

The Woman's Club of Ramsey
General Meeting
January 19, 2023

Members Present:

K. Ambrose, P. Bartow, P. Bernius, J. Borgersen, B. Green, R. Ippolito, L. Korsen, F. Mahon, B. Moore, E. Muzzillo, T. Pellicciari, M. Wellman, S. Whittaker; guest - E. Lombaugh

- Meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. in the Ramsey Senior Center by President Rose Ippolito. She welcomed members to our new meeting location - new day, new time. We welcomed prospective new member Eileen Lombaugh.
- **Treasurer's report** - Beginning balance \$3,404.03. Income 50/50 \$40; expenses - donations for HOBY Award - \$250 and NJSFWC 18.94 Society - \$18.94. Ending balance \$3,180.09
- **Secretary's report** - Thank you note was read from Tina Ree, Ramapo District VP, NJSFWC who attended a recent meeting. Eleven reports of our 2022 activities were submitted to the NJSFWC.
- **Food Pantry** - December's donations were \$200 in gift cards. January collection is paper products or diapers. Items can be dropped off at Food Pantry located behind St. Paul's. Members are reminded to notify Toni Small of number of items donated and cost.
- **Membership** - Pat presented a copy of the Collect to Bette Moore. Pat will resume duties of this committee and reminded all members it is everyone's responsibility to recruit new members.
- **Fundraising** - Club is seeking new ways to raise funds. One idea was to package cookies and include information on the club; these could be sold at all our events. Discussion followed and members were asked to think of other ideas.
- **Hospitality** - Dorothy Verdone and Katie Parker are Hospitality Chairs. It was agreed the Hostess sign-up should be brought back with two members purchasing milk and cake (or other items) for each general meeting. Sign up sheet was distributed. Hostesses will be also be asked to help set up and clean up for the meeting they are assigned.
- **Social Gatherings** - In past years, the Club has gathered a few times a year for lunch at area restaurants to meet socially, not as a meeting. Members agreed this is a good idea. Tina will look into a lunch for February or March. Fran will help with future date.
- **Calendar of Events** - Mark your calendars for our events:
 - May 20 - 20th Annual Heirloom Tomato & Veggie Plant Sale

- June 4 - Strawberry Festival
- August 6 - Peach Festival
- September 24 - Apple Festival

- **Tomato Plant Sale** - Catalpa Ridge Farms and the Masonic Lodge are both confirmed for the 20th annual sale in May. Sue Sisti will provide a free plant to buyers to mark the anniversary.

- **Ramsey Day** - Peacock feather were a hit last year but did not raise funds. Ideas were discussed for 2023 that could be sold - cookies, s'mores kits, apple cider and donuts, handmade pillows, candles.

- **Amazon Smile** - Amazon has discontinued this donation process to charities.

Members enjoyed sandwiches and salad for lunch followed by cake and coffee. Following the meeting, 40 Safety Net bags were assembled to be distributed at Center for Hope and Safety in Rochelle Park.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ambrose

Secretary