

FAIRFIELD GLADE LADIES CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
Minutes of April 7, 2021

Acting President Becky Price called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** –Ms. Price introduced, Colonel Colleen Mall, who led the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the March 4, 2020 General Meeting were approved. Motion by Karen Dunivan, second by Lynn Varcek.

**President-Elect Comments:**

Ms. Price commented that she was presiding at this meeting instead of Sally Cooney, who resigned in November 2020 due to her husband’s serious medical condition. She spoke of Ms. Cooney’s great love for the club as well as her kindness, generosity of spirit and great example for her personally as they worked together.

**OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **TREASURER, Adrienne Salmond**

Ms. Price reminded the members that the Treasurer’s reports are available on the club’s website.

- **MEMBERSHIP, Lin Marten, Second Vice President-Membership**

Lin Marten announced that we have 357 members. She introduced the following new members: Felice Hunter, Diane Mallard, Robbie Weaver, Nina Whitehurst, and Dell Wolz.

- **COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Judy Lynn, Co-Chair**

Ms. Lynn introduced 7 sponsor representatives who are attending today’s meeting:

Silver Sponsors: Karen Dunivan – Zurich Homes

Keith Mills—SERVPRO of Cumberland, Morgan & White Counties

Kaylee Selby—Crossville Heating & Cooling (also sponsoring the Spring Marketplace)

Bronze Sponsors: Amanda Qualls—Buckeye Home Medical Equipment

BJ Brown—Crye-Leike/Brown Realty

Jean Bennett—Grace Givers Home and Adult Day Services

Mark Witt—Witt Financial Group

She also mentioned our other sponsors, not in attendance:

Gold Sponsors: Hiller Plumbing, Heating, Cooling and Electrical

Tennessee Plateau Oncology, PLLC (Dr. Dirk C. Davidson)

Silver Sponsor: Cumberland Medical Center/Covenant Health

Bronze Sponsors: Budget Blinds

Estate Planning/Norm Sabin & Associates, PLLC

Fairfield Homes

Farm Bureau (Gordon Atchley, Fairfield Glade Office)

Northside Family Dentistry

Event Sponsor: Nancy Crain Burns – Table Newsletter

- **SERVICE – Carol Barnes, Chair**

Ms. Barnes announced that today's service project our Pam Biggs Memorial Scholarship Fund. There was \$903 donated to the project at today's meeting. This is especially generous because we normally don't have a service project in the month of April due to the Fashion Show, a major fundraiser, in place of a regular club meeting in April.

- **WAYS AND MEANS—Co-Chairs Mary Ann Urban and Jennifer Sipe**

Ms. Urban introduced Jennifer Sipe, her new Co-Chair.

In the absence of Marsha Mellert, Mary Ann Urban reported that **Spring Marketplace** will be held the last weekend in April, on Friday, April 30 and Saturday, May 1, 2021, from 9-3 at the Village Green Mall. Sponsor, Crossville Heating and Cooling, is transferring their sponsorship from the Fashion Show which will not be held this year. We have a full house of 22 inside and 4 outside vendors of a variety of products and services. Sign-up sheets are on your tables. Monetary donations may be made in lieu of baking. We have a lot on the tables this month so if you want to make a bake sale donation, please leave it at the Ways and Means table.

Mary Urban added that a Bake Sale will also be added to Spring Marketplace on Friday only. She passed around sign-up sheets for bakers and for helpers needed in several categories on both days.

Ms. Urban reported the Book Sale will be September 7-8 and that there is a donation container at the Village Green Mall now for drop-offs.

We will again be having the Bargainza in the fall and Mr. Clyde Bowman from Glade Stor&Lock has again donated a storage unit for us--#81. She encourage members to be thinking of what they have that can be donated for that sale. They will be scheduling drop-offs soon.

Ms. Sipe encouraged the Board to use our Facebook group to keep the members updated. She explained the few rules for the page, e.g. no hate speech, bullying, political conversations, individual business postings, etc. She encouraged members who are posting about events to do so at least 48 hours prior the event so people have a chance to see it.

- **TRAVEL – Sandi Edwards for Chair Rosemary Stuckmann**

Sandi Edwards is one of the Travel tour coordinators for the club. Ms. Stuckmann will be retiring from her position on June 30, 2021. She had an opportunity to sell her home early and has moved

back to Wisconsin to be near family. She is still in charge of the Travel Committee's trip planning and activities, and communicates with Ms. Edwards nearly daily. All of the current members of the committee are actively working under her direction and guidance.

Canyonlands of the Southwest, June 2021. Ms. Stuckmann will be leading this trip, meeting the group at the Phoenix airport. Ruth Hill will handling the bus transport to the Nashville airport. The travel packets will be available at next month's club meeting, or make arrangements with Liz Middleton, document manager.

Ms. Edwards highlighted two upcoming trips:

Have a Blast in Rocket City (Huntsville), June 2021

Three-day trip to Huntsville, AL, June 24-26. Visiting the Space and Rocket Center full of wonderful exhibits, including planetarium. This is a good trip to encourage husbands to participate in. There will also be a tour of the historic Weeden House and a step-on guide will take the group for a tour through the historic Twickenham District in Huntsville, which has the largest collection of ante-bellum homes in the South. The trip includes the Huntsville Botanical Gardens, where the Butterfly House is located. The host hotel is the Drury Inn, which has wonderful breakfasts and snacks plus two free adult beverages in the evening. Included on the trip home is a stop at Burritt on the Mountain for amazing views and the Unclaimed Baggage Center for a unique shopping experience!

