

Women's Division, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce – Chesapeake  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, June 6, 2012

The June 6, 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:** Blanca Ansbro, Christie Craig, Susan Rowland, Ella Ward, Midge Woods

The minutes of the May, 2012 meeting were approved as presented and will be filed into the record.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance brought forward of \$4,070.87. Total receipts were \$632.50. Total expenditures were \$866.95, leaving a BOH of \$3,836.42. The CD balance was \$10,278.87. The full report will be filed for audit.

The following correspondence was received and passed around for members review: The GBBHWF newsletter, "Patriot's Record", letter of thanks from the Crisis Pregnancy Center for our support, invitation from the TCC Alumni Board to a reception honoring the Captain and crew of the Juan Sebastian de Eleano during OpSail 2012, letter of thanks from the Indian River High School after-prom committee, season schedule of performances from Tidewater Winds, request for door prize donations from Crisis Pregnancy Center, Sentara LifeNet newsletter and a "save-the-date" notice from Tidewater Arts Outreach for an up-coming event.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**President, Valerie Rodriguez:** Val met with Linda Rice of TCC and reported that the college is pleased and excited to be working with us in two college organizations, Network for Empowering Women Students (NEWS) and Women Inspiring Self-Empowerment (WISE). These groups mentor and counsel TCC students

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

**Second Vice President, Blance Ansbro:** No report in Blanca's absence.

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

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

**Treasurer, Karen Gawne:** No report.

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

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

### **OUTREACH**

**Community Service, Faye Mitchell:** Faye reminded members that donations of school supplies would soon be needed. This year's sponsored school is Truitt Intermediate. Donations for the Food Bank will be due in November and there was some discussion regarding member's contributing cash donations in lieu of purchasing food items so that the Food Bank would be able to choose exactly what was needed.

**Cultural, Ann Myers:** Cultural activities for the month of June include the Grand Opening ribbon cutting of the GBBHWF Park and the reception honoring the visiting tall ship A.G.Meervald on June 9, the annual Phelps Brothers concert at Lakeside Park on June 10 and the TCC "Shakespeare in the Grove" production beginning June 27.

**Education, Angela Smith:** Angie received a "thank you" letter from Victoria Scott, this year's scholarship winner, who will be attending Old Dominion University. Angie will contact the schools to determine how many "new teacher bags" we will need to prepare for the 2012-2013 school year

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

**Public Relations, Phyllis Krasnoff:** No report.

**Ways and Means,** Information was distributed by Linda Daniels about the Value Checks coupon books that are being considered as a possible fundraiser. Paula Slagle has arranged for cards from Norfolk Florist to be available for pick up by September 19. Cards will be sold for \$30.00 each and return orders and money will be due on November 9. The question of our participation in this fundraiser was put to a vote at the May Membership Meeting and we will participate.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT**

**Bylaws, Jackie Moore:** Jackie announced that the committee had met and will bring proposed changes to the Board at the August meeting for review. The full membership will vote on the proposed changes at the September Membership Meeting.

**Communication, Jenny O'Sullivan:** Jenny thanked members for their input to the Shipmate.

**Historical, Debbie Rountree:** No report.

**Hospitality, Susan Rowland:** No report in Susan's absence.

**Membership, Debbie Ritter:** Debbie reported that two new members were eligible to be voted in. It was moved and properly seconded that Belinda Berry and be admitted as members. Motion carried. The new Membership Directory is online for member's 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:** Paula thanked everyone who contributed to the Crisis Pregnancy Center Walk and reported that donations totaled \$2,108.00.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Jackie reported that the Miss Virginia Recital was a success. She said that there would be more cakes to be auctioned at the 2013 event, smaller but just as ornate.

Debbie asked if the WDHRCDC wanted to volunteer as an organization (with logo and name prominently displayed) at the annual Rotary Wine Tasting on October 27. Members will bring this up for further discussion at a future meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jackie reported on an idea for individual cupcakes that she had seen on Pinterest and members discussed the possibility of making several batches of the mix and selling them nicely packaged for \$5.00, possibly at the GBBHWF Heritage Festival on October 13 and 14. This idea will be discussed further at a future meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Abramson

**Next BOD meeting August 1, 2012 at Monarch Bank at 6:00 PM**