

University of Minnesota Women's Club
Board Minutes
February 6, 2018
Becketwood

President, Millie Woodbury, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. and welcomed members. A motion was made by Maggie Hoover to accept the UMWC minutes from the Nov. 7 Board Meeting. It was seconded by Lou Nelson. The motion passed.

President, Millie Woodbury, reported that an attribute of a healthy organization is PARTICIPATION. All who are present today are committed, involved and supportive members. She then recognized Ruth Jones, Nancy Myers, Lou Nelson, Georgia Nygaard, Barb Swadburg, and Bonnie Marten. To fully support and believe in our UMWC dual mission is 1) to give our time and talent to support our social and educational activities - the BODY of our organization and 2) to support our scholarships (the HEART of our organization). We are fortunate to have many women give financially but less than half of our members contribute to our scholarships. Millie explained to the Board and in the President's Message in the March/April issue of our newsletter it states that it is PARTICIPATION that counts but members also should know that **ANY contribution - no matter how small... counts.**

President-Elect, Maggie Hoover, reported that the 2018-19 calendar will be published in the next newsletter with a few date changes from the first Tuesday of the month to the second because of holidays and midterm elections. The dates are as follows:

Board Meetings:

September 4, 2018
November 13, 2018
February 5, 2019
April 2, 2019
May 14, 2019
June 4, 2019

Luncheons, Annual Meeting, Holiday Tea:

Fall Welcome and Scholarship Day, October 9, 2018
Conversation Luncheon, November 13, 2018
Holiday Tea, December 11, 2018
Conversation Luncheon, February 5, 2019
Conversation Luncheon, April 2, 2019
Annual Meeting, May 14, 2019

Fundraising Vice-President, Marian Champlin, reported that we have received and receipted 148 gifts for the Scholarship Campaign which total \$48,405. Included therein are sixteen memorial gifts, one honoring gift and the proceeds of the Holiday Tea which were directed to the Scholarship Fund by Honorary President, Karen Kaler. There are 10 UMWC members who will provide One-year Named Scholarships. Currently, there are 7 paid scholarships and 3 pledges. The paid scholarships are:

- The Delores and Cecelia Scholarship
- The Dora Van Alstine Johnson Education Scholarship
- The Ella Goehring Steinberg Music Scholarship
- The Pamela Hudson Scholarship
- The LaSell Mechanical Engineering Scholarship
- The Donohoo Food Science Scholarship
- The Burton Paulu International Media Scholarship

It is possible to fund a scholarship with two installment payments. By March 31, the Scholarship Committee will need to know the number of special scholarships. The One-year named scholarships will be included in the May newsletter when all scholarship donors are listed. On May 24 the Fundraising Committee will host another Major Donor reception for donors of \$200 or more. We want to make sure that members know that every gift is treasured and makes a difference. Also, the Ohio State University Women's Club has requested information on starting a One-year Named Scholarship.

Program Vice President, Barbara Cohen, reported that the November Conversation Luncheon and the Holiday Tea at Eastcliff were well attended. There are 86 reservations for today's luncheon. Our next Conversation Luncheon at Becketwood will be on April 3. The speaker will be Lin Nelson-Mayson, director of the U's Goldstein Museum of Design.

Treasurer report: presented by Nancy Myers for Pat Luhmann. Pat reported that Operations Income YTD is \$19,032 and Operations Expense YTD is \$12,574. Operations checking account balance as of January 22 is \$16,541. Scholarship Income YTD is \$33,361 and Scholarship Expense YTD is \$45,496. Scholarship checking account balance as of January 22 is \$63,811. Key activities in November through January include:

1. Collected \$2,125 in dues. YTD dues collected are \$11,785 compared to \$9,100 last year.
2. November luncheon receipts were \$2,360 and Becketwood was paid \$1,870.45.
3. Collected \$684 in monetary donations at the Holiday Tea for the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital, compared to \$450 last year.
4. Holiday Tea registration fees of \$1,665 were deposited in the Scholarship account as requested by Karen Kaler who hosted the event.
5. Two memorial gifts of \$50 each were made by the club to the Scholarship account in memory of Dorothy Hopp, a past president, and Darlene Rask.
6. Nov/Dec Newsletter costs were \$193 for printing, \$276.60 for addressing and mailing, and \$300 for the editor.
7. Received over \$25,469 in scholarship donations, including six one-year named scholarships. YTD scholarship donations totaled \$33,361.
8. Scholarship fund raising appeal letter cost \$496 for printing, envelopes, addressing and mailing.

