**Women’s Club - November 13, 2023**

**Meeting start time: 8:12pm**

**Meeting end time: 10:35pm**

**Chairperson(s):** Pat Degnan

**Officer in Charge:** Mike Ilardi

**Attendance:** Laura Eory, Angela Quant, Francesca Miskowsky, Tangelin Rivera, Molly Reynolds, Inga Donskaya, Jasmine Vargas, Kristen Neu, Sean Monteith, Amanda Alessandra, Suzie Palazzo, Courtney Palazzo, Chris Kleinwaks, Mary Stotelmeyer, Lisa Dispenza, Karyn Brodman, Michael Ilardi, Frances Zegar, Kerry Rivelli, Jennifer Meyers, Jenn Gotzon Chandler, and Hannah Luketina.

1. **WELCOME New Members -** Jenn and Courtney, welcome!
2. **Election for Women’s Club Board**
   1. Angela Quant - running for President unanimous
   2. Francesca Miskowsky - running for Vice President unanimous
   3. Molly Reynolds - running for secretary unanimous
   4. (Note: No nominations for Treasurer)
3. **New Homeowners (VOTE)** - Vote to purchase alloy tool/key chain and post-it notes with WML logo for 2024 new homeowners’ bag by DMC Productions, amount not to exceed $850 - 18/20 voted yes, vote PASS
4. **Logistics** (Laura)
   1. Facilities use rules (see attached) - get magnetic hooks for next year’s events.
   2. JotForm/PayPal Charges - keep in mind PayPal charges for future events. Convenience fee at 4% currently. Suggestions: Shopify and/or other POS systems (like Square).
5. **Dance & Acro/Tumbling for Tots** - Krista/Francesca - both programs are going well including p play group.
   1. **Dance & Acro** - nothing new to report
   2. **Tumbling for Tots** - Winter registration for the next session to open Wed. Nov. 29th at 5pm for WML residents ($130). Registration will be open to everyone. Non-WML registration will open Wed. Dec. 6th at 5pm ($170). Next session set to run Dec.14th to Feb. 22nd (no class on Dec. 28th). Krista to send out a parent survey in the upcoming weeks. Suggestion: Segregate the ages for 0-3. Talk to Jenn Gotzon Chandler for a second teacher and/or possible substitute.
6. **Old Business**
   1. **Halloween Parties** - Laura/Tangelin - parties went well and were well attended. Issues still surrounding parents drinking during the parties in the ballroom. Suggestions: Making it an alcohol-free event like scouts do. Need more adult volunteers to police. Place more signage in the ballroom and at the bar, the bartender can help enforce, and a garbage can be at the entrance to throw out the drinks upon entry. Too many adults per child. Suggest limiting it to 1-2 adults per child. Can bring this back to the meeting for vote in Feb. if volunteers planning party want to allow alcohol. A non-WML person at the party- we can check badges if we think that’s happening more. Doors open time 15-30 minutes before the party starts to start checking people in.
   2. **Other Halloween Festivities**
      1. **Trick - O - Treat Map** - Angela - 157 houses on the map - *need volunteer for next year* - can make it a live edit Lisa and Jasmine
      2. **Halloween Lights Contest** - Francesca/Matt - 1st place: 8 Ronald Ave; 2nd place: 29 Ellen Drive; 3rd place: 73 Valley View Drive. Suggestions: should families be allowed to win multiple years in a row? Can circle back to this in the summer and decide/vote to keep this rule and use a pivot table to keep track or omit the rule altogether.
   3. **Holiday Market** - Molly/Francesca/Lisa/Karen L. - 11/12 10am-3pm - $418.14 profit for scholarship - full house all vendors who paid to be here showed up. Pop up shop loved it! Lisa and Karen to take over - HUGE thank you to Maintenance staff Kurt and Zack and POA staff and bartenders - and to our adult and student volunteers, Renee, Mary Pat, Grace, Megan, TJ and Mason, thank you!

1. **Pre-School** - Kate/Mary - Update - PS doing well - inside looks great! Pie fundraiser just ended and went well. Need an Elf volunteer for storytime with Santa! Opened up 2 sessions for Storytime with Santa this year as well as pet sessions. Tree lighting questions - PS to bring/decorate the tree with their ornaments. Suggestion: Kids to decorate during the day time?

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Scholarship** - working on GoMerry - Feb. look to build the committee. Start putting it in the newsletter - put it in newsletter QR code for volunteer sign up.
2. **Scholarship Fundraisers**
   1. **Merchandise Sale** - Danielle Ronay (ongoing) - 11 orders from mid last week - Lisa to help with QR code - Sale ends Friday night but will try to extend.
   2. **Line Dancing** - Laura - Feb 3rd - we have a band working on getting the instructor
   3. **Mozzarella Night** - Laura - January - TBD
3. **POA/Community Events**
   1. **New Homeowners** - (Lisa) - Vote passed - more updates next month.
   2. **Lights on the Lake** - 11/26 - Laura - need help with setting up.
   3. **Tree Lighting/Santa Mailbox** - 11/29 - Hannah/Laura/Angela - 5-6:30pm (Inga doing letters) - event to begin at starts at 5:30 the lighting is at 6/6:30, Hannah has a Choir lined up, Sean’s Dad to be Santa, Cookies, possibly a band (yay Hannah!). Need to coordinate logistics with the PS - Holly and Hannah should connect. Lisa wants to donate the ornaments to decorate the tree.
   4. **Menorah Lighting** - 12/10 - 5pm-6:30 - already started to advertise.
   5. **Winterfest** - 1/28 - 12-3pm - contracts are done, deposits sent for the Snowball throw, trackless train and mechanical snowboard.
4. **Good & Welfare/New Ideas!**
   1. **Ideas from last meeting:**  Larry & Raven, list of babysitters, paint night for kids, Red cross/CPR course
   2. Jen M. - Silhouette of WML from a jeweler in Denville. Shooting for Mother’s Day/graduation launch. Metal used would be completely up to the customer but prices would vary based on materials. Trying to do all sales directly through the jewelry store and Scholarship gets a percentage of profits. Suggestions: Have a charm with “WML” or “Est. in…” or stone with HS colors. Be mindful of when the Jostens sales start - Try getting it in the March Newsletter (so Feb. deadline).
   3. Jenn C. - Movie night with own movie
   4. Francesca M. - WML baby book
   5. Courtney P. - Paint and sip - for kids Dec 17th - 6–10-year-olds for 20 kids – need HS volunteers 2 or 3 could do; 10-12 and 1-3 if a lot of interest but more supplies would be needed.

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

**Minutes Approved by**: Mike Ilardi (*OIC*)