

WOW Meeting Minutes - 11/17/2022

In attendance: Michelle Jacobs, Ginger Galati, Virginia Miller, Amanda Hanson, Sam Edwards, Becky Benhart, Melissa Benhart, Shirley McKinney, Pam Schiavo, Whitney Burton, Katie Vanderpool, Savanna Rickman, Cathy Sanders

President's Report - Michelle reported: She was contacted by the Waynesville Chamber of Commerce asking that we make our booth "as sweet as possible" at the Apple Harvest Festival. She will be following up with C of C.

Treasurer Report - Ginger reported:

- Dark Side event raised \$500 for WOW
- AutoBell Gift cards are available for WOW members to sell (WOW makes \$10 for every card sold)
- Five Walmart gift cards in the amount of \$200 each were purchased in support of WOW adopting five foster kids from DSS for Christmas

Michelle - We are holding off on 2024 calendar planning to focus on 2023 calendar sales. There are upcoming events to sell calendars:

- Jingle Bell Market, Waynesville on 11/19 from 9a - 3pm
- A Night Before Christmas, Waynesville on 12/17 from 6pm - 9pm
- NOTE: A Christmas event in Canton on 12/2 from 3:30pm - 7:30pm was mentioned but the notetaker can not find any info online referring to it (i.e., name of event, exact location)

The Fund Raising Committee is working on the events listed above.

Also, a percentage of sales night at Lift Your Spirits is planned. Funds will go to Mardi Gras Night. Tentative for 12/13 but exact date will be sent out.

Michelle asked the members about providing a free ad to Valley Tavern/Nicole in the 2024 calendar for allowing us use of the room. Also, she said that Nicole is interested in becoming a member and those in attendance voted for the free ad and a free membership for Nicole.

The Waynesville Holiday Parade (12/5) was discussed by Virginia and Melissa B. Melissa had a great idea for us all to dress up in Smoky Mountain themed costumes since the theme is "A Smoky Mountain Christmas". Ideas put forward were Dolly Parton (which Michelle said she'll be), Big Foot, farmer, train, woodsman, mountain and still. It was confirmed after the meeting that both Carolyn and Melissa H. have trucks we can use and the snow machine should be in the storage unit.

Committee Reports:

Fund Raising - Katie reported that she and Virginia will be meeting with the Mardi Gras event representative. And she asked if anyone has or can get any items to be auctioned off at the event?

Membership & Morale - Question was asked as to who is in charge now? A replacement is needed for Betty to chair the committee.

Communication & Public Relations - Jessi's response to the letter in The Mountaineer, re: WOW's booth at the Apple Harvest Festival, was discussed.

Stealth: Alice reported that we have adopted five foster kids for Christmas. Thank you to Virginia for getting the names and to Ginger for getting the gift cards. And a big thank you to Amanda H., Becky, Pam, Shirley and Whitney for taking on the responsibility of shopping for the kids. Gifts (unwrapped) and original receipts are due to Alice by 12/1. She has bags to put them in and envelopes for the receipts, if needed. She will pick them up or you can bring them to the WOW meeting on 12/1.

Katie mentioned some volunteer opportunities:

- The Turkey Jam at FUMC on 11/21, two shifts of 10am-1pm and 1pm-3pm
- Volunteer to chaperone group home residents at the movies on 12/7 from 11a - 12p to allow group home staff to attend their holiday party. Parents and others will also be in attendance to chaperone
- Katie's Mary Kay team will be singing Christmas carols at the McCracken Rest Home, Waynesville. Likely date is 12/23 but time and date will be confirmed and provided

Michelle mentioned that we will table the Babies Need Bottoms initiative until the new year.

All attendees were asked to take five calendars to sell.

A reminder to please RSVP and purchase your ticket(s) for the Holiday Party on 12/10 if you haven't already and you plan to come.