

University of Virginia Women's Club

Minutes of the Executive Board, Standing Committee and Interest Group Chairs Meeting at the Rotary Club of Ashcroft from 1:00-3:00 PM

July 21, 2021

Presiding: President Lisa Huffman

Invitees: Officers, Board of Directors, Standing Committee Chairs, Interest Group Chairs

Present (20): Carolyn Adams. Tina Cromwell, Carol Gear, Grace Giras, Marjie Giuliano, Gay Goodwin, Sharon Hogan. Mona Homyk, Lisa Huffman, Gulkan Isin, Ock Lee. Liz Marshall, Linda Noble, Lainie Rainwater, Diane Ritter, Tracy Scharer, Joan Tepper, Mary Jean Thiele. Sally Thomas, Edith Weber

Absent (11): Ellen Andersen, Pamela Barth, Roma Bourne, Barbara Deaver, Palmer Gard, Gale McCartney, Mary Anne Pace, Carolyn Ohle, Marlene Stoner, Josie Taylor, Becky Williams,

- I. The meeting was called to order by the UVAWC President, Lisa Huffman
- II. Treasurer, Grace Giras presented the Financial Report
 - A. Income/Expenses to date: UVAWC's checking account balance at the present is a little over \$12,000. Administrative expenditures were \$274 (Zoom monthly charge and PO Box rental); \$188 charge by the bank for printing checks and inactivity; \$200 donation to the UVA Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center; \$743 to ALC for printing/ mailing the 2020-2021 Handbook; \$222 for newsletter mailing. Grace mentioned that individual members of the UVA Women's Club had also donated a total of \$2745 to the UVA Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center. Grace read out the Thank You card sent in response to the donations by Abby Palko. UVAWC presently has a credit in the amount of \$1,200 at the Greencroft Club.
 - B. Membership Dues: Membership dues were not collected last year due to the pandemic. The 2021-2022 annual membership fee of \$25, as well as the \$35 fee for the Fall Luncheon/Signup Meeting can be collected effective immediately until prior to the Luncheon. Checks to be made out to the UVA Women's Club are to be sent to PO Box 5714, Charlottesville VA 22905
- III. Fall Plans
 - A. Fall Luncheon: Lisa handed out a draft of the UVAWC invitation to the Fall Luncheon to take place at the Greencroft Club, on Thursday, September 16. Those involved in the preparation are to arrive by 10:30 AM. The event will take place starting at 11:30 AM. There will be 6 tables set out in the bump out for Interest Group Displays. Liz Marshall asked if there was to be a basket to collect Halloween candy. Sally Thomas suggested that in view of the uncertainty surrounding the

pandemic situation, it might be wiser to collect cash or checks for this year's Halloween donation to UVA.

Lunch is to be served at 12:30 to 2:30 PM, with the entrée choice determined by the response on the invitation. Lisa mentioned that the choice of a specific cut of meat or species of fish would be that recommended by the chef, in order to ensure the freshest and best choice. Name tags will have a sticker indicating the entrée choice. Carolyn Adams suggested that allergies be taken into account, such as allergies to shell fish. The consensus was that shellfish would be avoided. Dessert will consist of small portions of a variety of choices laid out on a dessert table, to allow guests to mingle and try different desserts.

Lisa bought 12 containers for centerpieces, to which Carolyn Adams will add flower arrangements. Depending on the number of tables, there may be a couple of extra centerpieces to be placed at the dessert table and at the name tag table. Suggestions were made as to how the centerpieces would be given away after the Luncheon. One idea was to allocate a date to each centerpiece, and donate it to the guest whose birth date falls the closest to the designated date of the centerpiece for that particular table.

The cost of the luncheon will be \$35 which should cover the \$25 for the meal, plus gratuities, plus the room rental of \$100-\$250. Lisa is investigating who of the UVAWC is a member of Greencroft Club, in order to get the member price reduction for the Luncheon. Greencroft Club does not require an exact number of guests for the Luncheon until a week before the event. UVAWC members who will not be attending the Luncheon will have a chance to sign up for interest group membership by email, since everybody will receive the Newsletter containing information about each interest group and the option to join.

