

GFWC-SBI General Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 24, 2018

The GFWC-SBI met at Shallotte Presbyterian Church, in Shallotte, NC on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm for social time with dinner and desserts provided by the hospitality committee. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Tammy Kesky.

Donations were accepted for Brunswick Family Assistance for Hurricane Florence victims and shoes for Soles 4 Souls project by the International Outreach CSP. A blessing was given by Kimmie Durham.

Tammy welcomed everyone back after our summer break and acknowledged the guests in attendance: Cindy Cheatham with Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center Foundation, Jock Brandis with the Full Belly Project and potential member Cathy Poulin. Lynne Carr-Wiggins noted there was a quorum present.

Pledges were led by Public Issues CSP – Eileen Brown and Denise Moore.

Speaker –Chairman of International Outreach CSP, Gerri Cox, introduced Jock Brandis from the Full Belly Project. Mr. Brandis explained the mission of the organization as a group who helps to design and distribute innovative, sustainable technologies with our local community that empower people all over the world to improve their own lives. They believe that the best way to help someone is to empower them with the tools to help themselves. Mr. Brandis explained some of the projects that they worked on in different countries from peanut shellers, food safety testers, recycling soaps, to sustainable fuels such as bamboo charcoal. He also talked about the young people that are getting involved in his program and what a good apprentice program that has become. Mr. Brandis then answered questions from the clubwomen. Mr. Brandis was presented a \$1,000 check for the Fully Belly Project.

May meeting minutes were APPROVED unanimously.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Beth Elliott. Balance on hand for May 31, 2018 was \$44,917.09; June 30, 2018 balance was \$43,827.09; July 31, 2018 balance was \$42,177.09; and balance on August 31, 2018 was \$42,177.09. The Treasurer's report was APPROVED unanimously.

Correspondence – Corresponding Secretary Lynne Carr-Wiggins reported cards were mailed on behalf of the club to Peggy Truesdale for the loss of her mother and JoAnn Bass for the loss of her brother. Thank you notes were received from South Brunswick Middle School for the donation to their museum, Shallotte Middle thanking clubwomen for the Staff Appreciation Lunch, Ann Landis and Brenda Lewis thanking clubwomen for the Federation Day honoring charter members, Chellie McDowell for the donation to the Gloria Childress Memorial Scholarship, South Brunswick Interchurch Council and Stephanie Bowen with BFA for the donations from SOUPer Bowl, Analeise Poulin for the scholarship shower and scholarship.

Membership Business – Tammy noted that the date of the October meeting would be October 29th, due to a scheduling conflict. The theme of that meeting will be “No Tricks, All Treats” as we will be giving out the remaining charitable donations that are budgeted.

The Corporate Champions for Women and Children event was postponed due to Hurricane Florence and has been rescheduled for October 22, 2018. Our club is a sponsor of event that includes two admission tickets. Tickets will first be made available to our charter members, then open to membership for use. Anyone interested in attending should contact Tammy ASAP.

Tammy reported the Membership Shindig held August 25th in honor of Women's Equality Day, was enjoyed by 12 members, 5 spouses, and 2 potential new members- Cathy Poulin and Kim Andrews.

Littonnie Summerlin has asked to be put on inactive status due to some family issues. Tammy asked the clubwomen to keep her family in their prayers.

In collaboration with GFWC, Judi Stankowich- GFWC Resolutions Chairman, asked our club to approach area schools with the implementation of a new project which engages students in the introduction and follow through of writing a resolution. Tammy and Judi met with WBHS Government teacher, Chris Sanders to introduce the idea. He agreed it could be implemented at the start of the upcoming school year with his AP Government students. Clubwoman Dayna Ramsey-Sanders, Chris's wife, will act as the liaison to the project with the assistance of Public Issues CSP.

Bylaws Committee met over the summer to review our current bylaws. Chairman Chris Angotti and the bylaws committee, with the help of Judi Stankowich, drafted a revision of the bylaws and created standing rules. The proposed documents were emailed to members today for review prior to the October 29th meeting, at which time they will be discussed and voted upon.

Tammy informed the members that she was approached by the Monroe Symphony Orchestra (Louisiana) about use of our Juleps & Jazz logo. The executive board discussed the matter and feel as it is not in direct competition with our event given the locale, they would like to ask for a donation for the use of the design. Tammy asked members how they would like to proceed with the matter given that the logo is not copyrighted. Membership concurred to allow the MSO to use our logo for a donation that would in turn be given to Hurricane Florence victims. Liz Gannaway will provide Tammy with some questions to ask on how the logo will be used.

