avail.
   2. **Other Halloween Festivities**
      1. **Trick - O - Treat Map** - Angela (ongoing) - 24 registered
      2. **Halloween Lights Contest** - (ongoing) - Francesca/Matt - Deadline Wed. Oct. 25th. Judging will take place Friday, Oct. 27, 8:30pm-10:30pm (Rain date for judging will be Saturday, Oct. 28th). Keep your displays lit up on Sunday, Oct. 29th for a community drive through! - 17 registered so far
   3. **Lights on the Lake** - 11/26 - Laura - volunteers needed to set up the lights display on the lawn - Lisa can help. HA committee will be setting up their decorations that morning, WC to start set up at 1pm
   4. **Tree Lighting/Santa Mailbox** - 11/30? - Laura/Hannah - officially confirmed for 11/29 5:30pm - start party in the ballroom with hot chocolate etc, carols, santa mailbox - Inga to help take out letters, Nov. 10th deadline for box.
   5. **Menorah Lighting** - 12/10 - no update - 6:30pm
   6. **Winterfest** - 1/28 - 1-3pm
      1. First year implementing WC Event Budget sheet - to help us keep track of what we spend and not solely rely on office.
      2. Captains of Leisure - entertainment confirmed via email working on contracts ($200); Making Faces (Jolene) - $160/hr per artist ($480/artist) - (summer kick off had simpler designs) looking to do one artist and sign up only (no walk-ups); just doing polaroid pics and no photo booth, Gingerbread wars! (Lisa), s’mores upon check in (last year made 750 and had leftovers, will look to make the same), Arts & Crafts: milk gallon arts and crafts or repeat snow globes (Chris/Karen) - need donations of the milk gallons but can also bring your own. Will put details and sign up in the newsletter. Suggestion: Tattoo station. Polaroid camera needs more film.
      3. **VOTE:** Trackless Train, Mechanical Snowboard and (\*new\*) Snowball Throwing (axe throwing comparison): $3,774.84
         1. 14 - yes, none opposed
9. **Volunteers:** What volunteers are needed for the Winter events? - Francesca
   1. More for Halloween parties, Winterfest (10/11am to 4/5pm), 2-3 for tree lighting (5pm-7pm), 2 for lights on the lake (1pm-4pm), Merch sale (TBD)
10. **Good & Welfare/New Ideas!**
    1. **Adult Halloween Party** - Jasmine/Laura - next year possibly on same day we do beansprout for next year. (too tight to do it this year). Suggestions: Wasn’t well attended when HA committee was in charge. Patrizia did a free event with a costume contest as a part of a Bar and Rental event in the Gold Lounge, was better attended but was free, something to consider. Next year Beansprout is set for 10/25 (Friday). Survey guests coming to the kids party: would you want to have an adult Halloween party?
    2. **NYE for the Family** - Francesca - Noon Years Eve - idea: to do something for the kids and their parents to celebrate NYE. HA committee sets up day before and have tablecloths etc and there’s too much to do to change from one event to the other and a lot to ask of staff on a holiday weekend. Suggestions: do it outside - ball drop? That would be more for the community, may not be able to run as a fundraiser.
    3. **Other?**
       1. Larry and Raven - are we having them back? - can look to do for next year.
       2. Running list of babysitters for events - used to have list of people that mow lawns and babysit and other things that you contract out on your own, can look to helping the office update that list. Can use teen room. Use to pay someone from youth center line.
       3. Paint and sip for kids (Suzie’s daughter?)
       4. Red cross course - take it out of the program line to subsidize - it’s about $150/person for a 3hr course. Maybe just need CPR class if babysitting happens on premise and parents are on premise could be less expensive.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:06pm

**Minutes Recorded by:** Francesca Miskowsky *(Secretary)*

**OIC Approval:** Joanne Machalaba (OIC)