- B. Newcomer's Tea: Palmer Gard was in charge of the Newcomer's Tea, but her circumstances may not allow her complete involvement at the moment. Since she was not at the meeting, it was decided that the Newcomer's Tea would be hosted by Lainie Rainwater, with the help of Marjie Giuliano, Mona Homyk and Tracy Scharer at a date that would be convenient to Palmer.
- C. Annual Trip: Edith Weber and Liz Marshall had planned a trip to the White House, but in view of the pandemic uncertainties, decided to postpone going to DC for now. They will inform the group later on in the year if a trip can be arranged.
- D. Webmaster: Lisa will get together with Rosemary Grisham and her husband, Charles, to get trained in the system presently used by Dr. Grisham. Mona will also attend the training to help Lisa.

Pictures for the website will be contributed by the various UVAWC members attending events. A discussion was had about placing member portraits in the membership directory. In the past, this was the case, but could be expensive to print in color. Liz suggested that the photos be printed in black

and white, and offered to take photos of each member at the Fall Luncheon. Since the guests will be wearing name tags, the photo of each person could be cropped to remove the name tag, and the picture be used for the directory. The pros and cons of uploading a photo directory on the webpage followed. The general consensus was that a printed directory with photos would be preferable.

E. Interest Groups

1. Antiques: Gale McCartney has indicated that she would prefer meetings for the Antiques Group to be held outdoors, because of COVID, preferably in October and April. There is to be no indoor auction and no indoor evaluation of antiques with Sandra Perry for now. One suggestion was to invite Ken Farmer of the Antiques Road Show, but nothing is definite yet.
2. Garden: Mary Jean Thiele suggested celebrating Carolyn Adams for 15 years of service at a winery in September. Mary Jean will have a list of events on display at the Sign up location on Fall Luncheon day in September.
3. Book: The Book Club is traditionally led by Palmer. They are debating where to meet. Joan Tepper will help out and take over the signup sheet at the Interest Group Display at the Fall Luncheon.
4. Walking-Hiking: Gay Goodwin will need a helper/coordinator for this group and may ask for volunteers when she meets other members at the Fall Luncheon. Lainie suggested that Gay could select different leaders for different hikes, instead of having a general coordinator, and added that Interest Group Chairs would be expected to write something about their groups in the Newsletter.
5. Crafters: Marjie said that this group really has no chairperson. Any member of the group can host a demonstration or training session to teach others a craft. This system has worked very well so far. Marjie mentioned that Carolyn Carlton, who died recently, had bequeathed the group a Mahjong set. Marjie asked if there would be enough interest to start a Mahjong group. It would require one set for every four players.
6. Bridge: This group has been disbanded since the original members are in retirement homes, and are playing Bridge with other members of the Senior Center.
7. Gourmet: Sally Thomas, its leader was not present, but Grace said that the group had trouble rounding up enough guests for the dinner parties. Pot luck dinners seemed to be a more feasible solution than dinners hosted by individuals. The general consensus was to take a year off for this year.

- IV. Fall Newsletter: Lisa will discuss later with Gale McCartney, who was absent for this meeting.

- V. UVAWC 2021-2022 Handbook: Responsible person: Gale. Target dates: Second week in August to mail Invitations and Newsletter. Target date for Interest Groups to get everything to Gale is August 1st.
A discussion arose as to how to list a deceased husband who was the primary faculty member of UVA for that family. An asterisk next to the husband's name to indicate his deceased status will remain the method of choice to indicate this. Female members of the UVAWC who are themselves employees of the University are to be removed from the handbook listing when they, themselves are deceased. It was suggested that an "*In Memoriam*" page be inserted in the handbook to list recently deceased members.
- VI. Spring Events
- A. Valentine Tea: Marlene Stoner will need a helper for this event as Lou Williams has stepped down.
 - B. Garden Week Volunteers: Was not discussed in detail. The University seems to have taken this over
 - C. Theatre Night: No news from the Drama Dept. because of the pandemic
 - D. Spring Luncheon/Meeting: To be determined.
- VII. New Business
- A. January and March meetings of the Board, Interest Group Chairs, and Standing Committees: To be determined
 - B. Eliminate Interest Group Committee chair. This position is not needed:
 - C. Clarify who sends emails to the whole club. Grace complained that it was a lot of work to compose letters to send to the whole club. Correspondence made by Mary Anne Pace to the whole group on behalf of someone, should be created by the originating person and just forwarded by the corresponding secretary.
 - D. Other: There were no other issues
- VIII. Adjourn : The meeting was adjourned by Lisa at 3:00 PM