

Minutes September 10, 2024

- I. **Called meeting to order** at 6:46 p.m.
- II. **Presented hostess gift** to Yarlardo Henderson
- III. **Registration, Sign Up Volunteer Committees, Committee Chair Volunteers**
Members were asked to sign up if they have not already volunteered for a committee or two. Volunteers are needed to make this another successful year. We also need volunteers to chair committees. Second VP Ann Erickson will not be at a few meetings due to her travel schedule, so we need a Hospitality Chair to assist us with the meetings that Ann cannot attend.
- IV. **Electronic Payments** Tonight is the last night the HLWC will be using Melanie's Venmo account to accept member payments. The HLWC would like to purchase a prepaid cell phone to be used to set up electronic payment options. This will make it easier for members to pay their dues and also for people to purchase tickets for our activities like the Outdoor Living and Garden Tour or Charity Holiday Home Tour. Connie Casey made a motion to purchase a phone and Lynette Clemmons seconded it. Vote passed unanimously.
- V. **Community Activities:** This year's community Fall Festival (4-6) Movie (6-8) is on October 12 in Grove Park. We need volunteers to help assist with HLWC sponsored activities from 3:45-6:15.

Witches Run October 19. They will have a new path through the community. They will start by lining up on Highland Lakes Circle at 11:15 a.m. and make their way to Highland Park and then continue to Grove Park for the Pumpkin Patch. We need Witches and volunteers to help out at the pumpkin patch for HLWC sponsored/organized activities.

Since we did not hear back about community gifts last year, we discussed purchasing a popcorn machine and a snow cone machine to be used by the HLWC at community events like the fall festival or HLWC activities. The need for witches was stressed, as well as the need of pick-up trucks, golf carts, and convertibles to use. Want to have a big presence this year! Terry Crutchfield inquired about a hayride, as this had been a success in the past. Other ideas included a Cupcake Walk. At this point Angela introduced herself as the HOA Manager. She explained that Richard (who organizes community activities for HL) works with her. She also explained the HIGHLAND LAKES email notices. A discussion regarding the possible future purchase of large tents took place as well. Connie Casey also announced that she has an extra popcorn machine if the HLWC would ever like to use it.

A motion was made to utilize HLWC funds to purchase a Sno-Cone Machine and Popcorn Cart to use throughout the year at various community functions.

Motion was made by Cathy Lopes and it was seconded by Terry Crutchfield. Vote passed unanimously.

VI. Outdoor Living and Garden Tour: Chairperson Terry Crutchfield
Terry Crutchfield has graciously accepted the position of Chairperson of our Charity Outdoor Living and Garden Tour. She did such an amazing job as the Charity Holiday Home Tour chairperson, we are lucky to have her help us again this year. The date of the Charity Outdoor Living and Flower Garden Tour is June 7. This is an outdoor only tour. Host Homes Needed for the Outdoor Living and Garden Tour as well as Donation Recipient recommendations for the money raised. Kathy McFarland volunteered to be a showcase home on the tour.

VII. Community Outreach Committee Meeting to Vet Suggestions for Donation Recipients and Submit Final Recommendations for Vote

VIII. Officer Reports

A. First Vice President

Melanie recognized the September birthdays and announced a birthday cake will be at each monthly meeting honoring our birthday gals! She welcomed all new members and guests and reminded everyone about our monthly THIRSTY THURSDAYS at La Paz in Mt. Laurel.

B. Second Vice President Ann Erickson was not present, however, Ann sent her many thanks for those bringing food and wine to our meetings. We are in need of host homes for some of our upcoming meetings. Joy Doering volunteered to host our December meeting.

C. Secretary

Carol wanted to remind everyone to check their junk/spam folders for legitimate emails from the HLWC Board. Reminded everyone to complete their registration forms if not already completed. She informed everyone of the HLWC bank balance. She explained what the recurring charges will be. She is excited for a great year!

IX. New Business

Kathy announced that Yarlardo's business cards were available on the dining room table as well as information on the Mount Laurel Library. She mentioned possibly hosting a future meeting there. It was also mentioned that we are in need of a Sunshine Committee Chairperson. We discussed having a June meeting. A motion to add a June meeting to the calendar was made by Vicki Everett and it was seconded by Lynette Clemmons. The vote passed unanimously.

X. Presentation Shelby County Sheriff Officer Banks CYBER SAFETY PRESENTATION
Investigator Darin J. Banks
Office #: (205) 670-6045
Email: dbanks@shelbyso.com

XI. Door Prizes Early Paid/Registration Door Prize of \$75 Gift Card was donated by the managing partner of Village Tavern. In addition, they will honor a 10% discount on food and drink during their happy hour in the bar, cocktail area, and on the patio. Just mention you are a Highland Lakes resident. The other door prizes were raffled off. Jackie Dye donated a giftcard and tshirt to the Bluff Park Art Show which is held the first Saturday in October. This year it will be held on Saturday, October 5.

XII. The next meeting is October 1, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Rosegate Designs located at 6801 Cahaba Valley Rd # 102, Birmingham, AL 35242 (next to Bellinis Restaurant)

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Submitted By: Carol Doria, Secretary