GFWC Events –

1. Tammy noted that the District 7 Fall meeting is in Wilmington on October 13, 2018 and encourages clubwomen to attend. She explained the \$15 registration fee would be paid by our club, and encouraged attendance as it is a great way to meet women from other clubs, and learn more about what their clubs are doing. She also noted that Julie Rigsbee has stepped down as D7 president for health reasons and Penny Tysinger will now serve. Tammy reported there are some open positions if anyone was interested in serving the district. Those positions are Federation Day/Federation Day Promotions, Woman's History and Resource Center, Awards Chairman, Credentials, Financial Review Committee, Minnie Lou Parker Creech Clubwoman of the Year, and Juanita S. Bryant Citizen Award Chairman.
2. November 1-4, 2018 SER Annual Convention in Winston Salem.
3. November 17, 2018 – Grand Tea 11am-1pm at 101 Stone Chimney Place. Tammy asked clubwomen to spread the word about this event. Attendance is children age 8-adult and is \$12.00 per person. GFWC-SBI will receive \$500 for their catering services at the event.

Requests for Donations –

1. Susan Gible presented a request to the executive board for consideration. The motion "Donate \$1,500 now to the Novant Behavioral Health Capital Campaign from Undesignated Funds and allocate an additional \$1,500 in the 2019 budget" was presented. During a time of discussion, Cindy Cheatham gave a brief history of the need for this campaign known as A Path Forward. Mrs. Cheatham explained that the hospital would like to have a separate wing, but close to the emergency room for patients with behavioral health issues which range from mental health to drug use. At one point during the recent flu season, 12 of the 20 beds in the ER were filled with behavioral health issues. Ms. Cheatham noted that they are trying to raise 3.5 million dollars that would be matched by Novant Health. The silent portion of the campaign started in May 2018 and has raised \$50,000-\$60,000 dollars. This motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Additionally, the executive board presented a motion to “Donate \$1,000 from Undesignated Funds to Brunswick Family Assistance for Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts”. This motion was APPROVED unanimously.

CSP / Committee Reports – Melon Corsini, Nominating Committee Chairman thanked her committee members- Gerri Cox and Cindy Hewett for their efforts. She then presented the slate of officers to be voted on at the October meeting, and announced that nominations will also be taken from the floor at that meeting.

President – Marie Marshburn
1st Vice President – Kimmie Durham
2nd Vice President – Rainey Ashley
Corresponding Secretary – Dayna Ramsey-Sanders
Recording Secretary – Deana Milliken
Treasurer – Beth Elliot
Co-Treasurer – Ginny Varnum

Sewing Committee – Eileen Brown noted that the sewing committee would be starting their next project of pillow cases from patriotic fabric on October 15 at Melon’s kitchen. Anyone wishing to donate fabric can leave it at the door of the kitchen.

Public Issues CSP – Eileen also noted that the Warrior Ride would be in Oak Island Oct 16-20. On the 20th, they are having a potluck dinner if anyone is interested in attending. She will be there to present a check to them.

International Outreach CSP – Gerri Cox reported that her committee was working toward one of seven national GFWC Grand Initiatives, by trying to get 1,000 pairs of new or gently-worn shoes for donation to Soles 4 Souls. These shoes help individuals start and sustain small businesses to lift themselves out of poverty. Donated shoes are a viable resource to help entrepreneurs provide crucial necessities for their families. Donations can be brought to the WT Cox office in Shallotte. Collections will continue into our meeting in October.

Education – Polly had asked that Tammy let the clubwomen know that they sent Welcome Back pencil boxes to teachers and administration at Shallotte Middle School. The boxes held candy, pencils, glue stick and dry erase markers. A wish list of items for the teachers was shared and can be brought to the October meeting.

New Business / Announcements - Kimmie Durham shared The Pink Party will take place October 26th at Twin Lakes in Sunset Beach to benefit Relay for Life and American Cancer Society.

Sunshine Moments were shared by clubwomen and the door prize was won by Mimi Gaither.

Clubwoman of the Month – Tammy presented the award to Chris Angotti for her hard work on the bylaws revision. Tammy stated that many long hours were put in by Chris and committee on the proposed bylaws and thanked her for her service.

Clubwomen recited the Collect and the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 by Tammy Kesky.

Mimi Gaither – Secretary