

## Minutes October 1, 2024

- I. Meeting called to order at **6:50pm**.
- II. The HLWC has a cell phone now, and our Venmo has been activated and is ready to use! **Our Venmo is @TheHLWC. Be sure to use friends and family, This should help increase ticket sales for the Outdoor Living and Garden Tour. Thank you Marilyn Chiaramonte for the cell phone donation.**
- III. Fall Festival and Witches Run Update
  - A. The HLWC will be passing out Halloween Rice Krispy Treats at the fall festival to publicize the witches run. The HLWC are also passing out popcorn at the fall festival. The HLWC will be taking family photos with a fall themed background and will email residents a copy of their photos. They will have to write down their email address. The HLWC is also going to have a spot that gives us permission to share the photos on our website and on HL Facebook pages. They may decline and still receive their photo. The HLWC is planning on hosting a pet parade at the fall festival and offering pet photos as well. The HLWC would like to have information about the HLWC available and registration for potential new members. **We need volunteers to help work the tables and events. It was also suggested that next year and in years moving forward, we should try to have the HL Fall Festival and Witches Run on the same Saturday every October. The Witches Run can lead the way to the Fall Festival.**
  - B. Currently, The HLWC has approximately 20 witches signed up, and are very excited to have two tiny witches in training joining us. The HLWC needs more trucks, convertibles, and golf carts. There is a new Witches Run Route and the whole route will take no longer than 30-45 minutes. **The route will be posted on all social media pages. Looking for more witches. We will be placing “The Witches are Coming” signs along the parade route this week to start garnering excitement for the event. If you’d like to donate candy for the event, you can contact us for the address to drop off candy.**

- IV. Outdoor Living and Garden Tour Update
  - A. The HLWC still needs houses for the June tour  
**So far, Kathy McFarland's home is listed to be on the tour**
  - B. Donation recommendations
    - 1. **Lynette Clemmons recommended HOPE HOUSE in Birmingham.**
    - 2. **BLANKETS FOR HOPE was recommended.**
    - 3. **JUST KEEP SMILING was another recommendation**
  - C. We need a Community Outreach Committee Chair
  
- V. Thank yous
  - A. Yarlardo Henderson and Michelle Thompson for Volunteering to be Hospitality Committee Co-Chairs
  
  - B. Lynette Clemmons, Ashley Shirley, and Fran Stainback for helping with Fall Festival and Witches Run
  
  - C. Michelle Thompson for Volunteering to be Sunshine Committee Chair
  
  - D. Marily Chiaramonte for donating a cell phone to the HLWC and to Lydia Mathis for also offering one
  
- VI. Officer Reports
  - A. First Vice President  
**October birthdays were recognized. Announcements: The BLUFF PARK ART SHOW is being held this weekend. No admission charge. Also announced was the upcoming MAC & CHEESE FESTIVAL, which will benefit Community Grief Support. Melanie mentioned wanting to provide opportunities for participation in group activities for the women of HLWC. She also said to feel free to contact her with activities you would like announced at the meetings.**
  - B. Second Vice President  
**Ann was unable to attend but wanted to send her thanks to the Hospitality Committee for helping with this evening's meeting, and she wanted to thank everyone who brought food and/or wine to the meeting.**
  - C. Secretary  
**Carol asked members to please continue to check your spam/junk folders for Secretary's emails. She distributed "Mark Your Calendars" handout providing information on all HLWC activities for the remainder of 2024.**

D. Treasurer

***Announced that most dues have been received. Not many expenses this past month. Expecting more to come through next month as HLWC made several purchases.***

VII. New Business

***There will be an "ANGEL TREE" at next month's meeting if you wish to sponsor a resident of King's Home by purchasing a gift on their wish list. They will also be accepting cash donations where King's Home will go buy the gifts. Also, a big THANK YOU for the very generous donations received at tonight's meeting which will benefit The Well House. Carol will be delivering the donations to the drop off site this coming Tuesday. If you'd still like to make a donation, you can drop off at Carol Doria's home (contact us for the address). It was also announced that King's Home has a large donation truck that will come to your house and pick up items, and members can bring donations to next month's meeting as well.***

VIII. Rosegate Design Presentation

***Thanks to Abby and Susan for the hospitality and an informative presentation on ROSEGATE DESIGNS services and the up and coming design trends. They announced that they will be hosting an OPEN HOUSE on October 24 from 6-8:30 pm. They will have out all of their Christmas decor . Drinks and appetizers will be provided.***

IX. Door Prizes

X. Next meeting

**November 12th at 6:30 p.m. at King's Home Collections located at 110 Chelsea Corners Way, Chelsea, AL 35043**

XI. Adjourn meeting at 7:55 pm.

***Submitted By: Carol Doria, HLWC Secretary***