

Women's Division, Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce – Chesapeake  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, March 5, 2012

The March 5, 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, Susan Rowland, Ella Ward.

The minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting were corrected to reflect that the Saturday work session in February was an annual event and the corrected minutes were then approved and will be filed into the record.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance brought forward of \$7,248.24. Total receipts were \$2,450.60. Total expenditures were \$7,609.44, leaving a BOH of \$2,089.40. The CD balance was \$10,278.87 The full report will be filed for audit.

Corresponding Secretary Dr. Ella Ward was absent and there was no correspondence report. However, she did provide a list of paid memberships received in February and that list will be made a part of the permanent record.

## **REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**President, Valerie Rodriguez:** Valerie thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as President, She attended the State of the City luncheon and reported that Monarch Bank was recognized by Inside Business as one of four Chesapeake companies rated "best places to work" in 2011. She attended the CEIC banquet and presented the WDHRCCC award. She brought a photo album of pictures taken at the 2011 WOY banquet and this was passed around to members for purchase orders.

**First Vice President, Midge Woods:** No report

**Second Vice President, Blance Ansbro:** Blance announced that the speakers at the March membership meeting would be Ann Myers, who will discuss selling Rada knives as a potential fundraiser (WDHRCCC would get 40% of sales) and Tracy Keller, who will present a program highlighting the activities of the Colonial Coast Girl Scout Council in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Girl Scouts of America. She also announced that Portia Green, representing the "Guardianship Program", would attend to briefly introduce this outreach initiative.

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

**Recording Secretary, Carol Abramson:** Carol thanked members for the vote of confidence in electing her to the position for 2012.

**Treasurer, Karen Gawne:** Karen thanked members for the WOY honor. She reported that she has been asked by Dr. Rebecca Adams to join a committee to plan a "Restaurant Week" to benefit the Chesapeake Public Schools Education Foundation. This event will be held May 5, 2012 through May 11, 2012.

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

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

### **OUTREACH**

**Community Service, Faye Mitchell:** Faye announced a wonderful opportunity for the WDHRCCC to partner with the "Guardianship Program", which, under the auspices of the Chesapeake Human Services Department, supplies basic needs items to seventeen (17) adult individuals who reside mostly in assisted living facilities, nursing homes or group homes. Members were asked to donate items at the March 15 membership meeting

**Cultural, Ann Myers:** Ann reported on upcoming cultural events of interest such as the current run of the Broadway musical, "Wicked" at Chrysler Hall, the "Homeless Art" exhibit at the Oak Grove United Methodist Church on March 31, 2012, the "Cabin Fever Pickin Party" at the Chesapeake Conference Center March 8 – March 10, 2012 and the Northwest River Park "Night Hike" on March 22, 2012. A printed copy of Ann's report will be made part of the permanent record.

**Education, Angela Smith:** Angela reported that Hickory Elementary School is hoping to name their library for the late Dr. Elsie Craig, former Principal of Hickory Elementary. This year's student scholarship will be awarded to a student attending the Center for Science and Technology.

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

**Public Relations, Phyllis Krasnoff:** Phyllis requested information from members regarding events they would like publicized.

**Ways and Means,** Currently there is no Ways and Means Chair. Ann spoke on behalf of a possible fundraising project selling Rada knives for which the organization would get 40% of sales. She will present this to the full membership on March 15, 2012.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT**

**Bylaws, Jackie Moore:** Jackie informed members the changes could be made to the Bylaws throughout the year, not just in November. She also discussed moving forward with proposing "Lifetime Memberships" and adding it to the Bylaws if we wanted it to become a permanent process. It was moved and properly seconded to form a committee to establish guidelines for choosing potential lifetime members. Motion carried.

**Communication, Jenny O'Sullivan:** No report.

**Historical, Debbie Rountree:** Debbie requested members collect pictures and memorabilia to add to the ongoing history of the organization.

**Hospitality, Susan Rowland:** In Susan's absence, Valerie asked everyone to be sure to RSVP to Susan by noon Tuesday, March 13 regarding their attendance at the membership meeting, including any guests who will be attending.

**Membership, Debbie Ritter:** Debbie reported on new and renewing members and unpaid current members. She hopes to revamp the Membership Directory. Potential new members Cathy Parks and Terry Anderson were nominated for membership. It was moved and properly seconded to approve their membership. Motion carried.

**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:** Linda urged members to sign up for the "Read a Book, Leave a Book" program. She is also asking for donations of adult and children's books for the permanent collection of Union Mission.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Although no votes were taken on the Program of Work and the Budget, several motions were made in anticipation of a full membership vote on March 15, 2012 at the membership meeting. It was moved and properly seconded to delete the \$100 contribution to the Miss Chesapeake Pageant as there will be no Pageant in 2012. It was moved and properly seconded to designate only one (1) high school student scholarship in 2012. It was moved and properly seconded to present the Program of Work, with suggested changes, to the full membership on March 15, 2012. Motion carried. It was moved and properly seconded to present the Budget, with suggested changes, to the full membership on March 15, 2012. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion about whether or not to continue the website. Members were in agreement that it should be continued and there was discussion of how to budget it plus a means to reimburse Jackie for her expenditures in creating and maintaining the website to date. It was moved and properly seconded to form a committee to establish guidelines to amend the Bylaws to add a budget line for the maintenance of the website. Motion carried. It was moved and properly seconded to reimburse Jackie \$100.00 for expenses incurred to date. Motion carried.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Debbie would like volunteers to assist with the Special Olympics to be held at Oscar Smith High School on April 27, 2012 from 8:00 AM – Noon.

Jackie distributed copies of her suggestions on how to increase membership and these will be discussed at future meetings.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Abramson

**Next meeting April 4, 2012 at Monarch Bank at 6:00 PM**