

WOW Meeting Minutes

10/19/2023

Location - Folkmoot, Room A12

Present – Becca Swanger, Sam Edwards, Ginger Galati, Jessi Stone, Mary Ann Lawrence, Alice Adams (note taker), Cathy Sanders, Cheryl Beatty, Dove McNamee, Melissa Benhart, Melissa Rhoads, Robin Lax, Sarah Bixenman, Savanna Rickman, Shirley McKinney, Solita Garcia, Virginia Wall, Fergus.

President's Report -

Shirley read the WOW mission. Guest/potential member Donna McBride introduced herself. She is a friend/neighbor of Melissa R.

2024 calendars are printed and were passed around for members to see. All attendees were given five to sell (anyone not at the meeting needs to get theirs ASAP).

Ginger passed out the new shirts that members ordered. They should be worn by those volunteering at the Apple Harvest Festival. A basket to be raffled off at the AHF is being put together, if anyone would like to donate items. Anyone purchasing a calendar at the festival is eligible to enter the raffle.

Belk Charity Sale. WOW is signed up to sell vouchers at Belk on 10/29 (from 2-4pm) and 11/4 & 5 (both days from 12-2pm). A sign-up sheet was available at the meeting.

It was decided that WOW will have a booth at the Folkmoot Holiday Bazaar on 11/17. The event begins at 3pm and will be held in the field next to the Folkmoot building. A sign-up sheet will be provided for anyone willing to volunteer.

Holiday Lazoom bus. At the time of the meeting, we had 33 people committed to attending (we need 40 to fill the bus). Let the Membership & Morale Committee know by 10/25 if you have any more family/friends to add.

The Committees broke into groups, after receiving topics on which to focus from Becca.

Committee Reports –

Communication & PR – Mary Ann shared that the Communication ladies are focused on writing news stories and emails to keep our website engagement growing. Everyone likes the most recent article written by Alice and shared by Rumble. The committee is focusing on writing and sharing news stories and WOW FB posts.

Community Outreach – Ginger reported that the Habitat Women's Build was a success...great weather, good fellowship and even got to see the eclipse by wearing eclipse glasses that Ginger brought! The build was for a mother of four who works in healthcare.

Fundraising – Jessi reported that she and Cheryl went to the storage unit yesterday to get booth items for the AHF. She mentioned the need for some organization in the unit, any volunteers? The unit needs shelving, etc. Jesse also briefed new members on selling calendars – ignore ugly comments, get out in front of the booth and engage people.

Other upcoming events where we can sell calendars - Art After Dark on 11/3 and 12/1 on Main Street and the Folkmoot Holiday Bazaar on 11/15 (see above for details).

Membership & Morale – Shirley reported that they will be bringing snacks and water for the AHF and she will also get some napkins. Also, there are two socials coming up – the Halloween party at Alice's house on 10/28 and Friendsgiving at Melissa H.'s house on 11/11. **Please remember to mark yourself as “Going” under the “Events” tab on the WOW FB page, if you plan to attend an event.**

Upcoming Events

1. Waynesville Housing Authority Halloween – 10/27 from 4-6pm (Contact Savanna if you want to volunteer)
2. WOW Halloween Party – 10/28 from 6pm-? at Alice's house (WOW Social)
3. Belk Calendar Sales – 10/29 from 2-4pm at Belk
4. Art After Dark Calendar Sales – 11/3 from 5:30-8:30pm on Main Street
5. Belk Calendar Sales – 11/4 & 5 from 12-2pm at Belk
6. Friendsgiving Fire – 11/11 from 2pm-5pm at Melissa H.'s house (WOW Social)
7. Haywood Hope for the Holidays Turkey Jam – 11/13 from 12:30-3pm at FUMC
8. Folkmoot Holiday Bazaar Calendar Sales – 11/15 from 3pm-? at Folkmoot
9. LaZoom tour – 12/2 from 4-5:30pm in Asheville (WOW holiday social)
10. Art After Dark Calendar Sales – 12/1 from 5:30-8:30pm on Main Street

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.