

Women's Division, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce – Chesapeake
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, August 1, 2012

The August 1, 2012 Board Meeting was called to order at 6:15 PM by President, Valerie Rodriguez. The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Chaplain, Paula Slagle.

BUSINESS MEETING

Roll Call: All members present with the exception of the following:

Excused: Faye Mitchell, Jackie Moore, Christie Craig, Debbie Rountree, Gladys Wilfore, Midge Woods

The minutes of the June, 2012 meeting were corrected to add new member, Cheryl Moody Redington, and, with the correction made, were approved and will be filed into the record.

The Treasurer's report as of July 4, 2012, showed a balance brought forward of \$3,836.42. Total receipts were \$363.00. Total expenditures were \$500.00, leaving a BOH of \$3,699.42. There were no transactions in August, The CD balance was \$10,278.87 The full report will be filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Ella Ward reported receiving "thank you" notes from the Great Bridge High School After-Prom Committee and Tidewater Community College for our support. She received dues from two members.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

President, Valerie Rodriguez: Val attended a Chesapeake 50th Anniversary committee meeting. The WBHRCCC annual Woman of the Year banquet will be a featured attraction among the events scheduled throughout Chesapeake in 2013. Business and organization banners are being offered for sale to install at major traffic intersections throughout Chesapeake in 2013. Val also spoke with Peggy Lane, Coordinator of NEWS (Network for Empowering Women's Students) at TCC, regarding the building of a database of community women volunteers to advise students in the Instant Career Coaching initiative. The Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce is requesting a donation for their "2012" Sustainable Resource Fund. Val's report will be filed in the permanent record.

First Vice President, Midge Woods: No report in Midge's absence.

Second Vice President, Blanca Ansbro: Blanca requested suggestions for a guest speaker at the September Membership Meeting.

Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Ella Ward: No report.

Recording Secretary, Carol Abramson: No report.

Treasurer, Karen Gawne: No report.

Assistant Treasurer, Gladys Wilfore: No report in Gladys' absence.

REPORTS OF DIRECTORS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

OUTREACH

Community Service, Faye Mitchell: In Faye's absence June reminded members about school supplies to be donated at the September Board meeting on September 5, 2012 and the September Membership Meeting on September 20, 2012.

Cultural, Ann Myers: Ann reported that the Friday concerts at Towne Place at Greenbrier would continue throughout the summer. The Chesapeake Farmer's Market is open from 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM on Wednesdays and Saturdays. The planetarium shows continue each Thursday evening. The art show, "Through a Multi-Colored Lens" continues at Oak Grove United Methodist Church until September. Northwest River Park is sponsoring "Bring Your Own Kayak" tours throughout the summer season. ESPN will broadcast nationally a pre-season football game between state champions from Virginia and South Carolina, featuring our own Oscar Smith High School, in late August.

Education, Angela Smith: Angie reported that volunteers would be filling 120 new teacher bags for the coming school year. She plans to assemble the bags on August 20th and requests that any donated items be left at Monarch Bank in care of Karen Gawne no later than August 17th.

Local Government, Christie Craig: No report in Christie's absence. Val will email her regarding the WDHRCCC's participation in high school voter registration this year.

Public Relations, Phyllis Krasnoff: Phyllis will notify the media of the upcoming September meetings.

Ways and Means, Paula reminded members that Norfolk Florist cards would be available for purchase in September at \$30.00 each and money would be collected at the September Board and Membership Meetings.

ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

Bylaws, Jackie Moore: No report in Jackie's absence.

Communication, Jenny O'Sullivan: Jenny requested Shipmate news for the September issue.

Historical, Debbie Rountree: No report in Debbie's absence.

Hospitality, Susan Rowland: No report.

Membership, Debbie Ritter: Debbie reported that the membership directories were at the print shop, having undergone some design changes as per a message from Jackie.

Telephone, June Vinson: June reported that she had called all members to remind them of the meeting and left messages for those she had been unable to reach.

APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Chaplain, Paula Slagle: Paula recommended some of her favorite inspirational readings to members.

Parliamentarian, Linda Daniels: Linda needs Union Mission readers for August 21 and August 28 and all Tuesdays in September.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Debbie Ritter suggested several guidelines for choosing the honorary/emeritus members. Some suggestions were to choose no more than two members for that status per year and to limit the selections to those women who had made a significant contribution to the organization throughout their years of membership. The chosen women would be honored at the annual WOY banquet with a corsage and short tribute. Phyllis suggested that one of our scholarships be named for an honorary/emeritus member.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Abramson

Next BOD meeting September 5, 2012 at Monarch Bank at 6:00 PM
Next Membership Meeting September 20, 2012 at the Marriott in Greenbrier