

WOW Meeting Minutes

10/05/2023

Location - Folkmoot, Room A12

Present – Becca Swanger, Sam Edwards, Ginger Galati, Jessi Stone, Alice Adams (note taker), Cheryl Beatty, Melissa Benhart, Whitney Burton, Joy Johnson, Robin Lax, Shirley McKinney, Dove McNamee, Savanna Rickman, Melissa Rhoads.

President's Report

Belk Charity Sale. Ginger has \$5 vouchers for members to buy and use or sell. Vouchers can be used during pre-sale from 10/16-11/2 (with purchase pick up on 11/3-5) and during the sale from 11/3-5. WOW receives all funds from the voucher sales. WOW is signed up to sell vouchers at Belk on 10/29 (from 2:00-4:00pm) and 11/4 & 5 (both days from 12:00-2:00pm). A sign-up sheet will be available at the meeting on 10/19.

Habitat for Humanity Women Build is on 10/14. There are two shifts, 9:00am-12:30pm and 12:30-4:00pm, with all participants receiving lunch. A sign-up sheet was passed around and the event is on the WOW FB page for sign-up. POWER TOOLS!!

Apple Harvest Festival is on 10/21 from 10:00am-5:00pm. The WOW booth is #114, in front of the old Ian and Jojo's Pizzeria at 18 N. Main Street. We need more members to download Square in order to take payments. We will also have a QR code available for payment. We have one more slot to be filled in the booth, from 9:30-11:30am. Please see the post on WOW FB page and email.

Calendar pre-sale is now available on the WOW website and we have received one order as of the meeting. Pre-sale purchasers will receive a gift (WOW sticker). Shipping is \$2.50 or calendars can be picked up at the AHF (or another location to be determined).

Treasurer's Report

There is \$5,369 in checking and \$3,242 in savings. We raised \$2,500 but donated/spent \$6,300. We will participate in the Auto Bell gift card sales later this year. We received \$575 from Becca's birthday fundraiser on FB.

Other Business

Ginger advised that the Pollinators Foundation recently rented a studio at Folkmoot. The foundation's mission includes promoting mental wellness and social healing through the arts, movement and mind-body practices. More information can be found at www.thepollinatorsfoundation.org.

We will have a speaker from Big Brothers Big Sisters at the meeting on 11/2.

Upcoming Events

1. Habitat for Humanity Women Build – 10/14 from 9:00am-4:00pm (two shifts) at the Chestnut Park Development, Sylvan Drive (Sponsored by WOW)
2. Apple Harvest Festival – 10/21 from 10am-5pm (WOW event/booth 9:30am-5:30pm)
3. WOW Halloween Party – 10/28 from 6pm - ? at Alice's house (WOW Social)
4. Friendsgiving Fire – 11/11 from 2pm-5pm at Melissa H.'s house (WOW Social)
5. Haywood Hope for the Holidays Turkey Jam – 11/13 from 12:30-3pm at FUMC
6. LaZoom tour – 12/2 from 4-5:30pm in Asheville (WOW holiday social)

There are still openings on the LaZoom tour. Anyone wanting to reserve a +one ticket, please do so by 10/19. Openings will then be available to other WOW family and friends.

Member Recognition/Announcements

Sam, as part of the WOW Warriors, finished third in her age group in the Power of Pink 5K.

Robin won 1st and 3rd places for afghans she made and entered at the Haywood County Fair.

Melissa H. advised that the Flash Mob will be performing at the Church Street Art & Craft Show on 10/14 and at the Apple Harvest Festival on 10/21.