

WOW Minutes

November 3, 2022

Location: Frog Level Brewery

Members present – Alice Adams, Amanda Hanson, Becca Swanger, Carolyn Moncada, Jessi Stone, Katie Vanderpool, Mary Ann Lawrence, Michelle Jacobs, Sam Edwards, Sarah Bixenman, Shirley McKinney, Teri Domagalski, Virginia Wall, Linda Lamp

Guests – Annette Graunke (Katie's mom)

The meeting began at 6:01pm

President's Report

President Michelle Jacobs announced changes to the WOW committee duties and assignments have been made. The updates were distributed to all members to their email accounts.

She reported also that the Board is working on a system to track members' volunteer hours. Doing so will be of benefit as WOW seeks grant funding for its programs and initiatives since many grants require an accounting of the dollar value of volunteer hours contributed to the organization.

A sign-up sheet for the Dark Side fundraiser was passed around. Volunteers are needed to gather material from the storage unit, to sell tickets, calendars, and merchandise at the event.

Michelle asked those in attendance if they prefer to build a float or walk in the Waynesville holiday parade this year. The sentiment was to have WOW members walk the parade. It will be held on Monday, December 5th.

Open Forum Discussion

Board members organized the members present into four groups for small-group discussion. The following themes were addressed:

1. Amanda Hanson – meeting frequency
2. Michelle Jacobs – meeting structure – whether social time should precede or follow the formal meeting
3. Sam Edwards – factors that motivate members to be involved in WOW programs and meetings
4. Teri Domagalski and Virginia Wall – the number of major fundraisers WOW should schedule annually

A round-robin format was implemented with board members rotating among the four groups for 10 minutes each. The information gathered will be compiled by the Board for discussion and next steps.

The Board would like to hear from all members, including those who were unable to attend. An email and survey will be distributed to all members so those absent can express their views on the above themes.

Darkside belly dancing event – Members are reminded that WOW will be the beneficiary of the event. It will be held on November 5 at the Bryson City Art Center. WOW members are needed to sell calendars and merchandise. The ticket cost is \$10. Michelle Jacobs will send an email to solicit volunteers to sign up to sell calendars and merchandise.

WOW holiday party – The party is scheduled on December 10. Invitations and RSVP requests have been sent out by Mary Ann Lawrence. Tickets to the party are \$25 per person.

Members Corner

Michelle Jacobs reported that Betty Richardson's return to Texas left a vacancy on the Board for an at-large member. Becca Swanger has agreed to assume this role.

Shirley McKinney reported that Betty Richardson's relocation was completed, and she found a beautiful spot near to the water to live.

Carolyn Moncada provided details about the upcoming winter holiday party.

Katie Vanderpool asked members to volunteer for the Turkey Jam, scheduled for Monday, November 21 between 1pm – 3pm at First United Methodist Church. There will be turkey giveaways and a resource fair. Help is needed 11/14/22 to stuff bags, 11/20/22 to help pack food boxes, and 11/21 to set up and distribute resources.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Teri Domagalski
Secretary

Next meeting – November 17, 2022, at a location to be announced prior to the meeting