Footprints to Freedom, October 9-16, 2021

This trip visits historic cities that played critical roles in our country's quest for freedom in Virginia, also Baltimore, MD, and Wilmington, DE, including a tour of the Winterthur Museum Gardens and Library. Traveling through the Brandywine Valley, the tour will visit Longwood Gardens, one of the world's premier horticultural display gardens. Then to Philadelphia for a tour of Independence Hall, Mt. Vernon, Old Town Alexandria, VA, as well as Arlington National Cemetery and an evening illumination tour of Washington DC's famous monuments. Additionally the trip will include the Virginia State Capital building in Richmond and the American Civil War Museum. Between the beautiful gardens and the historic sites, this is a trip well suited for men as well as women.

Members were encouraged to stop at the Travel Table in the lobby to pick up a brochure on both these trips as well as others.

- **OLD BUSINESS:** None
  
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  1. We need some replacement positions on and with the Board:
    - A. Reservation Co-Chair working with Anita Lawrence. This position needs someone with Excel experience. If you are interested in working with people and have ability to use Excel, please see Anita.

- B. Someone who enjoys scrapbooking to work as our Historian in the Publicity Committee. This is a quiet, no-stress position that involves collecting newspaper articles about the club, photos, Travel Committee brochures for the year, and any other related items. Please see Ms. Price after the meeting.
- C. We also need a Nominations Chair. This person needs to be aware of people in the club and their abilities because this is the person whose committee puts together the list of potential elected officers for the club every 2 years. Please see me for that one also.

Ms. Price drew the members' attention to the pink newsletters on the tables, which contains a snapshot of information about current events of the club as well as the sponsors. Two of the open positions are listed there.

- 2. A copy of the Revised Bylaws are at each place setting. The black text is current bylaws material, and the red texts are either new parts or parts that are moved from another place in the bylaws. The biggest change is on page 7 and part of page 8: the filling of vacancies of elected officers is very important and was missing in the current bylaws. We are in that position now. Ms. Price read Article VII in full. This allows for an orderly process for filling vacancies in elected officers. She encouraged members to take the bylaws home; they will also be sent by email to all club members. They will be voted on at the next club meeting.
- 3. How are we going to make this work? Where are we going to meet? What do we want to do about lunch? How do we want to conduct our meetings? Are we going to continue to meet at the FFG Community Club and will we have enough members to justify the cost? We need to make some decisions soon for next year because we begin collecting dues at the May meeting for next fiscal year. Part of the problem is the cost increase for lunch because we had to outsource from an outside caterer, as well as the increased cost of this meeting room. She noted how cooperative the Community Club staff has been to this club but they must work under the constraints of what the Fairfield Glade Community Club Board of Directors sets. Building cost for this meeting today is \$825, up from \$625 last year. It would have been \$1,070 had they not given us the price breaks for table coverings and place settings. Those price breaks will not carry forward into the fall.  
We have some options: We can raise dues, the easiest and least popular. We can move to another location, but it will need to be outside the Glade when we are able to meet without constraints again. There is no other place in the Glade that can fit 300 people. We can change how we meet: a program but no meal; we could have a much more casual meal like a box lunch without table cloths and silverware; we could have a meeting and program without food at all; we might be able to find sponsors for each meeting that would underwrite part of the meeting facility cost.  
She noted there are white pieces of paper on each table for each member to indicate their thoughts, ideas, opinions and preferences for this situation.

Several questions were raised:

- What would dues increase pay for? Help pay for increase in room rent, table coverings and place settings.
- What would the dues be raised to? Uncertain at this time but possibly to \$50 per year, which is \$5 per month.
- What are we paying for? Room use, tables and chairs, podium and microphone, AV equipment, table cloths, napkins, eating utensils, place settings, cups, glasses, pitchers—basically everything on your tables comes at a cost.
- Cost for the lobby tables? Yes, \$1.50 each (waived for this spring)
- Where else can we go? Can't go anywhere in the Glade because there is no other place in the Glade to hold a group our size, so it would need to be outside the Glade. Some Board members are looking at other places, like Oaklawn near the Knights of Columbus hall. Ms. Price praised the Board's help and interest in making the situation work, but noted that at this point the membership needs to be aware of what the problems are.
- What did the \$25 meal cost cover? The cost of the meal plus a couple of dollars toward the increased room cost.
- Who is our caterer today? Grade-A Catering out of Cookeville.
- Over the past number of years there have been gradual but substantial increases in the cost of all the Glade facilities so that members of the Glade community can't afford to use them. Has there been any discussion of beginning a campaign with other Glade organizations to persuade the Glade Board of Directors to make some changes so we can use the facilities we have? An excellent suggestion because it's not just our organization that feels this and it's not just this facility that has had costs increased. Ms. Price asked Lynn Varcek if she would like to head that group.

- **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42. Motion by Lynn Varcek, second by Judy Lynn.

- **INVOCATION**

The invocation was provided by Sharon Plankey.

- **LUNCH AND DRAWING**

Lunch was served while winners were selected for the candy give-away on each table provided by Sandy D'Alessandro.

- **PROGRAM** Nina Whitehurst introduced Jeff Dayton, a professional beekeeper who had a power-point presentation on bees and the importance of pollination.