

**Ramsey Woman's Club
General Meeting
November 22, 2022**

Members Present: Francine Allen, Kathy Ambrose, Pat Bernius, Juliet Borgersen, Betty Green, Rose Ippolito, Janet Klein, Linda Korsen, Fran Mahon, Bette Moore, Elaine Muzzillo, Katie Parker, Tina Pellicciari, Dorothy Verdone

Rose called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Collect were recited. Rose welcomed Tina Ree, NJSFWC District VP and Barbara McCloskey, NJSFWC President-Elect as guests to our meeting.

- **Treasurer's Report** - Janet reported the prior balance was \$3,389.91; income from Amazon Smile donations was \$9.12 and What's What Book sale was \$5; there were no expenses. Closing balance \$3,404.03. Treasurer's report was accepted by members.
- **Wine and Cheese Event** - Rose thanked Fran and Bette for their work in researching place and prices for a prospective wine and cheese event. While the price to us was high, the club will table the project for now.
- **Public Relations** - Rose also thanked Linda for posting our club meeting on Ramsey Patch.
- **Club Project 2023 - Tommy Strong** - Tina reported that we will have a speaker from Tommy Strong at our February meeting. She has been in contact with Christine and Andrew Fitzpatrick, parents of Tommy. One or both will share information about the organization and what our club can do to support them as our project this year.
- **December Holiday Luncheon** - Pat shared that our new members will be inducted into the Club at our Holiday Luncheon on December 1 at 12:30 p.m. at the Ramsey Golf & Country Club. Reservations are still being accepted - contact Pat to join in the event.
- **Hostess** - Tina reported that at a recent officer's meeting there was discussion of reinstating having 'hostesses' provide refreshments at monthly general meetings to assist Katie and Dorothy. We will have a sign-up sheet for two people each month to provide milk and cake or other food. Tina and Kathy have signed up for January - a sheet will be available at the January meeting.
- **Tea Party Fundraiser** - Rose added that plans are in progress for a Spring Tea Party which could be held annually as a fundraiser for the Club at High Societea in Wayne. More information to come.
- **A Child's Journey** - Rose noted that Kathy suggested providing support to a Ramsey child, grade K - 8 to assist with their Back-To-School needs. The Club would begin collecting items - backpacks, water bottles, lunch boxes, school supplies, gift cards to Kohl's and Staples. We could work with the schools or Ramsey Responds to identify children in need. Items could be given to the students in late August.
- **Food Pantry** - Toni reported that in November, 92 food items were donated, three turkeys and two \$25 Shop-Rite gift cards. The total for the month was \$339.87. It was noted that the Food Pantry serves 191 families in need.

- **Help Needed** - Tina reported that Helen Mekita is in a nursing home in Rochelle Park and her husband, Pete, is unable to drive to visit her daily. Any member wishing to assist in driving should contact Marge Detweiler who has been in contact with Helen.
- **Meeting Changes** - Tina reported that at a meeting of the Executive Board a resolution was made to change the day and time of Woman's Club meetings. Tina has been working with Roger Knauss to find other times available and has found that we could have the first and third Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the Senior Center. Storage would be provided to us in that area of the building - parking is more accessible for everyone and the room is a better fit for our members.
- **Fundraising** - Rose asked members to give thought to other fundraising ideas for 2023.
- **Garage Sale** - Dorothy noted that our last participation in the Town-Wide Garage Sale was a big success financially. She has offered her driveway for the next event which is usually in early May. Start saving your treasures now!
- **Ramsey Day** - Rose noted that we should find a product to sell at Ramsey Day. The officers thought the idea of some homemade cookies packaged in a bag with a Woman's Club tag could be popular and could be sold throughout the year at other events we host or attend.
- **Ramsey Parades** - To provide more exposure for the Club and all that we do for the town, Rose suggested members join together to march, or ride, in the Ramsey parades - Home For the Holidays, Memorial Day and Ramsey Day. Dorothy will look into this.
- **Public Relations** - Linda reminded members that she has stickers with mailing addresses of our new members to be affixed in new Yearbooks. If you need one please contact Linda. She also shared that a member of the Knoxville, TN Woman's Club contacted her about using the Collect with Lily of the Valley frame designed by Linda. They will present it to their new members. Linda added that she had many bookmarks left over from Ramsey Day that also provided information on the Club. She will contact the Ramsey Library to see if they will put them on the front desk for patrons to take.
- **Online Donations** - Discussion was held on how we can accept online payments for events or donations. Younger people do not write checks and rely on 'clicking a button' to donate. This would be helpful and could be placed on our Facebook page also. Tina will follow-up on this.
- **In Need** - Dorothy reported that the Macaluso girl (daughter of local policeman) has relapsed and is back in treatment. We provided a donation to her at the beginning of her treatment for cancer.
- **Safety Net** - Linda has asked members to continue to collect small sample sized health and cosmetic products to be placed in a net bag and distributed to people entering the Center for Hope and Safety homes. Francine brought in several bags she had already completed. We hope all members participate in this worthwhile project and provide us with items like hair care, dental care, creams, etc. to fill the bags. Please start collecting items now.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

- **Speaker** - Pat welcomed Tara, The Chief Bag Lady. Tara presented a very interesting talk of her life and the creation of making bags and totes from recycled materials. Products were available to purchase that day.

- **Guests** - Following Tara's presentation, Barbara McClosky shared what the NJSFW can do for us and encouraged us to continue in our mission to help others.