

Women's Division, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce – Chesapeake  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, May 2, 2012

The May 2, 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:** Christie Craig, Faye Mitchell, Ann Myers, Ella Ward

The minutes of the March 5, 2012 meeting were corrected to change Hickory Middle School to Hickory Elementary School in Angie Smith's Education Committee report. With that correction the minutes were approved and will be filed into the record.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance brought forward of \$3,367.52. Total receipts were \$1,874.00. Total expenditures were \$1,170.65, leaving a BOH of \$4,070.87. The CD balance was \$10,278.87 The full report will be filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Dr. Ella Ward was absent.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**President, Valerie Rodriguez:** Val attended the State of the Schools Breakfast. Tonight she presented Jenny O'Sullivan with her Clipper Ship pin. She reported that she is scheduled to meet with Linda Rice of TCC on May 15, 2012.

**First Vice President, Midge Woods:** Midge reported that the Marriott had quoted her a very reasonable price for the 2013 WOY banquet. She announced that sponsorship letters will go out in late August or early September.

**Second Vice President, Blance Ansbro:** Blanca reported that the speaker at the May Membership Dinner Meeting would be Roland Davis, who will provide an update on plans for the Chesapeake 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

**Corresponding Secretary, Dr. Ella Ward:** No report in Ella's absence.

**Recording Secretary, Carol Abramson:** No report.

**Treasurer, Karen Gawne:** Karen displayed the poster announcing the first annual Chesapeake Restaurant Week, to be held the week of May 5 -11, 2012. This event will feature 33 local restaurants and will benefit the Chesapeake Public Schools Education Foundation.

**Assistant Treasurer, Gladys Wilfore:** No report.

## **REPORTS OF DIRECTORS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **OUTREACH**

**Community Service, Faye Mitchell:** Faye was absent but sent a "donations needed" reminder sheet for the Human Services Department Guardianship Program.

**Cultural, Ann Myers:** No report in Ann's absence.

**Education, Angela Smith:** Angie announced that a scholarship winner had been chosen from 4 candidates at the Chesapeake Center for Science and Technology. The winner is Victoria Scott, whose field of study at the Center is radio.. Grassfield High School is her home school. Victoria will be invited to the May Membership Dinner Meeting with one guest.

**Local Government, Christie Craig:** No report in Christie's absence..

**Public Relations, Phyllis Krasnoff:** Phyllis will submit reports to the media regarding the May Membership Dinner Meeting and the Miss Virginia Recital.

**Ways and Means,** It was announced that almost \$1,500 had been raised from the sale of RADA knives. Paula gave an update on the Norfolk Florist fundraising opportunity. Paula read the contract, and, after some discussion, it was decided to bring the issue of our participation to the membership for a vote at the May Membership Dinner Meeting

## **ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT**

**Bylaws, Jackie Moore:** Jackie announced that the committee would meet at 5:30 PM prior to the June 6, 2012 Board meeting.

**Communication, Jenny O'Sullivan:** Jenny still needs several committee reports in order to complete the next issue of Shipmate.

**Historical, Debbie Rountree:** Debbie requested photos and historical memorabilia from members.

**Hospitality, Susan Rowland:** Susan requested RSVP's for the May Membership Dinner Meeting no later than two days prior to the event..

**Membership, Debbie Ritter:** Debbie reported that currently there are 68 paid members. She has not heard whether there are membership checks waiting to be picked up from the Post Office box. Midge will look into getting an extra key so that another Board member can pick up the mail in the Corresponding Secretary's absence. Jackie distributed copies of a sample membership directory, in a new format, for members review.

**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:** No report.

**Parliamentarian, Linda Daniels:** No report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Jackie reminded members to sign-up for food contributions to the Miss Virginia Recital and passed the sign-up sheet around. Members suggested that Recital tickets and raffle tickets be sold at the May Membership Dinner Meeting..

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Blanca suggested holding another "gold party", possibly at a future Membership Meeting. Linda suggested selling Value Check Coupon Books as another fundraiser. This project could be started at a Membership Meeting and run through May, 2013.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

First annual Chesapeake Restaurant Week May 5 – 11, 2012.

Great Bridge Waterways and History Foundation Spring Fling Dinner May 5, 2012

WOY banquet photos available online at Laurie Bateman Photography

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Abramson

**Next BOD meeting June 6, 2012 at Monarch Bank at 6:00 PM**