Corresponding Secretary, Marian Champlain, reported that thank you notes were sent to 148 scholarship donors for gifts made through January 29, 2018. Get well notes were sent to Sheau Ping Hu who required surgery due to a fall and to Maggie Reed whose husband was hospitalized. A condolence note was sent to the family of Darlene Rask, a UMWC member, who died in November of 2017.

Records and Dues, Nancy Myers, reported that as of February 1, 2018 there are 354 active members. Of the 354 active members 300 are renewal members, 39 are new

members, 14 are carryover and 1 Honorary member. Fifty-seven members have discontinued. Total dues collected is \$11,765.

Membership, Lou Nelson, reported that as of January 31, 2018, we had 39 new members compared to 42 new members last year. New membership mailings and welcome emails have been sent out. The web site is bringing calls for information and requests for brochures to the membership committee. Carole Senty, Lou Nelson and Maggie Hoover are planning the New Member Coffee as a regular event. This event will help the new members feel connected to the club and its various activities. There has been no request for UMWC logo bags and UMWC cookbooks to be purchased.

Scholarship Chairperson, Georgia Nygaard, reported that she has discussed ideas in reference to increasing the academic diversity of our scholarship application pool with Nate Rosckes in the Office of Student Finance. An idea was suggested to Nate to send a memo to the specific areas of study that the donors of the One-year Named Scholarship prefer to support informing their students of the UMWC scholarship opportunity. Nate discussed this idea with his supervisor who agreed that this is a possibility. With our One-year Named Scholarships we do not always have a student application to match with the donor's preference. If students in other areas beyond the donor's preference score higher than a student in the donor's preferred area of study the scholarships go to the students that have higher qualifications. Donors have been informed that we cannot promise to select a student in their desired area but we will do our best. Applications will open the first part of April. The Scholarship committee wants to close applications on June 1, 2018. The final selection of applicants must be given to the Office of Student Finance by Aug. 1, 2018.

Historian: Report read by Mary Abuan for Bonnie Marten. Bonnie reported that as she researched names of members who had been in the club for 50 years she discovered that from 1968-1974 first names of members were not included, just the names of their husbands (ex: Mrs. Walter Johnson). Since 1974, first names were included in the Directory and 32 members have been verified as club members for 50 years. Bonnie's next project will be putting together a historical summary of the UMWC that can be added to the website. If members have information that might be valuable to the archives, contact her.

Website Liaison, Kathy Ball, reported that everything is going smoothly with the website.

Newsletter Editor, Ginny Hanson, reported that the March/April Newsletter deadline is February 18. This issue will be 4 pages instead of 6.

Conversations: Ruth Jones announced the speaker for the next luncheon. She welcomes new ideas for speakers.

OLD BUSINESS

New Member Coffee: Maggie Hoover reported that the New Member Coffee will be planned for April. We have 39 new members. More details later.

Millie Woodbury reported that we have a huge supply of UMWC cookbooks and tote bags. She invited a discussion on ways to disperse of them. A discussion followed. Maggie Hoover moved to table the discussion and Millie Woodbury will talk to Cherie Hamilton regarding the cookbooks. Seconded by Georgia Nygaard. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Star Committee Report

Millie Woodbury suggested that the UMWC honor members of 50 years or more. She asked Maggie Hoover, Ginny Hanson and Marian Champlin to form a committee to identify these members. They will be called Star Members. Bonnie Marten, Pat Luhmann and Lou Nelson joined the committee. Star Members would be recognized with a star sticker on their name tag, a star symbol next to their name in the Directory, an article about them in the newsletter and recognition at conversational luncheons. Section chairs and members are called upon to help identify the Star members. Discussion followed. It was decided that further discussion is needed.

SECTION CHANGES FROM THE DIRECTORY:

Music section - Barbara Cohen reported that in February or March members will be researching daytime concerts in the metro area. The listed program in the Directory for April has been cancelled. Members are looking for alternate performers.

Vagabonds section - Barb Burleigh reported that there is a change in the May program. Dorothy and Fred Waltz will be presenting photos of Cruising the Balkans for the regular May meeting.

Maggie Hoover moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Georgia Nygaard. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Abuan and Kathi Treston.