CCWC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Belinda Becton-McAbee.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited by the Membership.

Introduction of Mary Taylor’s Guest, Stephanie Horn who attended the CCWC’s Meet and Greet Open House. Nita Cole introduced Allison Haddon who was a volunteer at the Salvation Army Food Distribution

**Thought for the Day** was presented by Lucille Casey on the Importance of VOTING. Election Day is November 8, 2022.

**Volunteer Moment** was presented by Liz Dreyer on The Feeding of Tampa Bay. Jamie Samilio added that this program is also offered here at the Church on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

**Guest Speaker** Vice-Mayor and City Council Member and CCWC Member, Kathleen Beckman was introduced by Susan Luce.

Kathleen gave a presentation on the Downtown Clearwater Bluffs proposed project and what it would mean for Clearwater. More information can be obtained by going to myclearwater.com . Click on YES for Clearwater. Questions and answers followed.

**Business Meeting began with “The Collect”**

**Co-Recording Secretary -** Liz Drayer **-** said that there was a correction to last month’s minutes in the Budget portion. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Belinda McAbee and 2nd by Nita Cole.

**Grants**- Kay Estock shared Recipient notes on how they benefited from our Grants. Voices of Aphasia, Lighthouse of Pinellas, Harbor Dish and Clearwater Historical Society. There is a new Grant Application on the front page of CCWC Website.

**State Project Boggy Creek** - Bear making for Districts 8 & 14 will be held at the St. Peterburg’s Clubhouse on October 30, 2022.

**1st Vice President** – Nan Shane – Reported that it is getting close to the time for Hours Reports by the CSP’s. House need to be reported by December.

**2nd Vice President** – Nita Cole – Fundraising Activities

10/23 4:00 PM Drag Queen Bingo at Hamburgers Mary’s $10 Cash per BINGO packet.

White House Christmas ornaments for sale $25,

Threshers Game Volunteer earnings last check $370 and total $1757.50

JAZZ Festival Hours and Earnings $850.

Camp Boggy Creek $67 - afghan/boggy bear

If you are cleaning out your closets, save new. not used items to be used in prizes for various activities.

CHAMPA BAY Elimination Dinner is March 4, 2023. Revised forms.

Give Butter Platform

Promo goodies for bags

Fundraiser meeting is 10/25/22 at 11:30AM at RUMBA. BAYSIDE gave $100 gift Card for previous CHAMPA BAY event.

10/25/22 is Game Night at the Church

**3rd Vice President** – Leslie Clark – Membership-

Name badges for the new members are available. Membership is growing

There are 33 categories for Arts and Crafts local, District and State levels to participate in.

T-Shirt information was given by Susan Luce. There is a new vendor and a slight color difference as well as a possible extra choice of yellow. New Members will receive a free T shirt.

Treasurer – Kim Davis – presented her report which is on file for review.

**CSP Reports**

**Environment** – Nita Cole – reported they are collecting pop tops from soda/beer cans for the RMH of Tampa Bay, Toilet/Paper towel tubes, Science themed children/adult books for the Little Free Library @ Moccasin Lake NP

“Science Rocks” Class – 2nd Wednesday of each month 10:30-11:30 at Moccasin Lake

Holiday Nature Crafts – Dec. 3 MLNP

**Arts and Culture** – Leslie Clark – Theme Homes for Gnomes and Home for the Holidays - Glue Gun Party after meeting Nov.1, to finish ornament for the tree we are doing at the Festival of Trees. BYO Glue Gun. Festival of Trees is Nov. 18 at the Long Center benefiting ARC.

Art Contest – work on items to enter.

**Civic Engagement** – Susan Luce – today’s guest speaker – Kathleen Beckman

**Education** – Debbie Foley – Collecting food this month and next for Food Drive

**Human Trafficking** - Kay Eastock -Reported with an update on Restored to Dream and the situation with their Pastor who had to step down due to indiscretions. CCW is not partnered with them.

**Social** – Mary Taylor – Lunch after meeting at Queen’s Pizza

Holiday Luncheon -Dec. 20th, 11:30 AM at Belleaire CC. All-inclusive at $32/ person. New Members will be making the favors.

Haunted Trolly Ride Oct. 27 – Jolly Trolly $22.99. If interested dinner at O’Keefe’s prior to the Haunt.

**Reminders:**

Salvation Army, Gulf Coast Jewish and Moccasin Lake have been approved and added to places for CCW to volunteer.

Book Club - Sharon Smith reported – discussed Judges List – Met on Oct 20th. Next book is Run, Rose, Run and will be discussed Nov 17 at 11:00 in the Clearwater Main Library

50/50 Raffle winner – Jamie Samilio

Gift Basket made $55 for the benefit of Civic Engagement.

Meeting adjourned by President Belinda Becton-McAbee at 11:50 AM

Respectively submitted by Jane Snyder- Co-Recording Secretary