

**Woman's Club of Ramsey
Board Meeting
January 5, 2023**

Members present: K. Ambrose, B. Green, R. Ippolito, L. Korsen, T. Pellicciari, D. Verdone

Rose opened the meeting at 1:06 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurer's report - Opening balance as of 11/22/22 -	\$3,404.03
Expenses - Ramsey High School Hoby Award	\$250.
NJSFWC 18.94 Society	\$18.94
Ending balance as of January 5, 2023	\$3,180.09

Linda reported on Safety Net project for Center for Hope and Safety. Members have been providing items, but there is need for small cosmetics, especially lip gloss, lipstick, disposable razors, deodorant, mints and small packs of feminine hygiene products. Linda has ordered net bags (100 multicolor for approximately \$17) which members can begin to fill with items at our next general meeting. Linda will design a card to be inserted in each bag with Woman's Club information on it. Elaine Muzzillo has offered to bring the completed bags to the shelter at regular intervals. We hope to make this an ongoing project for the year. Kathy suggested having a drop off box at the library and posting on Ramsey Facebook pages that we are collecting these items, asking residents to drop off what they can donate. Kathy will check with Matt at the library to see if this is possible.

Tina reported she was contacted by Helen Mekita who is now in CareOne in Ridgewood and has asked if members could drive her husband to visit her a few times a week. Discussion followed and recommendations were made on how best to assist.

Toni sent reminder that items needed for Food Pantry for month of January are paper products and/or diapers.

Tina reminded us that Hospitality Hostesses will begin this month; Two members should sign up for each month providing cake or other food and milk for coffee and tea. Dorothy and Katie will remain chairs of Hospitality.

Rose talked about an idea of having cookies bagged and then sold at events to bring more awareness of the Club. The idea needs more discussion.

Discussion followed on how to gain the support of members who do not attend meetings or support events. We talked about having a two-tier system of membership -- one for those who do support meetings and events and a second level for non-participants with an additional assessment, e.g., Members who do not bake for Farmer's Market events have been charged \$5 - only some have paid this fee.

Betty reminded members that she is unable to attend many events because parking is not close and if a member could drive her she would gladly attend. It was agreed that those who need transportation should make it known at a meeting so others could assist.

It was agreed that our first meeting of the year should be a Welcome Back luncheon and the Club provide a light lunch for members. Linda will work on a flyer that can be posted on our FaceBook page and wording that Tina can send in her meeting reminder to members. We agreed that this would also be a good time for an Open House for new members. Rose will order sandwiches and salad from Shop-Rite. An RSVP will be needed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ambrose

Secretary