



General Members Meeting Minutes

209 W Main St, Leesburg, FL 34748

May 13, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

President: Rose Martens welcomed all and called the meeting to order @11:07 AM

- Bunnie Davis gave a devotional. Pledge was said.
- Rose and Jane attended the district meeting in Oviedo – rose shared a list of our 2023/2024 accomplishments that were also shared at the district meeting.
- Led a discussion on pros and cons for continuing meetings at The Brick and Barrel.
 - Informed everyone that they needed to submit their ballots for or against continuing next year at the Brick and Barrel before the meeting gets adjourned.
 - Rose Martens will call anyone that wasn't in attendance to get their vote.
 - Once all votes are in, members will be notified of results. Jean identified that proxy voting is not allowed. Everyone not in attendance at the meeting needs to be called.
 - A recommendation was made that we have the regular meetings at Rogers Park and the last meeting of the year at a restaurant to make it a little more special.
 - **Post meeting note** – *the decision came in as 22 for staying at Rogers Park, 4 for moving to The Brick and Barrel, and 4 did not respond. Results were communicated to all active members.*

1st Vice President: Barbara Howell (Lucile DiSanto standing in for Barbara)

- Quarter Auction in October @ Legacy of Leesburg
 - Need every member to bring in a couple of auction items.
 - \$15 pre-sale tickets – next meeting august 12 at 10 a.m.
 - Budget of \$300 per Lucile
 - Forward Paths – money recipient from Quarter Auction.
 - Veteran's quilt – all funds collected will go to Cornerstone
- 6/7 – 10 a.m. Forward Paths
 - Building 10 tiny houses
 - First Methods Church of Eustis – Parking
- \$260 – Chamber of commerce
 - Yearly dues were identified as \$260
 - Vote to be held at next Board Meeting
- Farmers market booth
 - 3 Saturdays before Christmas from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m
 - Christmas letters to Santa
 - Take pictures for the parents so they know what was in the letter
 - Provide a decorated mailbox for the children to put the letters in
 - Rose was volunteered to be Mrs. Clause
- 6 houses being built for 6 women Veterans. Looking for furniture, lamps, etc.
- Packs of 5 coupons each were passed out to members to buy for Belk Charity Days.

2nd Vice President: Linda Way

- Speakers for 2024-2025 are lined up.
- Passed out a sheet for "Helping Hands" so we could identify any needs for help members have.

Secretary: Laura Hannam provided copies of the April minutes and the May agenda.

- Motion to accept minutes of 4/8/24 as written, by Lucile DiSanto, 2nd by Perri Cook.
- The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer: Jane Ward

- Reviewed treasurer report – report filed for audit.
- Read a thank you note from Cornerstone.
- Read a thank you note from Leesburg Elementary.

Investment Treasurer: Jean Rudderow

- Reviewed investment treasurer report – report filed for audit.
- Identified that we may be able to take some interest out in September to use to help fund donations.

Report of Committees

Membership: Perri Cook

- The following applicants were sworn in as members:
 - Dee Ream
 - Miriam Craig
- 8/28 Mote-Morris Membership Drive – need volunteers.
- May 31 at 2:00 p.m. New Member Orientation at Perri's house in the Plantation.

Health & Wellness: Lorna Fogg – Rose stated that Lorna had a difficult time getting with the Arts director at the assisted Live for 7/4 – patriotic activities.

Arts & Culture: Darlene Violetto – No update

Environment: Wendy Churchville – No update

Civic Engagement: Bonnie Miller –

- Working with Jane Ward on Civic opportunities: Breast Cancer Awareness, Chamber of Commerce, Children's coalition – working with kids.
- Becky is in charge of flags at cemetery.

Education & Libraries: Rose Martens and Jane Ward – Reached out to Leesburg Elementary to identify any needs they may have at this time. Contact suggested gift cards for the parents of the homeless children. Not comfortable with this. Tabling. Will reach back out in August.

Old Business

- May General meeting at Brick and Barrel – Closed Ballot Voting – All ballots from meeting attendees were collected.
- Flags for Veterans – Placement: Sunday, May 26 @9 a.m. / Removal: Saturday June 1

New Business

- Gals cruise for 4 days in December 12 through 16th – If anyone wants to go – details are available in the Newsletter.
- Linda Way = Had a winner from the Luck of the Draw.
- Lunch was had by all.
- Next Meeting will be 9/9/24 at Rogers Park in Leesburg.
- Collect was said by all.
- Adjourn 1:00PM

Secretary, Laura Hannam